Psychology

Contract	Term	Course	Contract Title	Contract Description
325049	Fall 2016	PSYC-3125	Can Sexual Offenders with a Tendency Toward Sexual Deviance be Successfully Rehabilitated?	This contract will be a research paper beginning with the question "can sexual offenders with a tendency toward sexual deviance be successfully rehabilitated and reintegrated into society?" I have a specific interest in this subject but do not feel that I currently know enough to form an opinion and would like to know more. Through my research, I will form a response to this question with which I will conclude the paper.
327097	Fall 2016	PSYC-3125	Effects of Music on Alzheimer's Disease	I will analyze previously published research studies on the effects of music on patients with Alzheimer's disease and their memory. I will then synthesize this research in a well-written literature review paper.
328081	Fall 2016	PSYC-4275	Boundary Extension and Restriction: Understanding the Effects of Emotion	Boundary extension occurs when individuals encode an image as having extra information than was actually presented, a sort of "zooming out". This occurs because top-down processes use our expectations to add details to the image. On the other hand, boundary restriction can occur in which an individual cannot remember as many details as were presented, such as with "zooming in". The purpose of this study will be to research these phenomenon and the factors that can affect their occurrence. We will be testing two hypotheses: the theory that emotion enhances memory and the theory of attentional narrowing, when a particular stimulus draws the attention and causes the memory to become focused on it. We will replicate a previous study on these effects and make improvements upon it. Because of time constraints, my contract will consist mainly of the IRB process, the first half of the paper, and the beginning of data collection.