

YORK UNIVERSITY  
Faculty of Health, Department of Psychology

**Course:** HH/SC PSYC 1010 6.0 H Introduction to Psychology  
**Time:** Lecture Friday 14:30 - 17:30

**Term:** Fall 2011 Winter 2012  
**Location:** CLH - I

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to introduce students to the study of human behaviour from a psychological perspective. Included in the topics covered will be the following: the science of behaviour, biological foundations of behaviour, sensation and perception, learning and adaptation, memory, language, intelligence, motivation and emotion, development over the lifespan, personality, psychological disorders and treatment, stress health and coping, and social behaviour.

**Course Learning Objectives:** The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the field of psychology. In addition it is hoped that students will develop appropriate study habits and critical thinking skills. Participation in the Undergraduate Research Participant Pool (URPP) will expose students to ongoing psychological studies at York University.

**Pre-requisite or co-requisite:** None

**Course Credit Exclusion:** AK/PSYC 2410 6.0 or GL/PSYC 2510 6.0

**Note:** This course is required for all students who intend to pursue additional courses in Psychology at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels. Students must pass the course with a minimum grade of C (4.0) in order to pursue further studies in Psychology.

**Text:** Passer, M., Smith, R., Atkinson, M., Mitchell, J. and Muir, D. *Psychology: Frontiers and Applications*. 2011 (4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Edition) McGraw-Hill and Ryerson: Toronto, Canada

**Website:** Make sure that you sign up for a moodle account as soon as possible. Online go to [moodle.yorku.ca](http://moodle.yorku.ca) and follow the instructions, you need to logon using your *yorku id* and *password*, once registered with moodle you can then find all moodle websites associated with the courses you are registered in.

**Evaluation:** There are three parts to how your grade is generated:

- (1) Four tests non-cumulative term tests (multiple choice questions). These tests sum to 84% of your grade.
- (2) There are four assignments that are done over the year worth 12% in total (project information and due dates will be posted on moodle).
- (3) The last 4% is earned through research participation in URPP (see below).

**Missed Test:** You must notify me **within 24 hours** of the test date explaining why you missed a test by email ([hjenkin@yorku.ca](mailto:hjenkin@yorku.ca)). **Documentation for a missed test due to illness:** York University Attending Physician's Statement form must be completed by your healthcare provider (available on the course moodle)

site). This is the ONLY form of medical documentation acceptable in this course. A “doctor’s note” is NOT sufficient. You may be allowed to take a makeup evaluation to replace the zero mark if you have a *documented* reason for missing the test. Only **one** missed test can be replaced by this make up, any other missed tests will stand at the value of zero. This make up will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**URPP:** Students in this course have an opportunity to earn up to 4% of their final grade by participating in research as part of the Undergraduate Research Participant Pool (URPP). For information on this, see <http://www.psych.yorku.ca/urpp/> If you do not wish to participate in research then you must opt to do the paper stream in October (details on moodle).

### IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage (see Policies, Procedures and Regulations; Major Documents and Publications) - [http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate\\_cte\\_main\\_pages/ccas.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate_cte_main_pages/ccas.htm)

- ☐ Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
- ☐ Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
- ☐ Student Conduct Standards
- ☐ Religious Observance Accommodation

Information on cheating and Plagiarism is available

- At a comprehensive website on Academic Integrity for students  
<http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm>
- In the Psychology Supplemental Calendar
- At the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty website  
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69>

Part 1	Science of Behaviour; Studying Behaviour; Biological Foundations of Behaviour; Genes, Evolution and Behaviour; Sensation
Readings	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (up to pg 170)
TEST 1	October 21st 2011 worth 22%
Part 2	Perception; States of Consciousness; Learning; Memory; Language and Thinking
Readings	Chapters 5 (from pg 170), 6, 7, 8 and 9
TEST 2	TBA in the Fall exam period worth 22%
Part 3	Intelligence; Motivation and Emotion; Development over the Lifespan; Behaviour in a social context
Readings	Chapters 10, 11, 12 and 13
TEST 3	February 10th 2012 worth 20%
Part 4	Personality; Stress, Health & Coping; Psychological Disorders; Treatment of Psychological Disorders
Readings	14, 15, 16 and 17
TEST 4	March 23rd 2012 worth 20%

### Important dates

September 7th	First day of classes
September 20th	Last date to add a course without permission of instructor
October 14th	No class Fall Co-curricular Week
October 25th	Last date to add a course with permission of instructor
February 10th	Last date to drop courses without receiving a grade
February 24th	No class Winter Reading Week
March 30th	ONE missed term test with documentation can be replaced by completing this makeup.
April 2nd	Last day of classes