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Introduction To Psychology

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
8000	Lecture	2	5

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Exam	201800010	English

Course Description

This class will provide a broad overview of the field of psychology and will place emphasis on psychology as a scientific discipline. Over the semester we will learn about the different subfields of psychology and about the current questions and debates that are concerning psychologists today. We will also discuss the different ways to apply psychological knowledge outside of the lab.

Course Goals

- Define the term psychology and demonstrate command of the basic vocabulary of the discipline.
 - Describe the major areas in the field, and identify the parameters of this discipline.
 - Distinguish between the major perspectives (e.g., behavioral, psychoanalytic, cognitive, physiological, social) on human thought and behavior.
 - Appreciate the variety of ways psychological data are gathered and evaluated.
 - Gain insight into human behavior and into one's own personality or personal relationships.
 - Explore the ways that psychological theories are used to describe, understand, predict, and control or modify behavior.
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Grading

The grade in this course will be based on a final examination, on 3 short assignments that

you will receive in section, and on 5 quizzes administered during section. The final examination counts towards 65% of your grade and the remaining 35% will be based on the assignments (8 points per assignment + 1 bonus point) and quizzes (2 points per quiz). The final exam will consist of 25 multiple-choice questions (3 points each), and 5 open ended short questions (5 points each). The exam will be based on materials from the lectures, from recitation (section), and from the assigned chapters from the textbook.

Discussion section assignments:

Thirty-five percent of your grade in this course is based on submitting 3 assignments to your TA and passing 5 quizzes. The full description of each assignment will be posted on the course website. Class assignments will be e-mailed to your TA no later than 9:00 pm on the date the assignment is due. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you submit your assignment. If you have a justified reason for turning in your assignment late, you must contact your TA at least three days before the deadline. We will not accept late assignments.

Lecturer Office Hours

By Appointment

Tutor Office Hours

By appointment

Reading List

Tentative Schedule

(subject to change during the semester)

Lecture #	Topic	Reading
1	Introduction	
2	Research Methods	Chapter 1
3	Brain & Behavior	Chapter 2
4	More Brain & Behavior	
5	Evolution & Environment	Chapter 4
6	Evolution & Environment II	
7	Human Development -- Infancy	Chapter 5
8	Human Development -- Aging	
9	Sensation & Perception	Chapter 6
10	Consciousness	Chapter 3
11	Consciousness II	
12	Learning	Chapter 7
13	Learning II	
14	Memory	Chapter 8
15	Memory II	
16	Personality	Chapter 13
17	Personality II	
18	Social psychology	Chapter 16
19	Social psychology II	

20	Emotion	Chapter 12
21	Emotion II	
22	Psychopathology	Chapter 14
23	Psychotherapy	Chapter 15
24	Stress and health	Chapter 12
25	Psychology in the 21st Century	
26	Q & A before final exam	