

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CHANNEL ISLANDS  
NEW COURSE PROPOSAL  
PROGRAM AREA: PSYCHOLOGY**

**1. Catalog Description of the Course.** [Include the course prefix, number, full title, and units. Provide a course narrative including prerequisites and corequisites. If any of the following apply, include in the description: Repeatability (May be repeated to a maximum of \_\_\_ units); time distribution (Lecture \_\_\_ hours, laboratory \_\_\_ hours); non-traditional grading system (Graded CR/NC, ABC/NC). Follow accepted catalog format.]

PSY 497 DIRECTED STUDY IN PSYCHOLOGY (1-3)

Prerequisite: Upper Division standing in Psychology and consent of instructor

An intensive study of some aspect of psychology, usually via an in-depth review of the literature. Intended for undergraduate students supervised by members of the psychology faculty. This course can be used as preparations for the Psychology Subject Area GRE Exam. A written report or GRE Psychology Subject Test score is required.

<b>2. Mode of Instruction</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Units:</b>	<b>Hrs/Unit</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
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**3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course.** (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

This course consists of a supervised research experience in an area of the student's interest within the field of psychology. Students completing this course will be able to do the following:

Students should be able to express themselves effectively in written and oral communication.

Ability to understand and use major literature review methods in psychology, including computer literature searches

Apply theories and principles to specified problems in psychology.

Demonstrate information competence at each stage in formulating a topic. Choosing a topic and restating it in narrower and broader terms.

Support conclusions with reasoning and evidence.

**4. Is this a General Education Course? If Yes, indicate GE category:** No

**5. Course Content in Outline Form**

Finding a Psychological Question  
Review of Literature Review Research Methods  
Search the Literature  
Review of careers requiring a graduate degree in psychology  
Faculty Supervision  
Exam Practice  
Summarizing Literature Review

**6. References.**

Appleby, D. C. (1997). The Handbook of Psychology. New York: Longman  
Danzinger, K. (1990). Constructing the subject: Historical Origins of Psychological Research. New York: Cambridge University Press  
American Psychological Association. (1994). Publication manual of the American Psychological Association. Washington, DC:

**7. Qualified Faculty** Kevin Volkan

	<b>Fall Semester:</b>	<b>Spring Semester:</b>	<b>Summer Semester:</b>
<b>8. Frequency</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes

**9. New Resources Required.** None

**10. Consultation** *Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)*

**11. If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification**

**Proposer of Course:** Kevin Volkan

**Date:** Thursday, April 03, 2003