



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

PS906 Introduction to Psychology: Principles of Psychology

Instructor Information	Liandi Lou Email: Jenniferlou@163.com Office Hours: Determined by Instructor		
Term	June 28, 2021 - July 23, 2021	Credits	4 units
Class Hours	Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day		
Discussion Sessions	2.5 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 (with ISBN)	Schacter, D. L., Gilbert, D. T., Wegner, D. M., & Nock, M. K. (2014). Psychology (3rd ed.). Publisher: Worth. ISBN: 978-1464106033		
Prerequisite	N/A		
The course might be moved to online delivery due to COVID-19 pandemic. Students will be notified once the decision is made.			



Course Overview

Psychology is the science of human 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 taking this course students will

1. Understand core psychological concepts and processes;
2. Critically examine theories and empirical findings across subfields of psychology;
3. Compare, contrast, and synthesize empirical and theoretical perspectives related to the study of behavior and thought using evidence-based reasoning;
4. Apply theoretical models of behavior and thought to real life settings and skills.

Lecture Materials

Lecture materials will consist mostly of Power Point slide presentations and are designed to help with understanding and organizing the material. Since there is a lot of material in the textbook, lectures will also highlight key concepts and terms in the chapters to help you focus your study efforts. I may occasionally provide short videos or video lectures in addition to Power Point slides.

You will need to have the Microsoft Power Point program to view lecture slides.



Grading Policy

Exams: 4 @ 50 points each	200 points
Assignments: 10 @ 10 points each	100 points

Exams

There will be FOUR Unit Exams throughout the semester which will cover material from lecture slides and the textbook. The chapters and material covered on each exam can be found on the course schedule at the end of this syllabus. Exams will be approximately 50 items and will consist of recall AND application of terms, theories, and concepts. Because lectures may cover material not included in the textbook, carefully following along with lecture materials will maximize your success on exams!

Assignments

For each chapter you will get an assignment for that chapter. The assignments will expand your understanding and knowledge of the material. Each assignment is worth 10 points.

Grading Scale is as follows

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

Due to the on-going pandemic, there is a possibility that in-person courses move to online delivery. Students will be notified once the decision is made.

If the in-person courses are to be changed to online courses, we will make a few adjustments:

Lecture: Each lecture will be uploaded on SJTU SCE online learning platform on a daily basis. Students are required to watch them according to the course schedule.

Discussion: There will be 10 hours open session on ZOOM every week. The attendance of the discussion is important as it is part of your final score.

Labs: 2 each week, each worth 10 points.

Office hours: To be determined

Exams: 50 points each x 4 exams



Class Schedule

Date	Lecture	Readings
Day 1	Introduction and Course Overview	
Day 2	Critical thinking and methods in Psychology	Chapter 1
Day 3	Neuroscience and behavior	Chapter 2
Day 4	Sensation and perception	Chapter 6
Day 5	First Exam	
Day 6	Consciousness	Chapter 3
Day 7	Memory	Chapter 7
Day 8	Learning	Chapter 4
Day 9	Second Exam	
Day 10	Cognition	Chapter 9
Day 11	Language	Chapter 9
Day 12	Development	Chapter 11
Day 13	Intelligence	Chapter 10
Day 14	Personality	Chapter 12
Day 15	Third Exam	
Day 16	Emotion, Stress and Health	Chapter 8
Day 17	Social Psychology	Chapter 13
Day 18	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14
Day 19	Treatment and Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15
Day 20	Final Exam	