

PSYCHOLOGY 101

Section 02
Winter 2005

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Course Website: <http://www.arts.uwaterloo.ca/~cmacleod/psych101>
[to download lecture overheads: *user* = intropsy *password* = madeit]

Course e-mail: psy10102@watarts.uwaterloo.ca

Textbook: *Psychology: Myers in Modules (7th ed.)* by David G. Myers (Worth Publishers)
[cost = \$114.35 + \$8.00 (tax) = \$122.35; includes Study Guide and Reader]

Course Description & Objectives

Course Description:

This is a general survey course designed to provide you with an understanding of the basic concepts and techniques of modern psychology as a behavioural science. You will study the theories, principles, and methods of contemporary psychology with the goal of understanding how organisms—human and infrahuman—perceive their environments, how their behaviour is modified by experience, and how their activities are initiated, sustained, and directed. Topics will include: history and methods; the nervous system; lifespan development; sensing and perceiving; consciousness; learning; remembering; thinking, language, and intelligence; motivation; emotion; personality; psychological disorders; therapy; social behaviour.

Course Objectives:

1. to become familiar with the broad range of topics that make up the discipline of psychology;
2. to become familiar with the methods of investigation used in psychology, and the strengths and limitations of these methods;
3. to develop an understanding of the vocabulary and concepts of psychology that will allow you to study further in advanced courses or through independent reading;
4. to develop the ability to relate the findings of psychological research to your life and to important issues in our society and the world at large.

Course Requirements & Grading

Requirements:

1. *Exams:* You will have three multiple-choice tests in this course, with each covering one third of the course and being worth 32% of the final grade. These exams will cover material that is presented in the text and in lectures. In general, there will be no make-up exams but, in cases of (appropriately documented) severe illness or other extenuating circumstances, a make-up exam will be offered. *Everyone must take all three exams.* The first two exams will take place during class times (see the syllabus for dates); the third exam will take place during the final exams period (this date will be announced under "News" on the website as soon as it is available).

2. *Psychological experiments/studies you participate in/article reviews*: During the term, you will have opportunities to participate in studies that are being conducted by University of Waterloo researchers. Your participation is voluntary. To receive credit for participating in an experiment, you simply need to take part in the experiment. During the second week of this course, there will be a mass testing questionnaire done on the internet, which also counts for bonus credit. All of this is described much more thoroughly on the course website.

Please note that you do not have to participate in experiments/studies if you do not wish to. Alternatively (or in addition), you may write up short reviews of newspaper/magazine articles that are relevant to psychology. Articles that you review must be serious (e.g., a news report of a study that has genuine relevance to psychology) rather than frivolous. You must check with me or with a TA about the appropriateness of any article that you are thinking about summarizing.

You *must* do a total of 4 participations/reviews in any combination of mass testing questionnaire, experimental participations, and article reviews (e.g., 2 experiments + completing the mass testing questionnaire + 1 article review). Each experiment/review/mass testing questionnaire will be worth 1% of your grade for a total of 4%. In addition, you *may* participate in two additional experiments (or article reviews) for an additional 1% extra credit each. So theoretically, you could earn a mark of 102%. There will be no other ways to earn extra credit.

Grading:

Each exam will be worth 32% of your grade, and experimental participation/article summaries will be worth 4% of your grade, for a total of 100% (not counting the 2% bonus for extra experimental participation that you may choose to do, which would make a total of 102%).

Academic Offense

The following statement must be included in all course outlines at the University of Waterloo. It is *important*; please read it. You should also consult the Faculty of Arts web page on plagiarism [<http://watarts.uwaterloo.ca/~sager/plagiarism.html>], and you should feel free to talk to me or one of the TAs if you have any questions.

"All students registered in the courses of the Faculty of Arts are expected to know what constitutes an academic offense, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for their academic actions. When the commission of an offense is established, disciplinary penalties will be imposed in accord with Policy #71 (Student Academic Discipline). For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students are directed to consult the summary of Policy # 71 (Student Academic Discipline) which is supplied in the Undergraduate Calendar (p. 1:11). If you need help in learning how to avoid offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, and double submission, or if you need clarification of aspects of the discipline policy, ask your course instructor for guidance. Other resources regarding the discipline policy are your academic advisor and the Undergraduate Associate Dean."

Students with Disabilities

The Office for Persons with Disabilities (OPD), located in Needles Hall, Room 1132, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with the OPD at the beginning of each academic term.

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Winter 2005 Syllabus

WEEK	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	MODULES
Jan 4 & 6	Course Introduction History & Scope	Research Methods Neural Systems	1, 2, 3
Jan 11 & 13	The Brain Motivation & Hunger	Sensation & Perception Hearing	4, 33, 34, 11, 13
Jan 18 & 20	Vision The Other Senses	Perceptual Organization Perceptual Interpretation	12, 14, 15, 16
Jan 25 & 27	Classical Conditioning Operant Conditioning	Learning by Observation Hypnosis	20, 21, 22, 18
Feb 1 & 3	FIRST EXAM	Sleep & Dreaming Drugs & Consciousness	17, 19
Feb 8 & 10	Prenatal & Newborn Infancy & Childhood	Adolescence Adulthood	7, 8, 9, 10
Feb 15 & 17	Working Memory Encoding into Memory	Retrieval from Memory Forgetting & Amnesia	23, 24, 25, 26, 27
Feb 21-25	READING WEEK!!		
Mar 1 & 3	Thinking Language & Thought	Understanding Intelligence Measuring Intelligence	28, 29, 30, 31
Mar 8 & 10	SECOND EXAM	Industrial/Organizational	36
Mar 15 & 17	Understanding Emotion Experiencing Emotion Expressing Emotion	Social Thinking Social Influence Social Relations	37, 38, 53, 54, 55
Mar 22 & 24	Personality: Psychoanalytic Personality: Trait	Personality: Social-Cognitive Personality: The Self	41, 42, 43, 44
Mar 29 & 31	Anxiety Disorders Personality Disorders	Mood Disorders Schizophrenia	45, 46, 47, 48, 49
Apr 5	Psychological Therapies Biomedical Therapies	TERM OVER NO CLASS	50, 51, 52

Six text modules—5, 6, 32, 35, 39, and 40—will not be covered in class or on any exam. Each exam covers the preceding 4 weeks. The third exam will be during the final exam period.