Center for Autism and Related Disabilities
A PSY 297 Directed Study in Psychology (3)
A PSY 397 Directed Research in Psychology (3)

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About the Course
Directed Study/Research in Psychology at the Center for Autism provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in autism research and to gain a broad range of experiences while learning more about autism and other developmental disabilities. To receive course credit, students complete 6 hours of work in the laboratory each week (typically divided into 3 hour blocks, two days each week) over the course of the entire semester. Undergraduate research assistants contribute to ongoing research projects by conducting literature searches; collecting, scoring, and entering data; assisting with statistical analyses; and providing general support to research faculty. In addition, students complete the IRB- Human Subjects Training requirement, several course assignments, and participate in monthly meetings.

The Center is also headquarters to a statewide network of Regional Centers for Autism Spectrum Disorders, and provides education and training, as well as information and referrals, to parents and professionals seeking autism resources. As such, students may also be involved in assisting staff in compiling and disseminating training information; creating materials for seminars and workshops; and organizing community-wide events. Undergraduate research assistants work closely with graduate students throughout the semester.

Prerequisites:
A PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology
A PSY 210 – Statistical Methods in Psychology
A PSY 211 – Experimental Psychology
A PSY 333- Childhood Behavioral Disorders
Permission of instructor

To Apply
Undergraduate students wishing to enroll in Directed Study/Research at the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities must complete and return the Center’s application form. Select students will then be asked to visit the Center for a short interview and to become acquainted with the lab’s facility. Once selected, a student will be granted a permission number to enroll in the appropriate course.