

### **PL3231 Independent Research Project**

Instead of taking a Lab course, students may choose to fulfil the Lab course requirement by conducting an independent research project (IRP) under the supervision of a faculty member in the department. To do so, students must seek the agreement of a faculty member to serve as their supervisor. Students should attempt to secure a supervisor at least one month before the semester begins.

In an IRP, students will independently conduct an empirical research project that spans one semester. Conducting only a literature review will be insufficient for an IRP. Students are expected to submit a research proposal during the semester and a final research report at the end of the semester. Late submissions will be penalized. The deadline for submitting the final research report can be found here: <https://fass.nus.edu.sg/psy/forms-and-resources/> > Level 3000 Course Resources > PL3231 and PL3551 - Submission Dates

The supervisor and student will jointly decide the details of the research project such as its scope, the deadline for submitting the proposal, and the word limit of the report.

In addition to securing a faculty member in the department as a supervisor, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) also offers a few openings each semester for students who wish to work on an IRP with IPS staff. Please refer to the message below and contact Dr Wong Chin Yi of IPS if you are interested.

### **PL3231 Independent Research Project with Institute of Policy Studies**

The Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) invites NUS Psychology undergraduate students to undertake PL3231 Independent Research Project (IRP) with IPS Social Lab.

IPS Social Lab is a one-stop integrated centre for social indicators research at IPS. The centre conducts research on social perceptions, attitudes and behaviours in Singapore using the most robust standards in survey methodology and statistical analyses. The centre focuses on examining issues of critical national interest across a variety of fields, adopts a multidisciplinary approach in its analyses, and takes a long-term view in its strategic deliberation and research with the public sector.

In general, Social Lab's projects seek to better understand Singapore society, alongside the shifting demographics and attitudinal changes of our local population. Projects range from managing diversity, inequality, and social mobility in Singapore, to understanding youths, household dynamics, as well as national identity, pride, and confidence in our institutions.

Social Lab employs a wide variety of research methodologies, including household surveys, population-based survey experiments, and more recently, advancing behavioural research through the use of biometric sensors. Social Lab invites students to undertake IRP to collaboratively develop new solutions and uncover research insights that can better advance public policy and public opinion research. Students may find out more about Social Lab here: <https://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/ips/research/ips-social-lab>). Interested students may also approach Dr Wong Chin Yi ([wongchinyi@nus.edu.sg](mailto:wongchinyi@nus.edu.sg)) to express their interest and discuss the scope of research for the semester.