



PS910 Applied Psychology: Theory, Research and Practice (Online)

Instructor Information	Liandi Lou Email: Jenniferlou@163.com		
Term	December 13, 2021 - January 7, 2022	Credits	4 units
Course Delivery	The class will be delivered in the format of online. Other than recorded lecture videos, the instructor will arrange 2.5 hours' real-time interactions with students per week (via discussion forum, zoom meeting, and WeChat). The workload students are expected to complete to properly pass this course is about 30 hours per week.		
Required Texts (with ISBN)	<p>1. Shelley E. Taylor (2018), Health Psychology (Tenth edition). Publisher: McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN: 978-1-259-87047-7</p> <p>2. Michael G. Aamodt (2010), Industrial/Organizational Psychology: An Applied Approach (Sixth Edition). Publisher: Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-0-495-60106-7</p> <p>3. Solomon M. Fulero, Lawrence S. Wrightsman (2009), Forensic Psychology, (Third Edition). Publisher: Cengage Learning. ISBN-13: 978-0-495-50649-2</p>		
Prerequisite	N/A		



Course Overview

Psychology is a subject of wide application. The goal of this course is to introduce students to three branches of psychology, Health Psychology, Organizational Psychology and Forensic Psychology, as applied to the real world. The Health Psychology section may introduce characteristics of health-compromising behaviors such as obesity, eating disorders, smoking, alcoholism and problem drinking; stress and coping; the management of pain and discomfort; management of chronic and terminal health disorders. The Organizational Psychology section may include employee recruitment and selection, employee performance appraisal, employee training and development, leadership, employee motivation, positive/negative employee attitudes and behaviors. The Forensic Psychology section may introduce techniques of criminal investigation, working with offenders, victims of crime and eyewitness testimony.

Course Goals

By taking this course students will

1. Understand key concepts, procedures, empirical findings, and theories in Health Psychology, Organizational Psychology and Forensic Psychology;
2. Describe, analyze and critically evaluate 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 core psychological theories and research findings to real life settings.

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.

Attendance – I expect you to attend each scheduled real-time interaction tutorials and be on time. If you are late to class, you will not receive full credit for the day. Any student who exceeds **TWO** unexcused absences will be a candidate for withdrawal from the course, for you have missed a significant portion of our class meeting time. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get in touch with a classmate to find out what you missed.

Late Assignments – Deduction of 10% of the maximum mark for each calendar day after the due date.

Makeup Assignments – There are no makeup assignments allowed, with exceptions allowed in critical emergency circumstances (i.e. student has been hospitalized) with documented proof. In order to be fair to all classmates, makeup assignments at the end of the semester to boost your course grade are not allowed. It is important that you complete assigned work on time throughout the semester. Please note that exams cannot be made up for any reason.



Writing Assignments

There are two out of class writing assignments. The writing assignments are due on the date indicated in the course schedule. Failure to submit on time will result in a 10% grade penalty for each class period that the assignment is past due. What you will learn from this assignment is important. For this reason, you are encouraged to hand it in no matter how late it might be. The minimum grade for a completed assignment is 55 percent. Assignments not completed will earn a score of 0 percent. The latest date at which I will accept this assignment is 3:00pm on January 5th, 2022.

Presentation

This course will be composed by lectures and tutorials. Students are required to form their own study groups. Every group should focus on one topic of the course, analyze and critically evaluate relevant theories, empirical findings and real world phenomena, and finally give presentation during tutorials.

Exams

There will be a midterm and a comprehensive final exam during the semester. Exams will be composed of multiple choice and essay questions. Exams 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 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!

Grading Policy

Writing Assignments	200 points
Presentation	100 points
Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	100 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



Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Learning activity	Assignment	Online Teaching Arrangement
Dec 13 (Day 1)	Introduction and Course Overview	Lecture/Tutorial		approximately 1 hours recorded video lectures (plus 1.5 hour's online interaction via Tencent meeting)
Dec 14 (Day 2)	Health Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 15 (Day 3)	Health Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 16 (Day 4)	Health Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 17 (Day 5)	Health Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial		Approximately 1.5 hours recorded video lectures (plus 1 hour's online interaction via Tencent meeting)
Dec 20 (Day 6)	Health Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 21 (Day 7)	Health Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 22 (Day 8)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 23 (Day 9)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture	Assignment #1 due	approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 24 (Day 10)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures (plus 2.5 hour's online interaction via Tencent meeting)
Dec 27 (Day 11)	Midterm Exam		Midterm Exam	Exam
Dec 28 (Day 12)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 29 (Day 13)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture		Approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures



Dec 30 (Day 14)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Dec 31 (Day 15)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures (plus 2.5 hour's online interaction via Tencent meeting)
Jan 3 (Day 16)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture	Assignment #2 due	approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Jan 4 (Day 17)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Jan 5 (Day 18)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures
Jan 6 (Day 19)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial		approximately 2 hours recorded video lectures (plus 2.5 hour's online interaction via Tencent meeting)
Jan 7 (Day 20)	Final Exam		Final Exam	Exam