RESEARCH METHODS I – ONLINE
PSYC219-501
Fall 2021

Instructor: Princy Quadros Mennella, PhD
Office Hours: by appointment
Credits: 3 hours
Ever wonder how your psychology textbook got so filled with information about the human mind? If you're answer is yes, then this is the course for you! This course will help students understand the process of gaining new knowledge in the field of psychology

Course Description: This content-based course will provide students with theoretical knowledge about scientific methods of research in psychology, focusing on evaluating validity of claims using evidence, measurement, the strengths and weaknesses of different research designs. In addition, this course will introduce students to use of references in scientific writing and American Psychological Association (APA) style citations. Pre-requisites: PSYC0101.
*****Instructor suggestion:*** *If you have only taken Intro Psych, it is recommended that you take this course after you've had at least one other psychology course prior to or concurrently with this one.*

Required textbook: Research Methods: A modular approach (3rd ed) by Sherri L. Jackson. The first chapter of this textbook can be found as a pdf on PLATO for download. Following the first week, you'll be expected to purchase/rent a copy of the textbook for the rest of the semester.

Course delivery: This class will be held asynchronous. Each week, you will be expected watch pre-recorded lectures on youtube and submit answers to exit ticket questions (provided in PLATO). In addition, you will be expected to participate in discussions each week to engage with your peers.

Assessments: Your course knowledge will be assessed on four online exams, and you apply your knowledge by completing a project proposal, individually. To help build writing skills, students will participate in peer-editing process on sections of this proposal for course credit.

****If you have any questions, feel free to reach out: pmennella@westfield.ma.edu****