

Course Title: Introduction to Psychology (section 02 & 03)**Course Description**

This is an introduction to the content and methods of psychology. It will cover the major areas such as neuroscience, sensation and perception, learning, cognition, motivation, human development, personality, psychopathology and its treatment, and social psychology.

Credit Weight: 0.5

Academic Department: Psychology

Campus: Guelph

Semester Offering: Fall 2016

Class Schedule and Location:

Section 02: Tue/Thu 10:00-11:20 in Rozanski Hall 104

Section 03: Tue/Thu 4:00-5:20 in Rozanski Hall 104

Final Exam: Friday December 16, 2016; 7:00pm-9:00pm

Instructor and Teaching Assistant Information**Instructor Information**

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Graduate Teaching Assistants:

Name	Seminar Sections	E-mail
TBA	TBA	TBA

Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

1. Remember and define psychological principles and theories across various areas of psychology.
2. Define and describe how psychological research is conducted and evaluated.
3. Apply psychological principles to real world examples and evaluate that application.

Lecture Content:

Lectures are designed to both complement and supplement the out of class readings. They are also designed to help you see links between the material we will be covering in order to think more critically about psychological research.

Lecture	Date	Topic	Module
1	8 Sep	Introduction to psychology	1.1: The science of psychology (p.1)
2	13 Sep	Scientific thinking and experiments	2.1: Principles of scientific research (p.30) 2.2: Scientific research design (p.44)
3	15 Sep	Correlations and basic statistics	2.4: A statistical primer (p.64)
4	20 Sep	Neurons and Neurotransmission	3.2: How the nervous system works: Cells and Neurotransmitters (p. 92)
5	22 Sep	The Brain	3.3: Structure and organization of the nervous system (p. 105) 3.4: Windows to the brain (p.120)
6	27 Sep	The Interplay Between Sensation and Perception	4.1: Sensation and perception at a glance (p.130) 4.2: The visual system (p.143)
n/a	28 Sep	On-line Quiz #1	1.1; 2.1; 2.2; 2.4; 3.2; 3.3; 3.4
7	29 Sep	Consciousness and Sleep	5.1: Biological Rhythms of Consciousness: Wakefulness and sleep (p.180)
8	4 Oct	Classical and Operant Conditioning	6.1: Classical conditioning: Learning by association (p.225) 6.2: Operant conditioning: Learning through consequences (p. 243)
9	6 Oct	Mid-term #1	All modules and lectures to (& including) Sep 29
n/a	11 Oct	Study Break (no class)	n/a
10	13 Oct	Remembering and Forgetting	7.1: Memory system (p.270) only to 277 7.2: Encoding and retrieving (p.287) 7.3: Constructing and reconstructing memories (p.301)
11	18 Oct	Thinking and Intelligence	9.2: Understanding intelligence (p. 364)
12	20 Oct	Psychological Tests	9.1: Measuring intelligence (p. 352)

13	25 Oct	Research on Babies	10.1:Physical development from conception through infancy (p.392)
n/a	26 Oct	On-line Quiz #2	6.1; 6.2; 7.1; 7.2; 7.3; 9.1; 9.2
14	27 Oct	Cognitive and Emotional Development	10.2:Infancy and childhood: Cognitive and emotional development
15	1 Nov	Motivation and Hunger	11.1: Hunger and eating (p.444)
16	3 Nov	Perspective on personality	12.1: Contemporary approaches to personality (p.493) 12.2: Cultural and biological approaches to personality (p.506)
17	8 Nov	Mid-term #2	All modules and lectures from Oct 4 to (& including) Nov 1
18	10 Nov	Stress and Health	14.2: Stress and illness (p.598)
19	15 Nov	What is mental illness?	15.1: Defining and classifying psychological disorders (p.626)
20	17 Nov	Anxiety disorders	15.3: Anxiety, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorders (p.645) 16.2: Psychological therapies (p.681)
21	22 Nov	Mood disorders	16.3: Biomedical therapies (p.694)
n/a	23 Nov	On-line Quiz #2	12.1; 12.2; 14.2; 15.1; 15.3; 16.2
22	24 Nov	Schizophrenia	15.4: Schizophrenia
23	29 Nov	Attitudes and attitude change	13.3: Attitudes, behaviour and effective communication (p. 571)
24	1 Dec	Following others and following orders	13.1: The power of the situation: social influence on behaviour (p.538)

Course Assignments and Tests:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Learning Outcomes</u>
1. Quiz #1, #2, #3	5% each (total 15%)	Sep. 28 th , Oct. 26 th , & Nov. 23 rd	1, 2, 3
2. Mid-term #1 & #2	20% each 40% total	Oct. 6 th & Nov. 8 th	1, 2, 3
3. Research participation	5%	TBA	3
4. Final exam	40%	Dec 16 th 7-9pm	1, 2, 3

Quizzes (15%)

The three quizzes are each 15 multiple-choice items and will close at 10:00 pm on each of the dates listed above.

Mid-term Examinations (40%)

The mid-term exams are multiple-choice and will take place during our regular class meeting time and location on Thursday October 6th and on Tuesday November 8th.

Final Examination (40%)

The final exam is multiple choice and cumulative. The final exam will take place on Friday December 16th from 7:00pm-9:00pm.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you do not have an exam conflict.

Research Participation or Alternate Assignment (5%)

You will be given the opportunity to participate in 5 hours of research (one hour per point) **OR** to complete up to 5 alternate assignments. See CourseLink for more details.

Course Resources

Required Texts:

The modules assigned have been selected from:

Krause, M., Corts, D., Smith, S. & Dolderman, D. (2015). An introduction to psychological science: Canadian Edition. Toronto: Pearson.

Recommended Text:

MyPsychlab (an on-line resource connected to the required text, which is provided for free with the purchase of a new textbook or available for purchase on its own)

MyPsychlab Course ID is: TBA

Your MyPsychLab leader is Breanna (Bre) Piccolotto: bpiccolo@mail.uoguelph.ca

You should feel free to contact her for help with MyPsychLab

Other Resources:

CourseLink: You will use [CourseLink](#) to obtain some of the materials for this course (e.g., quizzes, lecture slides, etc.).

Course Policies

Grading Policies

A grade of 0 will be assigned for non-completion of any assignment or examination when scheduled, except for documented medical or compassionate reasons. See university policy below for academic consideration because of illness or compassionate reasons.

Use of Electronic Devices and Recording of lectures

Electronic recording of classes is expressly forbidden without consent of the instructor. When recordings are permitted they are solely for the use of the authorized student and may not be reproduced, or transmitted to others, without the express written consent of the instructor.

University Policies

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the COORDINATOR: TBA in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

[Academic Consideration, Appeals and Petitions](#)

Academic Misconduct

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The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

[Academic Misconduct Policy](#)

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If you have accessibility concerns regarding any of the course assessment requirements, please contact me by e-mail or come see me during my office hours as soon as possible.

Course Evaluation Information

Please refer to the [Course and Instructor Evaluation Website](#).

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is November 4, 2016. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Academic Calendar:

[Current Undergraduate Calendar](#)