**How to Write a Theoretical Report for PSY407?**

**Summer 2021**

**Content:**

The topic of your report may relate to any topic we (as your instructors) have covered during the courses you have taken so far. First, you should decide on the subfield (cognitive, clinical, social, industrial, developmental psychology, etc.) that you will focus on. Second, you should select your field of interest. For instance, if

· you are interested in cognitive psychology; you can prepare a report on tests/tasks frequently used in memory assessment. You can focus on one type of memory (e.g., long term memory, episodic memory), so tests/tasks you will present depend on the memory type. There are various memory tasks you can present such as Digit span test, Corsi blocks test, N-back task. If your area of interest is attention, you can present Stroop task, Eriksen flanker task, and dual-task procedure. If your area of interest is perception, you can present the Navon task, attentional blink paradigm, rapid-serial visual presentation paradigm, and pre-cueing procedure.

· you are interested in social psychology, you can prepare a report on topics such as inter-group relations, prejudice, attitude and attitude change. These areas of study involve several theories and approaches. You may review and discuss how these theories/approaches aim to explain the relevant phenomena, summarize the studies done on these issues, indicate the design of the studies as well as what kind of scales/measurements are utilized in these studies. You may also investigate the reliability/validity of the scales, which have been frequently used by researchers targeting these topics. In your report you should also summarize the findings and come up with an overall conclusion. Lastly, you need to focus on the limitations of the studies, the problems regarding the area, issues of concern and suggestions for the future. It would be best if you handle the topic covered by your report from a practical perspective pointing to real-world social situations.

**Organization of the summer practice report:**

Your report should include 3 major sections: The Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and References.

**Title page** is the first page of the paper. It should contain the title of the paper. Below the title, give your name, your department, your e-mail, PSY 407, course title, date of submission. **Abstract** is the second page of your report. In the abstract part, please state the aim of the report and summarize the information given in the report. At the bottom of the abstract page, **keywords** should be givenup to five keywords that are relevant for your summer practice report, such as metamemory, working memory, emotion, aging, neuropsychology, learning, bipolar disorder, emotion regulation, addiction, personality, terror management theory, dark triad, etc. All the information up to here fits on the first page (title page).

**Main body** of your report should be clearly organized into:

· Introduction

· Main part: Various sections, organized according to content

· Discussion

· Summary or Conclusion

In the **Introduction** part, introduce the main topic by summarizing the major information in the subfield so far. The introduction often takes a historical perspective and traces the development of the topic. Towards the end of the introduction, focus on what you will present in more depth in the main part.

**Main part** is the heart of the paper so you should present your topic in this part. You may also include figures, graphs, or tables from the relevant literature (give references for this material). Organize the main part in sub-sections with separate headlines, as the flow of information requires it.

In the **Discussion** part, you should establish the relationships between the topics covered in this report and the undergraduate courses you have taken.

The last of the main body of your report is **Summary or Conclusion.** In this part, briefly summarize the information you have presented in the main part. You can give an outlook onto the future research/application of the field, what probable developments might be.

**References**

All literature you have referred to in the paper, primary and secondary literature (articles you quote from another article) need to be referenced. Also, websites need to be referenced. All the references should be written according to APA 7’s rules.

Size and format:

The report should be written in APA style. The word limit of your report is between 4000-6000 words, title page, and references not counted. As format, choose 1.5 line-spacing, the choice of fonts is up to you. The report should have 2.5 cm margins at the top, bottom and left-hand, and right-hand side.

**Deadline**

This report's deadline for handing in the report is August 31st, 2021. Please submit your report to webonline.cankaya.edu.tr. No late submission will be accepted.

Good luck on writing your PSY 407 – Theoretical Report!

**ÇANKAYA UNIVERSITY**

**PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

**Summer Practice**

**Instructor Evaluation Form**

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Abstract

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Then hit the tab key to indent and then continue typing the paper. In APA any source that you use in your paper must have an in-text citation. In APA these citations include the author’s last name and the year of the publication in parentheses (Barrett, 2002). If the source you are using does not identify an author, use a shortened version of the source title rather than the author name (“E-Portfolios for Education,” 2006).

This is your introduction. It doesn’t have a heading that says “Introduction,” but this is it. You may go on for several pages, but when you get ready for the next section, “Method,” you don’t start a new page.

By the way, APA 6.0 supports five levels of headings. They are different and more sane than previous editions of the style guide. (Enough said.) I have set the heading styles in this document to correspond with those heading levels 1 through 5. The next heading is a Heading 1. It will be followed by a Heading 2.

# **Introduction**

## **Assessments and Measures**

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# **Literature**

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