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Basic Course Information

Semester:	Spring 2025	Instructor Name:	Robert Wyatt
Course Title & #:	PSY 101: Intro to Psychology	Email:	Robert.wyatt@imperial.edu
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Classroom:	Online - Canvas	Office #:	1714
Class Dates:	Feb. 10 – April 4	Office Hours:	11:30 am – 1:30 pm (T & TR)
Class Days:	---	Office Phone #:	760-355-6491
Class Times:	---	Emergency Contact:	Elvia Camillo / 760-355-6144
Units:	3.0	Class Format:	Online

Course Description

An introduction to the study of human behavior and cognition. Includes consideration of many of the major topics in psychology, including the biology of behavior, learning, human development, sleep and consciousness, personality, mental disorders and therapy, and social processes.

Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)

Twelve Grade Reading Level is Strongly Preferred. .

Student Learning Outcomes

Throughout this course, you will be tested through discussion questions and/or through an exam to ensure that you have successfully met the following outcomes:

1. identify basic parts and functions of the neurons and lobes of the brain (ILO1; ILO2; ILO3)
2. identify different parenting styles and their effect on human development (ILO1; ILO2; ILO3)
3. identify major psychological disorders, key symptoms, and the main strategies used for treatment (ILO1; ILO2; ILO3; ILO5)

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, you will be able to do the following:

1. discuss the development of psychology as a science.
2. identify the major biological response systems of the human body and discuss their influence on behavior.
3. discuss the difference between sensation and perception, giving one illustration of each.
4. define consciousness and describe how sleep, psychoactive substances, and other stimuli affect consciousness.
5. identify and describe the major theories of human development and discuss how growth and development affect behavior.
6. discuss the processes by which humans learn and store skills and information.
7. discuss major theories of personality, their assumptions, and implications.
8. outline the nature, causes, and treatments of abnormal behavior.
9. discuss how the social milieu affects human behavior.
10. identify major theories of emotion and motivation.
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16. Discuss how the social milieu affects human behavior.
17. identify major theories of emotion and motivation

Textbook

1. Myers, D.G. (2022). Exploring Psychology (12th/e). New York NY: Worth. ISBN:9781319104191
2. E-Book - ISBN:9781319127756

Drop Policy

1. In person (Face2Face) - Failure to show up on the first day of class will result in the student being dropped.
2. Online Courses – Failure to log in to the class on Canvas 48 to 72 hours from the start of the class will result in the student being dropped. In addition, failure to complete the 1st week of assignments will result in a drop from the course.

Course Requirements

For the course requirements of the course, you will be completing discussion questions and taking exams.

• Discussion Question:

- You are required to answer a discussion question online on Canvas.
- Follow the provided discussion rubric to ensure your responses meet expectations.
- Additionally, you are required to respond to at least one of your classmates' posts.
- The discussion question will be done on Canvas

• Test Yourself:

- You will be given a 10-question (true/false and multiple-choice) quiz to test your knowledge.
- You will have 2 attempts for the quiz. I will keep the highest score.
- There is NO time limit.
- The test will be done on Canvas

• Exams:

- All exams, including the final, consist of 30 multiple-choice questions.
- Exams will be available for one week, with a due date of Sunday at 11:59 pm.
- The exam will be done on Canvas.
- There is no time limit.



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Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

Assignment	Number of Assignments
Discussion Question	15
Test Yourself	15
Exam	15

Grade	Percentage
A	100% – 90%
B	89% - 80%
C	79% - 70%
D	69% - 60%
F	59% - 00%

Academic Honesty (Artificial Intelligence -AI)

IVC values critical thinking and communication skills and considers academic integrity essential to learning. Using AI tools as a replacement for your thinking, writing, or quantitative reasoning goes against both our mission and academic honesty policy and will be considered academic dishonesty, or plagiarism unless you have been instructed to do so by your instructor. In case of any uncertainty regarding the ethical use of AI tools, students are encouraged to reach out to their instructors for clarification.

Accessibility Statement

Imperial Valley College is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students, regardless of course modality. Every effort has been made to ensure that this course complies with all state and federal accessibility regulations, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. However, if you encounter any content that is not accessible, please contact your instructor or the area dean for assistance. If you have specific accommodations through **DSPS**, contact them for additional assistance.

We are here to support you and ensure that you have equal access to all course materials.



Course Policies

Attendance

For in-person classes: While attendance will not directly contribute to your overall grade, it is still an essential component of your success in this course. Attendance will be recorded daily, and students are expected to actively participate in all class sessions.

Additional Classwork Information and Classwork Extensions

It is expected that students dedicate two (2) hours of independent work outside of class for every hour of lecture or classwork. Alternatively, three (3) hours of lab, practicum, or an equivalent activity per unit may be required.

No extensions will be granted for any coursework, as a full week is provided for completion. Please plan accordingly to meet the deadlines.

Financial Aid

Your Grades Matter! To continue to receive financial aid, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement. Making SAP means that you are maintaining a 2.0 GPA, you have completed 67% of your coursework, and you will graduate on time. If you do not maintain SAP, you may lose your financial aid. If you have questions, please contact financial aid at finaid@imperial.edu.

IVC Student Resources

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources> or click the heart icon in Canvas.



Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar

Dates	Chapter	Title	Assignment	Due Date
02/10 – 02/16	1	History of Psychology	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	02/16
	2	Biology of Behavior	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
02/17 – 02/23	3	Consciousness and the Two-Track Mind	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	02/23
	4	Development through the Lifespan	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
02/24 – 03/02	5	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	03/02
	6	Sensation and Learning	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
03/03 – 03/09	7	Learning	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	03/09
	8	Memory	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
03/10 – 03/16	9	Thinking, Language, and Intelligence	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	03/16
	10	Motivation and Emotion	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	



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03/17 – 03/23	11	Stress, Health, and Human Flourishing	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	03/23
	12	Social Psychology	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
03/24 – 03/30	13	Personality	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	03/30
	14	Psychological Disorders	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	
03/31 – 04/06	15	Therapy	Test Yourself Quiz Exam Discussion Question	04/06
	Review	Review of all chapters	Final Exam: All Chapters	04/06

Subject to change without prior notice