

# WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN TO PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS

PSY 210 - PROFESSOR GERNSBACHER

This course will provide you with a lot of practice mastering the important skill of paying attention to details. In fact, Dr. Andrews and Professor Gernsbacher believe that paying attention to details is one of the most important statistical thinking skills they can teach students.

Why do they think that? Life is about reading carefully and paying attention to details. Everything from applying for a job, to paying taxes, to taking medicine, and the list goes on and on requires that you read carefully and pay attention to details.

Once you graduate from college, it's unlikely you'll be taking many more multiple-choice tests (even if you go to graduate school). Instead, your success will be evaluated, by your boss, your clients, your co-workers, even your friends and family, without multiple-choice tests and will depend upon your skill at reading carefully and paying attention to details. Learning to pay attention to details is an important life-success skill to master!

## HOW TO PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS IN THIS COURSE

Before beginning each Assignment in the course, either

Copy and paste the entire content of that Assignment into a Word doc, Google doc, Pages doc, or other text file.

OR

Print out all the content of that Assignment onto paper.

Then, focus on one sentence at a time. Read each sentence carefully and closely.

When you think you have completed the entire Assignment, read back over the information in your Word doc/Google doc/Pages doc or on your printout.

**Highlight with bold** (on your Word/Google/Pages doc) or with a marker (on your print out) **each and every sentence of the Assignment** IF you have completed it and IF your Assignment reflects your having completing that component.

Look at your Word/Google/Pages doc or your printout: Are there any sentences that are not bolded or highlighted? If so, that means that you did not complete that component of the assignment. So be sure to complete it.

Highlighting either the Word/Google/Pages doc or the printout forces you to attend to each component.

In fact, putting each assignment in a Word/Google/Pages doc or printing it out allows you to not only better attend to each component but also have a visual record that you have attended – and completed – each and every component, thereby enabling you to fulfill ALL the Assignment's requirements, which is your goal!

