



PS910 Applied Psychology: Theory, Research and Practice

Instructor Information	<p>Liandi Lou Email: Jenniferlou@163.com Office Hours: Determined by Instructor</p>		
Term	<p>June 27, 2022 - July 22, 2022</p>	Credits	<p>4 units</p>
Class Hours	<p>Monday through Friday, 120 mins per teaching day</p>		
Discussion Sessions	<p>2.5 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)</p>		
Total Contact Hours	<p>66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)</p>		
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	<p>N/A</p>		



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.

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.



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.

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
June 27 (Day 1)	Introduction and Course Overview	Lecture	
June 28 (Day 2)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
June 29 (Day 3)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
June 30 (Day 4)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
July 1 (Day 5)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
July 4 (Day 6)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
July 5 (Day 7)	Health Psychology	Lecture	
July 6 (Day 8)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	
July 7 (Day 9)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture	
July 8 (Day 10)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	Assignment #1 due
July 11 (Day 11)	Midterm Exam		Midterm Exam
July 12 (Day 12)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture	
July 13 (Day 13)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	
July 14 (Day 14)	Organizational Psychology	Lecture	
July 15 (Day 15)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	
July 18 (Day 16)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture	
July 19 (Day 17)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	Assignment #2 due
July 20 (Day 18)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture	
July 21 (Day 19)	Forensic Psychology	Lecture/Tutorial	
July 22 (Day 20)	Final Exam		Final Exam