

Course Description

The course is broad survey of the major topics in psychology including, but not limited to research methodology, biological and social factors influencing behavior, development, learning, memory, personality, abnormal behavior, and therapy.

Purposes

The main course objectives are to gain a general knowledge of the major subfields of psychology, to attain a working understanding of some of the major theories in psychology, and to develop ability for critical thinking. Students will also have the opportunity to gain small-group experience. This course is required under Area F for psychology majors; it serves as a prerequisite for the majority of other psychology courses; and it counts in Area E for other majors.

Student Responsibilities

You are expected to abide by the college's Honor Code. You are expected to attend class promptly and regularly and to have read prior to class all of the assigned chapters in the textbook plus any additional readings. Your individual and any group assignments should be completed satisfactorily and on time. There will be no makeup exams or assignments without prior permission. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate your attainment of knowledge and understanding of course content by performing satisfactorily on examinations, quizzes (the majority of them on WebCT), MyPsychLab assignments, and in-class activities. Many activities and assignments will require participation in small groups, designated by the instructor.

This course will have an online homework component via MyPsychLab; you should have an access code bundled with your text. The URL for the registration Web site is <http://www.prenhall.com/mypsychlab>, and the course code for this section of PSYC 1101 is [insert course code]. For each chapter, you will be assigned MyPsychLab activities; you will need to log in to MyPsychLab to complete them. All MyPsychLab activities are due the night before the test covering those chapters. You are encouraged to keep up

with the work and complete the activities during the week you are assigned to read the corresponding chapter. Your score for each chapter will be based on the average of the Exit Tests for that section, with a maximum of 10 points per chapter.

On WebCT there will be a Practice Quiz and a Test Yourself Exam for each chapter. You are permitted to take each Practice Quiz as many times as you desire; the highest grade will be recorded. Extra credit for the course will be issued according to the scores you earn on each Practice Quiz. For each chapter Practice Quiz that you score 72 percent or better (18 of 25), you will receive 1 point added to your overall point total (NOT your percent score), for a maximum of 14 possible extra credit points.

Each Test Yourself Exam can be taken only once. These exams are timed much more stringently, and each one is worth 10 points. You may use your text for either the quizzes or the exams, but be sure to remain aware of the time limit for the Test Yourself Exams. You are especially encouraged to read your assigned readings and complete the corresponding MyPsychLab activities before taking each Test Yourself Exam.

Requests for Modifications

Students requiring instructional modifications due to a documented disability should make an appointment to meet with the instructor as soon as possible. An official letter from the college documenting the disability will be expected in order to receive accommodations.

Your final grade will be reduced by 10 percent (one letter grade) for excessive absences—meaning, five or more—and further reduced by one letter grade for each absence thereafter. If eight or more absences are recorded, a grade of F will be entered on your behalf if you have not already dropped the course (don't wait to drop if you stop attending class). Prior to midsemester, you will receive feedback on your academic performance in this course.

Grades

Your final grade will be based on the following, at minimum:

Exam #1	75 points
Exam #2	75 points
Exam #3	75 points
Final Exam	75 points
Test Yourself Quizzes (<i>WebCT</i>)	140 points
MyPsychLab Activities	140 points
Assignments/Activities	50 points
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TOTAL	610 points

Grading Scale

A = 90–100 percent

B = 80–89 percent

C = 70–79 percent

D = 60–69 percent

F = 0–59 percent

Exams will cover information from your textbook and from lecture. All exams will require the use of a blue NCS answer sheet (Form #4521) and a standard #2 pencil. We may not cover all text chapters in class. However, you will be responsible for reading and learning the material in the text according to the following tentative schedule.

Tentative Schedule

Week 1	The Science of Psychology; register for MyPsychLab.....	Chapter 1
Week 2	The Science of Psychology; The Biological Perspective.....	Chapter 2
Week 3	The Biological Perspective (continued); Sensation and Perception.....	Chapter 3
Week 4	Tuesday 9/5 Holiday; Thursday 9/7—no class	
Week 5	Sensation and Perception; Thursday 9/14—Exam #1	
Week 6	Consciousness	Chapter 4
Week 7	Learning	Chapter 5
Week 8	Memory	Chapter 6
Week 9	Tuesday 10/10—Review; Thursday 10/12—Exam #2	
Week 10	Development across the Lifespan	Chapter 7
Week 11	Cognitive Psychology	Chapter 8
Week 12	Motivation and Emotion	Chapter 9
Week 13	Tuesday 11/7—Review; Thursday 11/9—Exam #3	
Week 14	Sexuality and Gender; Stress and Health	Chapters 10 and 11
Week 15	Theories of Personality; Thursday 11/23—no class	Chapter 12
Week 16	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14
Week 17	Psychological Therapies; Thursday 12/7—Final Exam, 8–10:45 a.m.	Chapter 15