



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

PS906 Introductory Psychology: Principles of Psychology

Term: July 3 – August 3, 2017

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day

Discussion session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 66 contact hours (45 minutes each, 3000 minutes in total)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description

Psychology is the science of human mind and behavior. Thus, the study of psychology is central to understanding human experience, how we think, feel, learn, relate to each other, and change across the lifespan. This course will provide an overview of theory and research in the major areas of psychology, with an emphasis on understanding basic principles and how they can help us understand human experience and behavior. These aims will be accomplished through a variety of pedagogical methods, including lectures, discussion, and in-class experiential exercises and self-reflection.

Course Goals

By the end of the course, students will understand the approaches that the different subfields take to understanding human experience and behavior. They will have a general understanding of the principles of human psychology as identified by the different subdisciplines of psychology, and will be able to analyze human behavior and experience from these different perspectives. Students will also develop the ability to think critically about the methods and conclusions of psychological research, and be able to apply their thinking to new findings in research.

Required Text

Schacter, D. L., Gilbert, D. T., Wegner, D. M., & Nock, M. K. (2014). Psychology, 3rd edition. Publisher: Worth.

Grading Policy

1. Course grades will be based on total points earned from the following activities:

Exams: 3 (2 midterms and a final) *25 points each 75 points



Reflection papers: 2 * 12.5 points each

25 points

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0

2. Papers

Students will write two short (2-pages, double-spaced, 12-point font) papers applying principles learned in the course to real life events. Topics will be assigned one week before the papers are due.

3. Academic Misconduct

No plagiarism or cheating will be tolerated. This means among other things that you will not submit someone else's work as your own, copy someone else's work, or cheat in any other way. When you draw on others' work, you must cite that work properly.

Course Schedule



Date	Topic	Chapter	Notes
July 3	Introduction		
July 4	Critical thinking and methods in Psychology	2	
July 5	Neuroscience and behavior	3	
July 6	Sensation and perception	4	
July 10	Consciousness	5	
July 11	FIRST MIDTERM EXAM		
July 12	Memory	6	
July 13	Learning	7	First paper due
July 17	Stress and health	16	
July 18	Emotion and motivation	8	
July 19	Development	11	
July 20	SECOND MIDTERM EXAM		
July 24	Social Psychology, Part I	13	
July 25	Social Psychology Part II		
July 26	Intelligence	10	
July 27	Personality	12	Second paper due
July 31	Psychological Disorders	14	
August 1	Treatment of Psychological Disorders	15	
August 2	Course Review		
August 3	FINAL EXAM		