

YORK UNIVERSITY
Faculty of Health, Department of Psychology

Course: HH/SC PSYC 1010 6.0 M Introduction to Psychology
Time and Location: Lecture Tuesday and Thursday 16:00 - 19:00

Term: Winter 2012
LAS B

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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 (4th Canadian Edition) McGraw-Hill and Ryerson: Toronto, Canada. This is available as an eBook as well as a hardcover book and both come with online support Connect.

Website: Make sure that you sign up for a moodle account as soon as possible. Online go to 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 in-class tests non-cumulative term tests (multiple choice and short answer questions). These tests sum to 94% of your grade.
2. Completion of the Academic Integrity Tutorial and submission of evidence of a perfect score (10/10). Due date is on or before the February 9th class. Submission will be online through moodle (worth 2%)
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). **Documentation for a missed test due to illness:** A 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 29th.

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 want to participate in research there is an alternate Paper Stream you must opt for (see moodle for details)

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

- 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 and Perception
Readings	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
TEST 1	Tuesday January 24th 2012 worth 25%
Part 2	States of Consciousness; Learning; Memory; Language and Thinking; Intelligence
Readings	Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
TEST 2	Tuesday February 14th 2012 worth 25%
Part 3	Motivation and Emotion; Development over the Lifespan; Behaviour in a social context; Stress, Health & Coping;
Readings	Chapters 11, 12, 13 and 15
TEST 3	Tuesday March 13th 2012 worth 25%
Part 4	Personality; Psychological Disorders; Treatment of Psychological Disorders
Readings	14, 16 and 17
TEST 4	Tuesday March 27th 2012 worth 19%

Important dates

January 3 rd .	First day of classes
January 16 th .	Last date to add a course without permission of instructor
January 30 th .	Last date to add a course with permission of instructor
February 9 th .	Academic Honesty Assignment due
February 21 st , 23 rd .	No class Winter Reading Week
March 9 th .	Last date to drop courses without receiving a grade
April 2 nd .	Last day of classes