

Case Studies and Flextime

Due at the Start of Lab: Lab Assignment 5

Rationale for Today's Lab Session

Case studies played an important role in early research in psychology and have continued relevance to a range of advanced fields of study today. Training in clinical psychology, counseling psychology, school psychology, I/O psychology, business, law, medicine, political organizing, and community organizing often draw in part upon case studies to pass down unique or illustrative examples to trainees. Moreover, the process of conducting a case study is useful practice for the skill of interviewing people about mildly sensitive topics, and ultimately serves as the foundation for a range of tasks in the behavioral and medical sciences.

Objectives

- The Make-up Lab Assignment involves conducting a case study. Not all students will need to complete the Make-up Lab Assignment. However, some will choose to complete it to replace a low or missing score on an assignment or the APA-style quiz.
- Students completing the Make-up Lab Assignment should use the session for planning and getting feedback from the lab instructor. Students completing the Make-up Lab Assignment can be dismissed once they have compiled their list of questions to ask during the case study interview.
- Students not completing the Make-up lab can use the session as flextime to work on a paper re-write, ELC participation, or other tasks.

Dismissal

- If completing the Make-up Lab Assignment, students may be dismissed once they have (a) compiled a draft of their list of questions to ask during the case study interview, and (b) gained feedback from the lab instructor on their questions.
- Students opting out of the Make-up Lab Assignment may be dismissed early if they do not wish to stay to work on other tasks.