

Doctoral Thesis – PSYC 9000 (Summer 2026)

Course Information

Course Number: 50270

Instructor: Rick Thomas

Course Description

This course provides academic credit for independent research conducted under the supervision of a Georgia Tech faculty advisor. Students engage in sustained, original inquiry aligned with their degree program requirements. Although there are no formal class meetings, students are expected to make continuous progress, demonstrate intellectual initiative, and contribute to the broader scholarly mission of their discipline.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Develop and refine independent research questions grounded in theory and prior literature.
2. Apply appropriate methodological, analytical, and/or computational techniques.
3. Demonstrate progress toward thesis completion through iterative development and advisor feedback.
4. Communicate research clearly in written, oral, and/or technical formats.
5. Engage in responsible and ethical research practices.

Grading Policy

This course is graded on a Satisfactory (S) / Unsatisfactory (U) basis. A grade of S reflects meaningful and consistent progress toward research goals. A grade of U reflects insufficient progress or lack of engagement.

Expectations

Students are expected to maintain regular communication with their advisor, demonstrate initiative, and adhere to professional standards of research conduct.