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PSY 499: Senior Project

Issues for Week 6:

- 1) Biggest obstacles in your project discussed
 - a. Data analysis: Which analyses? How do we interpret the data?
 - b. Data collection: Which professors have you talked to? What are your goals?
 - c. Discussion section: What do we write? How do we know what it means?

- 2) Literature review should have flow (smooth transition sentences), apparent organization, and logic. Subheadings may be useful (See Lauren Wooding's example)
 - a. How did you organize which article would be discussed first? Next?
 - b. When stating your goals/hypotheses for your project, remind readers why you chose those hypotheses. Talk about specific studies that inspired these hypotheses.

- 3) What are your procedures protocol? What are your steps for administering your measurement instrument?
 - a. Brief instructions are given (if timed, will explain time limits) to participants about filling out consent forms and measurement instruments.
 - b. Packets given with 2 copies of consent form attached
 - c. Questionnaires are returned by tearing off the 2 consent forms apart from the measurement instrument and depositing one consent form in a separate large envelope and the anonymous measurement instrument in another large envelope.
 - d. Participants keep the second consent form copy and are debriefed following their participation.

- 4) You need to finalize your measurement instruments ASAP. How will your instrument address your study's hypotheses?