

Psychology Department Research in Psychology (Psyc 479) Contract

STUDENT INFORMATION

Semester: _____ Year: _____

Name (Last, First): _____ Major: _____

E-mail: _____ Address _____

Number of Total Credits Earned to Date: _____ Overall G.P.A.: _____ (2.8 minimum required)

Number of Psyc Credits Earned to Date: _____ PSYC G.P.A.: _____ (3.0 minimum required)

Note: Students may not accumulate more than a total of nine credits in Psyc 478 and 479 without permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. (See back of page for details).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 10AM ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

COURSE INFORMATION

Total # Weeks: _____ X hours per week: _____ = total hours: _____

Number of Credits to be Awarded ¹: _____ Grading Method: Pass/Fail ² _____ Letter _____

Faculty Member's Name ³ & E-mail: _____

Please include detailed answers (at least 1 paragraph) to the following questions on an *attached sheet*:

1. What is the nature of the project?
2. What will the student learn?
3. What are the specific duties of the student?
4. What form of *written report* will be *required* of the student? When will it be due?
5. What are the Faculty Member's plans for meeting with the student?
6. What will be the *required readings* for the student (detailed list)?

Student's Signature

Date

Faculty Member's Signature

Date

University ID Number

Section Number

PSYC 479 DOES NOT count toward the minimum 35 credits required in psychology.

¹ 45 hours of work per credit

² Students must meet the University Pass/Fail requirements. (30+ college credits required with a minimum 2.0 GPA, 15+ credits at UMD, no more than 12 credits can be taken P/F, only one course can be taken P/F in a semester.) For full details see p. 38 of the Undergraduate Catalog.

³ Must be a faculty member in the Department of Psychology. If student is supervised by a graduate student or postdoc, please include both names on the form.

Research for Credit (Psyc 479)

Information:

- Psyc 479 is research and data collection under individual faculty supervision leading to a *written* research report.
- Credits for Psyc 479: Forty-five hours of work per credit. During the fall and spring semesters this breaks down to three (3) hours per week for 1 credit/ 6 hours for 2 credits, or 9 hours for 3 credits.
- Prerequisites for Psyc 479: a 3.0 GPA in Psychology and a 2.8 GPA overall, and completion of nine (9) credits in Psychology.
Note: Students may not accumulate more than a total of nine (9) credits in Psyc 478/479 without permission of the Director of Undergraduate Studies. A request for permission to take more than nine (9) credits must include a written report of what you accomplished in your first nine credits. You must also supply a copy of the written reports you submitted for each of your previous Psyc 478/479 courses, and a study (478) or research (479) plan for the new course.
- Grading method for Psyc 479 is to be selected by the student.
- **Pass/Fail Option:** In order to enroll in Psyc479 pass/fail, you must have:
 - completed at least 30 college credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA
 - completed at least 15 cr. at UMCP
 - a maximum of 1 pass/fail class per term
 - a maximum of 12 pass/fail credits total

Instructions:

- Contact a professor or graduate student in the area you are interested in and/or search for wanted positions on the psychology listserv, or on the psychology listserv archives at: (<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/psyc/undergraduate/Listserv.html>).
- Contact the person in charge of hiring for the position and set up an interview.
- If you are hired, fill out the contract on the back of this paper with the professor.
- Get **faculty member's** signature (NOT from a TA or a researcher).
- Come to the Undergraduate Psychology Office (1107 BPS) and look on the bulletin board where it says Psyc 478/479. Look up the **faculty member's** name under Psyc 479. You will find a section number. If you are working with a TA or researcher, please be aware that **numbers are under the professor's name**. Fill in the section number on your form.
- Hand in the completed contract to someone in the Undergraduate Office (1107 BPS). **Be aware that prerequisites will be screened and strictly enforced.**
- Once the block has been removed, **you can register for the class.**

The deadline for submission is 10am on the last day of schedule adjustment.