

PSYCHOLOGY 1000: INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY

Section 009

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30am – 9:45am, Room 3L08

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Course Description

Introductory Psychology is a full-year course providing a basic overview of the different areas of psychology. Psychology is a very complex field involving the study of behaviour from a biological, cognitive, and social perspective. This course will involve lectures related to the scientific method, the brain and behaviour, sleep, perception, memory, emotion, social interactions, human development, personality, and conditions such as depression and schizophrenia.

Required Items

Textbook: Krause, M., Corts, D., Smith, S., & Dolderman, D (2015). *An Introduction to Psychological Science (2nd Canadian edition)*. Toronto: Pearson.

Option 2: You can arrange on-line access to the E-text with embedded quizzes. This “REVEL version” of the textbook is on-line only, but you are able to order a \$15.00 loose leaf print copy inside REVEL delivered to your door:

Follow the invitation link:

<https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/15zstep>

Course Webpage and Email

The lecture notes, syllabus, and grades can all be found on the course’s Nexus webpage. If you are registered for this course, you should be able to access this webpage. It is possible to send messages to your professor using Nexus, however you should email your instructor at his or her Uwinipeg email address if you want a faster reply. **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.**

If you wish to use email to contact your professor, please use your assigned University of Winnipeg email address (e.g., Name@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca). If you use a different email address (e.g., hotmail), it is possible that your message will be quarantined by the university's aggressive spam filter and will not be received by the professor.

Grade Components

Six (6) exams – these exams will all have equal weighting (i.e., final grades will consist of the average of the six exams). Exams are NOT cumulative. Tests will assess BOTH material from the textbook and material from lectures. Please bring your student ID card with you to the exam.

Subject Pool Requirement

All students are expected to fulfill the subject-pool requirement by completing six credits worth of psychology experiments. Failure to complete all 6 credits will result in your final grade being dropped one letter grade (e.g., from an A- to a B+). Please see attached sheets at the end of this course outline for more subject-pool information.

Grades

Please note carefully that the cutoffs provided below are tentative guidelines that the course instructor will follow, but unofficial grades based on these tentative guidelines below do not necessarily correspond to the official final grades awarded by the University administration. The Department of Psychology, the University of Winnipeg Senate, and the Registrar retain the right to modify grading cutoffs in cases involving unreasonably lenient (or difficult) exams, exceptionally skewed grade distributions, and other unusual circumstances. In most cases official final grades correspond quite closely to the unofficial grades based on the cutoffs provided below. Please be advised that this is not always, or necessarily, the case, however. The following should therefore be interpreted as unofficial cutoffs, not absolutely final official grading cutoffs for this course.

A+ 94 – 100% (discretionary: usually only 1 - 4 people per course section)

A 87 – 93.5%

A- 80 – 86.5%

B+ 75 – 79.5%

B 70 – 74.5%

C+ 65 – 69.5%

C 60 – 64.5%

D 50 – 59.5%

F 0 – 49.5%

Example Final Grade Calculations

Jessica received the following scores on her six exams: 80, 70, 65, 85, 75, and 80. She also completed all of her psychology experiment credits. Her final grade would be: 75.8%, or a grade of B+.

Bubba received the following scores on his six exams: 65, 73, 81, 59, 70, and 75; but, he did not complete the psychology experiment requirements. His final grade would be: 70.5%, a grade of B.

However, because he did not complete the subject-pool requirements, this grade would be reduced to a C+.

Tentative Exam Dates and Readings

A more detailed, tentative list of lecture topics will be provided separately. The six exams are **tentatively** scheduled for the dates listed below, although the professor reserves the right to change the exam dates if necessary. There are no make-up classes scheduled. You will be responsible for materials covered in the lectures, as well as for material from the textbook listed below (each chapter of the textbook is divided up into a number of modules):

EXAM 1: Thurs., Oct. 2 – Chapters 1-3

EXAM 2: Tues., Nov. 1 – Chapter 4-5

EXAM 3: Thurs., TBA – Chapters 6-8 (excluding Module 8.1)

EXAM 4: TBA

EXAM 5: TBA

EXAM 6: TBA

The location and timing of Exams 3 and 6 will be available in the exam schedule on the university website and will be announced in class and on Nexus during the semester.

The professors reserve the right to omit some of the topics listed if necessary.

Calculators, dictionaries, and other hand-held devices cannot be used during exams without the consent of the professor.

****Make-up tests or extra assignments are not given on the basis of a “less than expected” grade.****

Other Important Dates

Sept. 3 – Labour Day (No classes)

Sept. 4 – Lectures begin for this course

Oct. 8 – Thanksgiving (No classes)

Oct.7-13 – Fall Semester Reading Week (no classes)

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (university closed)

Nov. 29 – Last lecture of the Fall semester

Dec. 22-Jan. 1 – University closed

Jan. 7 – Lectures begin for the Winter semester for this course

Feb. 15 – Final day to withdraw from courses without penalty*

*VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund

Feb. 18 – Louis Riel Day (University closed)

Feb.17-23 – Winter Semester Reading Week (no classes)

Apr. 5 – Lectures end for winter term

Policies

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- **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.
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- **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
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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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Scent-Free Classrooms

We ask that you please be respectful of the needs of classmates and instructors/professors by avoiding the use of unnecessary scented products while attending lectures. Exposure to scented products can trigger serious health reactions in persons with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities. Please consider using unscented products and avoiding unnecessary products that are scented (e.g. perfume).

Respectful Workplace Information

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PLEASE SEE THE RESEARCH REQUIREMENT .PDF FILE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PSYCHOLOGY 1000 RESEARCH REQUIREMENT.