# **Minnesota State University Moorhead**

# **PSY 294: Directed Research**

## A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 1,2,3

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: This course requires the following prerequisite PSY 113 - General Psychology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Conduct of research under direct supervision of a faculty member. Emphasis is on experience and learning with regard to research design and analysis.

## B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/02/2016 - Present

## C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Major content areas vary according to the research interests of the supervising faculty.

## **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

- 1. Learn background information on the topic of research.
- 2. Gain experience in using PsycINFO and other search engines for finding background information.
- 3. Use the background information in order to develop testable hypotheses.
- 4. Become familiar with using SPSS or other statistical packages for data entry, depending on the research design used.
- 5. Use statistical packages for data analyses.
- 6. Gain experience in preparing documents necessary for obtaining research approval through the Department Research Committee, or the MSUM IRB. If animals are used permission will be required by the IACUC.
- 7. Gain experience in managing research participants, human or animal.
- 8. Gain experience in writing APA style research reports.

#### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

#### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

#### **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted