

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

PS906 Introductory Psychology: Principles of Psychology

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Term:	28 May - 28 June, 2018	Credits:	4 units
Classroom:	TBD	Teaching Assistant(s):	TBD
Class Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 10:40am-12:40pm		
Discussion Session:	2 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours:	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (w/ ISBN):	Myers, D. G. & DeWall, C. N. (2016). Psychology (11th Edition). NY: Worth Publishers.		
Prerequisite:	N/A		



Course Objective:

The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the field of psychology, including research methods.

Course Goals

There are three major sub-goals:

- ❖ To explain how psychologists think about and study behavior. o To introduce you to the body of knowledge and underlying principles that currently exist in the field.
- ❖ To encourage reflection about the implications of psychological research for everyday life.

Grading Policy

Course grades will be based on your two exam scores and one 500-word paper. The exams will be 80 multiple-choice questions (with four options for each question). Exams account for 75% of your grade. The grand total of points will comprise 25% of your final cumulative score upon which your final grade is based.

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



Course Schedule:

This schedule is only an approximation. The instructor may extend, shorten, or even re-arrange the lectures. All students are responsible for any changes mentioned in class, including changes in test dates.

WEEK 1				
Date	Topic	Reading		
28-May	Introduction—Go over syllabus; answer questions			
	Thinking Critically with Psychological Science	Chapter 1		
29-May	Thinking Critically with Psychological Science;			
	The Biology of the Mind	Chapter 1 &2		
30-May	The Biology of the Mind; The Brain	Chapter 2		
31-May	Developing Through the Lifespan: Early	Chapter 5		
WEEK 2				
4-Jun	Later development	Chapter 5		
5-Jun	Sensation	Chapter 6		
6-Jun	Perception	Chapter 6		
7-Jun	Learning: Classical conditioning	Chapter 7		
WEEK 3				
11-Jun	Operant conditioning/Social Learning	Chapter 7		
12-Jun	EXAM 1			
13-Jun	Memory	Chapter 8		
14-Jun	Thinking & Language	Chapter 9		
WEEK 4				
18-Jun	Intelligence	Chapter 10		



19-Jun	Motivation	Chapter 11		
20-Jun	Emotion	Chapter 12		
21-Jun	Personality	Chapter 14		
WEEK 5				
25-Jun	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15		
26-Jun	Therapy	Chapter 16		
27-Jun	Social Psychology	Chapter 13		
28-Jun	EXAM 2 (Thursday)			