

Ψ INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Course Title:	Introduction to Psychology
Course Number:	Psychology 101
Semester Units:	3
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Communicating With Me.

This course uses a “three before me” policy in regards to student to faculty communications. When questions arise during the course of this class, please remember to check these three sources for an answer before asking me to reply to your individual questions:

1. Course syllabus
2. Announcements in Blackboard
3. The “Hallway Conversations” discussion board

This policy will help you in potentially identifying answers before the instructor can get back to you and it also helps your instructor from answering similar questions or concerns multiple times.

If you cannot find an answer to your question, please first post your question to the “Hallway Conversations” discussion board. Here your question can be answered to the benefit of all students by either your fellow students who know the answer to your question or the instructor. You are encouraged to answer questions from other students in the discussion forum when you know the answer to a question in order to help provide timely assistance.

If you have questions of a personal nature such as relating a personal emergency, questioning a grade on an assignment, or something else that needs to be communicated privately, you are welcome to contact the faculty via email. I will usually respond to email 8am to 5pm on weekdays, please allow 24-48 hours for me to respond.

If you have a question about the technology being used in the course, please contact the UTO Help Desk for assistance (contact information is listed below).

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce you to the main concepts and theories of psychology. This course surveys psychology as both a science and an applied discipline. Topics to be covered include research methods, physiological, developmental, states of consciousness, learning, emotions, stress and health, personality, abnormal and social psychology.

Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are: **1)** To critically think about and gain knowledge of the main theories and concepts of each sub-field of psychology; and **2)** To leave this course with a basic understanding of psychology, not only in the academic sense, but also an understanding of the everyday or practical nature of psychology.

Course Format:

This course is live with an online component. This course will consist of a combination of lectures, class discussion, assigned readings, videos, group and individual projects and performance on quizzes and exams.

Computer Requirements

This course requires that you have access to a computer that can access the internet. You will need to have access to, and be able to use, the following software packages:

- A web browser (Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free)
- Adobe Flash Player (free)
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Adobe Connect

You are responsible for having a reliable computer and internet connection throughout the course.

Campus Network or Blackboard Outage

When access to Blackboard is not available for an extended period of time (greater than one entire evening – 6pm till 11pm) you can reasonably expect that the due date for assignments will be changed to the next day (assignment still due by midnight).

Course Requirements.**Attendance/Participation**

Preparation for class means reading the assigned readings & reviewing all information required for that week. *Attendance* means coming to live class and logging into the Blackboard and on a regular basis and *participating* in the all of activities that are posted in the course.

Credit Breakdown. Studying and Preparation Time

The course requires you to spend time preparing and completing assignments. A three-credit course requires 135 hours of student work. Therefore expect to spend approximately 9 hours a week preparing for and actively participating in this course.

Late or Missed Assignments

All assignments must be finished and turned in to complete the course. Unless the instructor is notified BEFORE the assignment is due and provides an opportunity for the student to submit his/her assignment late, points may be taken off for a late assignment.

Rewrites

Students may submit their assignments ahead of their due date for review by the instructor as long as the assignment is provided a minimum of three days prior to the course due date. The instructor will provide feedback on the assignment for consideration by the student. Additionally, for students who have submitted their assignments on time, the instructor allows for opportunities to revise/resubmit assignments within one week of receiving feedback from the instructor.

Submitting Assignments

All assignments, unless otherwise announced by the instructor, must be submitted via Blackboard (in the Assignments Section). Each assignment will have a designated place to submit the assignment.

Drop and Add dates

If you feel it is necessary to withdraw from the course, please see <http://www.imperial.edu/> for full details on the types of withdrawals that are available and their procedures.

Subject to change notice

All material, assignments, and deadlines are subject to change with prior notice. It is your responsibility to stay in touch with your instructor, review the course site regularly, or communicate with other students, to adjust as needed if assignments or due dates change.

Grading Scale

The course is based on 515 points. The distribution is as follows:

Exams. Two (2) exams will be given. One will be a midterm exam and the other a Final exam. Exams can consist of multiple choice and True/False questions taken from the textbook, lectures and videos. Each exam will be worth 100 points.

Written Project. There will be one written project during this semester. The written project will be 4–5 pages and will be worth 75 points.

Assignments. There will be a total of 4 assignments (1–2 pages each) worth 50 points each

Discussion Forums. Discussion Forums will be part of our regular learning/interactive experience. They are paired to our weekly learning units. Each Discussion Forum Post is worth a total of 8 points. 4 points for your initial response and 4 points for your response to 2 classmates. There are 5 Total Discussion Posts for a Total of 40 Points. See Rubric Below.

Rubric Name: Discussion grade

Description.

This rubric is used to assess your contributions to class discussion.

