



## PS906 Introduction to Psychology: Principles of Psychology

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<b>Term</b>	<p>June 27, 2022          - July 22, 2022</p>	<b>Credits</b>	<p>4 units</p>
<b>Class Hours</b>	<p>Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day</p>		
<b>Discussion Sessions</b>	<p>2.5 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)</p>		
<b>Total Contact Hours</b>	<p>66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)</p>		
<b>Required Texts (with ISBN)</b>	<p>Schacter, D. L., Gilbert, D. T., Wegner, D. M., &amp; Nock, M. K. (2014).          Psychology (3rd ed.). Publisher: Worth.          ISBN: 978-1464106033</p>		
<b>Prerequisite</b>	<p>N/A</p>		



## 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.

**Attendance** – I expect you to attend each scheduled class and be on time. If you are late to class, you will not receive full credit for the day. Any student who exceeds **FOUR** 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.



## Grading Policy

Quizzes: 4 @ 20 points each	80 points
Group Assignment @ 20 points	20 points
Writing Assignments: 2 @ 50 points each	100 points
Exams: 2 @ 100 points each	200 points

## Quizzes

There will be 4 quizzes. Quizzes cannot be made up for any reason. Each quiz will be worth 20 points.

## Group Assignment

There will be a group assignment in this course. Students will be asked to form their own project teams and design a psychological research proposal based on what they have learned.

## 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! Each exam will be worth 100 points.

## 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 5-point 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 assignments is 3:00pm on July 21th, 2022.

## 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	Lecture	Readings	Assignment
June 27 (Day 1)	Introduction and Course Overview	Chapter 1	
June 28 (Day 2)	Critical thinking and methods in Psychology	Chapter 2	
June 29 (Day 3)	Neuroscience and behavior	Chapter 3	
June 30 (Day 4)	Sensation and perception	Chapter 4	
July 1 (Day 5)	Development	Chapter 11	
July 4 (Day 6)	Development	Chapter 11	<b>Quiz One</b>
July 5 (Day 7)	Consciousness	Chapter 5	
July 6 (Day 8)	Memory	Chapter 6	
July 7 (Day 9)	Learning	Chapter 7	<b>Quiz Two</b>
July 8 (Day 10)	Cognition	Chapter 9	
July 11 (Day 11)	Language	Chapter 9	<b>Assignment #1 due</b>
July 12 (Day 12)	<b>Midterm Exam</b>		<b>Midterm Exam</b>
July 13 (Day 13)	Emotion, Stress and Health	Chapter 8&14	
July 14 (Day 14)	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15	<b>Quiz Three</b>
July 15 (Day 15)	Treatment and Psychological Disorders	Chapter 16	
July 18 (Day 16)	Personality	Chapter 12	
July 19 (Day 17)	Social Psychology	Chapter 13	<b>Quiz Four</b>
July 20 (Day 18)	Social Psychology	Chapter 13	<b>Assignment #2 due</b>
July 21 (Day 19)	Intelligence	Chapter 10	
July 22 (Day 20)	<b>Final Exam</b>		<b>Final Exam</b>