

COURSE OUTLINE

Psychology 1000 – 003 & 006 Introductory Psychology September 2018 – April 2019

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Lectures

Section 3: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 09:30am - 10:20am in room 4C60

Section 6: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:30am - 12:20pm in room 4M31

Course Description. This course provides an introduction to the scientific analysis of behaviour and mental activity from the biological, social, and individual perspectives. Major topics include the brain and nervous system, the nature-nurture question, evolutionary theories of psychology, conditioning and learning, child and adolescent development, the history of mental illness, psychological disorders, therapeutic orientations, consciousness, memory, sensation, perception, intelligence, language, personality traits and disorders, motives and goals, attitudes, conformity, the psychology of groups, happiness, research designs, and statistical thinking. Students are expected to participate directly or indirectly in the Department's ongoing research program. This course is prerequisite for all other Psychology courses.

Prerequisites. None

Restrictions: Students may not hold credit for this course and PSYC-1001.

Required Materials

Textbook. The Noba textbook is free to view online or download as a pdf from <http://noba.to/74cg8mnw>. Students have the *option* of purchasing a paper copy for ~\$30 from <https://bit.ly/2BCqCmV>

Cerego. Cerego is a free, online learning platform that quizzes students on course materials to help them remember the content. It is free to students and available at <https://cerego.com/join/noba/isnq6qdl>

IClicker. In the Winter Term only IClicker Cloud software is required. Students will need to download the program/application onto a computer/tablet/smart phone from <https://www.iclicker.com/students> and purchase a subscription that lasts the full duration of the course. A 6-month subscription currently costs \$14.99 US (~\$20 Canadian). Students will need to bring their device (connected to the internet) to each lecture. UW's wireless Internet connection can sometimes be unreliable. Ideally, students should have a cellular data plan as a fallback.

Class Website

Fall Term. <https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/d21/login>

Winter Term. <http://jeremyfrimer.com/1000>

Evaluation

Fall Term

Test 1	15%
Test 2	15%
Test 3	15%
Cerego Assignments	5%

Winter Term

IClicker participation	9%
Test 4	12%
Test 5	12%
Test 6	12%
Cerego Assignments	5%

Tests assess students' knowledge of the course material, which includes everything covered in class, all assigned readings in the textbook, and all Cerego assignments since the previous test. That is, the tests are *not* cumulative. Tests will consist of multiple-choice questions only. The chapters covered in each test are specified in the Schedule (below). Students must bring their UW student ID card, pencils, and erasers to examinations. The instructor will not provide pencils. No additional equipment (such as notes, smart phones, tablets, or computers) is permitted in examinations.

Cerego Assignments. Cerego is an online learning platform that creates adaptive quizzes that help students remember the course materials. To succeed in the Cerego assignments students will need to take quizzes regularly and improve in their performance. Each chapter of the course has a memory goal (set at 1.5). Students will be graded based on their progress toward that goal before the deadline for that chapter. For example, students who reach a memory level of 1.2 will receive a score of 80% for that chapter, and so on. Chapters will become active the day after the prior test and remain active until the day before the test that examines that chapter.

IClicker. During the Winter Term only, students earn credit through IClicker, a response system that allows students to express their views without having to speak publicly. IClicker will be a regular part of lecture activities, with credit being determined by whether or not students click, and not whether students get the correct answer. In each lecture, only those students who respond to >75% of the questions will receive a participation credit for that lecture. All other students will not receive a credit.

Exam Weighting Points. During the Winter Term only, students can earn "Exam Weighting Points" (EWPs) in class. EWPs do not earn course credit directly. Rather, EWPs change the *weighting* of the three text grades during the winter term in a way that *always* favors the student. In this way, EWPs are like an insurance policy against the possibility of a low score on a test. Here's how it works. Every 1000 EWPs that a student earns will cause the student's highest test score (on tests 4, 5, and 6) to be weighted 1% more and the other two exams to be weighted 0.5% less each. If, for example, a student earns 10,000 EWPs, the exam with the highest score will be worth 22% of the total grade, with the lower two scores being worth 7% each. Students can earn EWPs via IClicker only.

