

## **Individual Research Project: Final Report**

**Original Due Date: November 22, 2004 (Monday), 5pm**

**Extended Due Date: November 29, 2004 (Monday), 5pm**

*Students who hand in on or before the original deadline will get a bonus of **five points**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted. All submissions must be complete (see below for submission requirements.)*

### **General Structure**

Your final report should include the following components:

- The title of the project
- Your name
- Abstract
- Introduction (i.e. your research question, motivation)
- Literature Review (i.e. discuss findings from prior research related to your research question, highlight how they are related to your study and what original contribution you might be able to make)
- Research Design
  - Participants
  - Method/Procedure
  - Independent/Dependent Measures
  - Results
  - Discussion (i.e. interpretation of the results or failure to obtain these results)
- Conclusion
  - Summary of results
  - Interpretation of the results in terms of your introduction
  - Limitations of your study
  - Suggestions for further research

### **Length**

There are no fixed requirements on the length of this draft, but try to target something around 15 pages (Times New Roman 12pt font, double-spaced) for the final project.

### **References for your Literature Review**

Literature reviews are important because they help you frame your research questions, and think of the implications of your findings (plus, it will be part of your final grade).

Besides the Internet and Dewey Library, MIT does have subscriptions to many online journals. The following are examples of some e-journals that you might find helpful:

1. <http://www.jstor.org/>  
Collection of journals in different disciplines. Look under "Business" to find the management-oriented journals. You can read and download entire papers at this website.
2. <http://www.psycinfo.com/>  
This is useful if you are looking for more psychologically-oriented papers/references. However, you only have access to the abstracts but not the actual papers.
3. <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/servlet/useragent?func=showIssues&code=psci>  
Psychological Science has short but informative and academic papers.

### **Submission Requirements**

A complete submission will include the following:

1. **Two hard copies** of your final report
2. Self-evaluation form
3. Draft report with writing TA's comments
4. Four-page proposal with writing TA's comments