Psychology 280
Research Proposal

Your research proposal will consist of the following APA sections. All sections must be formatted in APA format.

- Title Page – page 1
- Abbreviated Abstract – page 2
- Introduction – start on page 3
- Method – continue after Introduction
- References – start a new page after Method section. Should include only the references cited in the Introduction and/or Method sections.

If you need assistance with APA format, see Appendix A of the Cozby text, the optional APA Manual (Fifth Edition), Powerpoint lecture notes on the instructor webpage and the class handouts provided by the instructor. Don’t forget to review the example paper handed out near the beginning of class!

Pay particular attention to:
- Margins and font
- Manuscript page header (generally two to three words) and page number
- Running head on title page
- Correct placement of section and sub-section headings
- Proper way to cite journal articles in text and the reference section
- Including appropriate sub-sections in Method section (that is, participants, materials, design and procedure)

Don’t forget to:
- Include at least 5 references in your introduction
- Discuss your plans for informed consent and debriefing in your Method section