

PSYC 102: FINAL REPORT SPECIFICATIONS
(600 points possible)

Presentation (200 points)

Due: _____

Overview (25 points): Briefly describe the behavior you attempted to modify. Show your baseline data to support the presentation and outline the intervention you used. Include in this overview a description of contingencies you used during the intervention to change the behavior, i.e. reinforcement, punishment, extinction or whatever.

Present Data (50 points): You will be expected to show the baseline and intervention data you collected as part of this project. Graphs must be readable to people sitting in the back of the classroom and points will be deducted when the graphs are not readable. The instructor will make transparencies of any graphs, tables or charts IF you provide the masters the class period BEFORE the day you present, i.e. masters to instructor Monday if you present on Wednesday. PowerPoint presentations are also accepted as a way of presenting your project data.

Results (25 points): Tell us what happened. If the results were as expected, explain how this has changed your life. If the results were unexpected or no change occurred, speculate about reasons why the intervention did not work and what you would do differently next time to make it work.

Written Report (400 points)

Due: _____

Much of what you say in your classroom presentation is repeated in the written report. The attached paper provides a good model of what a research report looks like. The basic format for the report is as follows:

1. Title is centered at the top of the first page.
2. Your name, class hour and the date centered under title.
3. Double space the report which results in no more than 25 double spaced lines per page.
4. Use 1 inch left and right margins.
5. Include page footer with page number.
6. Divide your report into 5 sections: Introduction, Method, Results, Discussion, and References. Failing to follow these guidelines or failing to type/word process the report results in an automatic loss of 50 points.
 - Introduction (100 points): Describe the behavior you tried to modify, how often it occurred before the intervention, and why you wanted to modify this behavior. Also include in this discussion any related research that might be appropriate.
 - Method (50 points): Clear, concise description of your intervention. This includes how you collected baseline and intervention data, what reinforcers or punishers were used, when they were used, and other people who were involved in the project.

- Results (50 points): Present your data and describe as simply as possible what changes, if any, occurred in the behavior you were attempting to modify. Data from each week must be presented here. Leave any side comments or speculation for the discussion.
- Discussion (100 points): This is the section where you discuss the results. If the results were as expected, explain how this has changed you life. If the results were unexpected or no change occurred, speculate about reasons why the intervention did not work and what you would do differently next time to make it work.
- References (50 points): Use the attached paper as a model for your references. References include books, magazine articles, Internet resources and relevant conversations you have had with people.