

PSY 700: Law and Psychology Integrative Project Overview of Process and Project Requirements

1. **Eligibility:** When you have completed at least 12 Psychology/Counseling course credits, you are eligible to register for the PSY 700/LAW 492 Integrative Project.
2. **Developing the Proposal:**
 - a. At least 6 weeks prior to the semester during which you intend to complete the project, you should begin thinking about your potential topic. Your topic must integrate both psychology and law research and allow you to develop original, innovative contributions (e.g., new perspectives, policy considerations, implications for research or practice, etc.) to the field.
 - b. Identify *one law* and *one psychology/counseling faculty member* to serve as your committee members. Ideally, each of these faculty members will be full-time, core faculty members and have expertise relevant to your chosen topic. This is not always possible, depending on how specific or specialized the topic is. However, you are encouraged to meet with prospective committee members and they can decide with you whether they are appropriately suited to serve on your project committee.
 - c. Develop your project proposal, in consultation with your committee members. The final proposal must be approved by both committee members and consist of the following:
 - i. **Abstract:** 200-word summary of the topic;
 - ii. **Outline:** 1-2 page detailed outline of the paper's proposed structure and content; and
 - iii. **Preliminary References:** A reference list of at least 5 preliminary peer-reviewed sources that will be used in the paper.
3. **PSY 700/LAW 492 Registration:** When your committee has approved your proposal, submit a copy of the full proposal, along with the completed *PSY 700: Law and Psychology Integrative Project* form, including all required signatures, to the Graduate School. The Graduate School and/or your academic advisor will then assist you with the registration process for these credits.
4. **Completing the Project:** During the semester in which you are registered for PSY 700/LAW 492, you should have created a timeline for project completion with your committee members. Typically, students submit drafts of various sections of the paper throughout the semester, in order to receive feedback and guidance on completing subsequent sections. Projects must be a minimum of 20 double-spaced pages, and incorporate both law and psychology references and scholarship, unless otherwise specified by the student's committee members. Papers may be written using either APA or legal citation (e.g., Bluebook) format. The final draft of the paper must be submitted prior to finals week and the project defense scheduled at a mutually convenient time for the committee members, before the end of the semester.
5. **Final Submission:** Upon successful completion of the project and defense, the student must submit copies of the final approved version of the paper to the Graduate School and to the Law-Psychology Dual Degree Program Advisor to be archived.