Course Description

The objective of the seminar is to improve writing skills, and learn how to write a theoretical paper in the field of psychology. We will first review some basic rules of composition, and then learn the difference between various types of essays in psychology (e.g., review paper, critique). This year the seminar will focus on the psychology of threat, and the relationship between threat and emotion.

Course Goals

Main Goals
1. Developing critical thinking skills
2. Formulating a thesis
3. Writing an opening paragraph
4. How to avoid common writing mistakes
5. Writing a focused, concise, and effective paper.

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**Grading**

The main product of this class will be a final paper that counts towards 85% of your grade. The paper will be no longer than 4000 words, it will be written according to APA guidelines, and will begin with an abstract of 150 words. The rest of your grade will be determined by your attendance in class, and the effort you show throughout the semester. Students who demonstrate a desire to learn and a willingness to work hard will be rewarded for their efforts.

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**Lecturer Office Hours**

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**Additional Notes**

Required reading:


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**Reading List**