Rubric Detail

Criteria	Levels of Achievement		
	Poor	Competent	Proficient
Initial Post	0 Points No post made; or post does not provide specific and/or thoughtful answer to discussion prompt	2 Points One-paragraph specific and thoughtful answer to discussion prompt	4 Points Two-paragraph specific and thoughtful answer to discussion prompt
Replies	0 Points No replies made; or replies lack guidance and/or thoughtful feedback	2 Points One reply with guidance and/or thoughtful feedback	4 Points Two or more replies with guidance and/or thoughtful

Criteria	Levels of Achievement		
	Poor	Competent	Proficient
			feedback

SLO's. 1. Students will identify and demonstrate understanding of the physical milestones from conception to death; 2. Students will identify and demonstrate understanding of the cognitive development patterns from conception to death; and 3. Students will identify and demonstrate understanding of Erikson's stages of psychosocial development from conception to death.

Grading System.

90-100% = A	Exams	2@	100 pts.	200 pts.
80-89% = B				
70-79% = C	Written Project	1@	75pts.	75 pts.
60-69% = D	Assignments	4@	50 pts.	200 pts.
0-59% = F	Discussions	5@	8 pts.	40 pts.
				TOTAL: 515 pts.

Special Accommodation.

Should a student enrolled in the course require a special accommodation due to a disability in order to complete the requirements of the course, please advise the instructor immediately or contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services at (760) 355-6312.

Academic Dishonesty.

Please read and understand this section fully. Academic dishonesty (cheating) of any type will not be tolerated. If a student is caught committing any type of academic dishonesty he or she will be given a 0 for the assignment/exam and will be reported to the Student Affairs office for further handling of the matter.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Reading Assignment
06/20/16	Introduction to Class Thinking Critically with Psychological Science The Biology of the Mind	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
06/27/16	Consciousness & The Two Track Mind Nature, Nurture & Human Diversity; The Developing Person	Chapter 3 Chapter 4 & 5
07/04/16	Sensation and Perception Learning	Chapter 6 Chapter 7
07/11/16	Emotions, Stress & Health Personality	Chapter 11 Chapter 12
07/18/16	Psychological Disorders Therapy	Chapter 13 Chapter 14
07/25/16	Social Psychology Course Wrap Up	Chapter 15

**This instructor reserves the right to make announced modifications to this course outline
Please follow the topic each week vs. the chapter**

PROJECT MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

TITLE PAGE

OUTLINE

BODY OF WORK/RESEARCH SECTION

YOUR OPONION/THOUGHTS

CONCLUSION

REFERENCE PAGE

4-5 PAGES DOUBLE SPACED, TIMES NEW ROMAN, FONT 12

SUGGESTED TOPICS:

1. Eating disorders
2. Depression
3. Phobias
4. Borderline personality disorder
5. Seasonal affective disorder
6. Schizophrenia
7. Antisocial personality disorder
8. Profile a type of therapy (i.e., cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, psychoanalysis)
9. Dreams
10. False memories
11. Attention span
12. Perception
13. Language
14. Problem-solving
15. Judgment
16. Prejudice and discrimination (i.e., homophobia, sexism, racism)
17. Social cognition
18. Person perception
19. Attitudes
20. Social control and cults
21. Persuasion, propaganda and marketing
22. Attraction, romance and love
23. Nonverbal communication
24. Pro social behavior
25. Leadership
26. Something in the media that relates to psychology (a person, event, crime, etc)
27. A different topic (must be approved first)

Course Itinerary Summer 101

Week	Topics/Lessons	Assignments
(1) Introduction to the Course Learning Unit 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course overview • Introduction to class • Thinking Critically with Psychological Science • The Biology of the Mind 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction Discussion Forum • Familiarize yourself with Course: Syllabus, Course set up, etc. • Assignment #1 Write Your Own Obituary <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 1 & 2
(2) Learning Unit 3 & 4 & 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consciousness and the Two Track Mind • Nature, Nurture, and Human Diversity: The Developing Person 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Blind Experiment Discussion Forum • Assignment #2 Significant Event <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 3, 4, & 5
(3) Learning Unit 6 & 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensation & Perception • Learning 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment #3 Stress • Biological Systems & Feelings Discussion Forum • Mid Term Exam <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 6 & 7
(4) Course Review Learning Unit 8 & 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotions, Stress & Health • Personality 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignment #4 Operant Principles • Drinking Age and Legalized Marijuana Discussion Forum <p><u>Readings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 11 & 12

Week	Topics/Lessons	Assignments
(5) Learning Unit 10 & 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological Disorders • Therapy 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid Life Crisis Discussion Forum • Final Written Project Due 4-5 pages <p><u>Readings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 13 & 14
(6) Unit 12 & 13 Wrap Up of Course- Final Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Psychology • Review of Psychology 	<p><u>Assignments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FINAL EXAM <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myers Textbook- Chapter 15 • Review All Chapters 1-7 & 11-15