Letter Grade Cut-Offs

These cut-offs are tentative until approved by the Psychology Department and the UW Senate. If need be, these cut-offs can be adjusted by the Instructor, the departmental DRC, or Senate.

Letter	Minimum %
A+	90%
A	85%
A-	80%
B+	76%
B	68%
C+	64%
C	55%
D	50%
F	0%

Schedule

Sept. 5	First Lecture in Fall Term
Oct. 1	TEST 1 (Chapters 1-4)
Oct. 8-12	No Lectures (Reading Week)
Nov. 5	TEST 2 (Chapters 5-8)
Dec. 3	Last Lecture in Fall Term
Dec. 8*, 9am	TEST 3 (Chapters 9-12)
Jan. 7	First Lecture in Winter Term
Feb. 11	TEST 4 (Chapters 13-17)
Feb. 15**	Voluntary withdrawal (VW) date.
Feb. 18-22	No Lectures (Reading Week)
Mar. 11	TEST 5 (Chapters 18-20)
Apr. 5	Last Lecture in Winter Term
Apr. 13*, 9am	TEST 6 (Chapters 21-24)

* date may change

** withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.

*** No make-up classes scheduled.

Holidays

Sep. 3, 2018	Labour Day
Oct. 8, 2018	Thanksgiving
Nov. 11, 2018	Remembrance Day
Dec. 22, 2018-Jan. 2, 2019	December break
Feb. 18, 2019	Louis Riel Day
April 19, 2019	Good Friday

Policies

- **Students' Questions.** The instructor encourages questions before, during, or after lectures, or during office visits. Email is also an acceptable means of asking questions only if the query can be answered in a few sentences. If questions require a longer response, the professor may encourage an office visit. **Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their uwinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the university and/or their course instructors.**
- **Religious Holidays.** Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf> .
- **Missed Tests.** The instructor may grant concessions to students who have conflicting responsibilities (e.g., religious holidays, competitive sports) or unforeseen events (e.g., physical or emotional illness). If these circumstances befall you, please notify the instructor by email as soon as possible. If the instructor grants a concession, he and the student will negotiate a reasonable due date extension. If the student provides acceptable documentation from an appropriate authority within 7 days of the due date, the instructor will approve the

request. Otherwise, approval is at the instructor's discretion. If a student fails to complete an assignment on time, does not receive approval for a deferred test, or does not attend a deferred test, the student will receive a 0 for that assignment. Students should use "introductory psychology missed test" in the subject of e-mails so that spam filters allow the email through.

- **Examination Materials.** Students may not use books, calculators, electronic devices (including smart phones) or any other aids tests, except their UW student card, pens, pencils, and erasers. Drinking containers are also permitted. Students need to bring pens, pencils and erasers to examinations. The instructor will not provide pencils or erasers to students. Students must have their UW student card available during exams for identification.
 - **Subject Pool Requirement.** All students are required to fulfill the subject pool requirement (see subject pool document on NEXUS). Failure to do so will result in a grade reduction (e.g., from an A- to a B+). At the start of term, students should receive an email from _____ about how to register for a SONA account. The SONA website lists credit opportunities and tracks subject pool credits. Students who do not receive an e-mail with a user ID by the end of September should contact k.barkhouse@uwinnipeg.ca.
 - **Lecture Cancellation.** When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, instructors will make every effort to inform you via uwinnipeg email, as well as the departmental assistant and Chair/Dean so that class cancellation forms can be posted outside classrooms. Class make-up days are scheduled at the end of term for courses that conflict with holidays.
 - **Misconduct and Appeals.** Students should be familiar with the Regulations and Policies section of the Course Calendar dealing with academic regulations and policies, including Senate appeals and academic misconduct (e.g. plagiarism, cheating) <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>.
 - **Avoiding Academic Misconduct.** Uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) involves "aiding and abetting" plagiarism. Students who do this can be charged with Academic Misconduct.
 - **Avoiding Copyright Violation.** Course materials are owned by the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor /presenter before photographing or recording slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board.
 - **Respect.** All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect
 - **Disabilities.** Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>
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