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# **Week 1 Overview**

## **Undergraduate Research Methods in Psychology**

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## 1 Learning Objective(s)

- Explain what it means to reason empirically.
- Appreciate how psychological research methods help you become a better producer of information as well as a better consumer of information.
- Describe five habits that define the work of scientists (Merton's Scientific Norms)
- Establish the differences between research producers and consumers, but also their equal importance
- Understand the general process of empirical research and science, and how science has "self-correcting" mechanisms
- Be able to discriminate between peer-reviewed, published research, and scientific journalism

## 2 Lecture(s) & Participation

- ☐ Review Blackboard Content for Week 1
- ☐ **Week 1 Lecture and notes** on scientific thinking and empiricism
- ☐ **Q & A Week 1 Discussion Board** due Sunday, Jan 12 at 11:59pm EST on Blackboard
- ☐ **APA Style & Citation** activity

## 3 Reading(s)

- ☐ **Chapter 1** of Textbook

## 4 Homework & Assignment(s) Due

- ☐ **Introductions** due on Sunday, Jan 12 at 11:59pm EST on Blackboard
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## 5 Looking Ahead

- ☐ **Research Proposal Topics** due on Sunday, Jan 19 at 11:59pm EST on Blackboard
- ☐ **Quiz 1** next week due by Jan 19 at 11:59pm EST on Blackboard