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# PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology I

Fall 2023

**Course Credits:** 4

**Contact Hours:** 55 hours

**Instructor:** TBA

**Email:** TBA

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course provides an introduction to the world of psychology: the science of behavior and mind. Students will explore the main concepts and theories of psychology, including perception, cognition, language, learning, motivation, emotion, individual differences, and social psychology. Students will also apply the theoretical concepts to real world.

Upon Completion of this Course, students will be able to:

1. Define what is psychology from a scientific perspective
2. Explain the key concepts, theories and methods in psychology
3. Explain psychological processes including perception, cognition, learning and so on
4. Apply scientific research methods, hypothesis and assumptions to cases in real life
5. Understand the basic concepts and theories of psychology
6. Apply psychological concepts and theories to explain some human behavior.

## PREREQUISITES

N/A

## GRADING

Grades will be determined by accumulating points, with 100 points being the maximum, as follows:

**ITEM**

**POINTS**



Quizzes	20 Points
Midterm 1	20 Points
Midterm 2	20 Points
Final Exam	40 Points
Total	100 Points

Late submissions will be graded at the end of the course. Grades will be assigned according to the following rule:

$A \geq 90 > B \geq 80 > C \geq 70 > D \geq 60 > F$ .

We reserve the right to make adjustments to the overall grading policy.

### COURSE MATERIALS

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**Required Texts:**

*Mastering the World of Psychology*, by Samuel E. wood, Ellen Green Wood, Denise Boyd, 5 th Edition.

**Recommended (Optional) Texts or Other Materials:**

None

### COURSE TOPICS

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MODULE	TASKS
Module 1	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 1: Thinking about Theories and Research Topic 2: Descriptive Research Methods Topic 3: The Human Nervous System Topic 4: A Closer Look at the Thinking Part of the Brain <b>Assessments:</b> Quiz#1
Module 2	<b>Topics:</b> Topic 5: Age, Gender, and the Brain Topic 6: Beyond the Nervous System Topic 7: The Process of Sensation Topic 8: Vision <b>Assessments:</b> Quiz#2



Module 3	<p><b>Topics:</b>          Topic 9: Hearing and Balance          Topic 10: Smell, Taste, and Touch          Topic 11: Influences on Perception          Topic 12: Unusual Perceptual Experience</p> <p><b>Assessments:</b>          Midterm#1</p>
Module 4	<p><b>Topics:</b>          Topic 13: What is Consciousness          Topic 14: Dreams          Topic 15: Meditation and Hypnosis          Topic 16: Classical Conditioning</p> <p><b>Assessments:</b>          Midterm#2</p>
Module 5	<p><b>Topics:</b>          Topic 17: Operant Conditioning          Topic 18: The structure of Human Memory          Topic 19: Biology and Memory          Topic 20: Cognition, Language, and Intelligence</p> <p><b>Assessments:</b>          Final Exam</p>

## ATTENDANCE

1) Class attendance is required. Missing classes without permission will lead to decrease in overall grade.

Missing less than two classes: no penalty.

Missing more than two classes: 7% will be taken off from the overall grade.

If the instructor reports a student's frequent missing of class to the Soochow University Academic Administration Office, the student might get a written warning and might be prohibited from attending final exam.

2) Participants in this course are expected to arrive in class promptly and adequately prepared. The primary objective of this course is to critically engage with the readings and the subject matter. Therefore, course participants are expected to have completed the reading prior to class and prepare thoughtful reflections/commentaries to share with fellow colleagues.

## LEARNING REQUIREMENTS



- 1) Late assignments are not acceptable and are subjected to grade deductions.
- 2) Assignments submitted in the wrong format will be counted as not submitted.
- 3) Failure to submit or fulfill any required course component results in failure of the class.
- 4) Make-up for midterm and final exams only with valid excuses, as defined by the University.
- 5) In order to earn a Certificate of Completion, participants must thoughtfully complete all assignments by stated deadlines and earn an average quiz score of 50% or greater.

### **TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

The use of electronic devices in class is distracting, both for the user and for the rest of the class. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use cell phones and other electronic communication devices will be seemed as cheating. Laptops are discouraged, unless you use them for activities DIRECTLY related to the course (eg., note taking, reading course documents).

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

Soochow University highly values the academic integrity and aims to promote the academic fairness, honesty and responsibility. Any academic dishonesty behaviors and any attempts to cheats and plagiarism will be reported to the university administration office. A written warning and the relevant penalties will be imposed. The record might be shown on the official university transcript.

### **DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION**

Soochow University is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities at Soochow University. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for access to and/or participation in this course are welcome.

Note:

Please contact the University Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents



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professors from seeing you have learned the course material.