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## School of Education

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology Part A

Winter 2020

### Course information

**Course Credits:** 4

**Contact Hours:** 54 hours

**Class Time:** 8:30 - 10:20

**Classroom:** P315

**Instructor:** TBA

### Course Description

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.

### Prerequisite (s)

N/A



## Learning Objectives

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.

## Methodology

Methodology	Hours	Hours of work Face-to-face	Hours of work Non Face-to-face
Lectures	40	78 hours (60%)	
Practice teaching	8		
Assessment	30		
Personal study	30		68 hours (40%)
Tasks	22		
Practical teaching preparation	10		
Bibliographic search	6		
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>

## Textbook (s)

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



## Tasks and Evaluation

Participation	10%
2 Essays	30%
Midterm Test	25%
Final Exam	35%

According to the Soochow University Classroom Attendance Policy, class attendance is required. Students who miss the class for more than 2 times will get a penalty as 15% deduction from the cumulative 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.

Assignments and quizzes are based on the course contents and questions discussed in class. Assignments should be completed in a T-account format. Every quiz is around 20-minute long. All quizzes must be completed before the due day. There will not be make-up quizzes.

Tentatively, midterm test will cover lec 1-10. The final exam will be in the last class. Every test is around 2-hour long. Note that there will be NO make-up tests and exams. Only non-programmable calculators can be used in the tests and exam. Any attempts to use electronic devices like cellphone, iPad, iWatch, laptops, etc. will be seemed as cheating.



## Rating system:

### 1. Assessment

ASSESSMENT ITEM	PERCENT OF FINAL GRADE
Participation	10%
2 Essays	30% (15% per essay)
Midterm	25%
Final exam	35%

### 2. Grading Scale

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

## Course Content

Week	Lesson	Content
1	1	Course Introduction Introduction to Psychology
	2	Thinking about Theories and Research
	3	Descriptive Research Methods
	4	The Human Nervous System
	5	A Closer Look at the Thinking Part of the Brain



2	6	Age, Gender, and the Brain
	7	Beyond the Nervous System
	8	The Process of Sensation
	9	Vision
	10	Hearing and Balance
3	11	<b>Midterm Test</b> <b>Essay 1 due</b>
	12	Smell, Taste, and Touch
	13	Influences on Perception
	14	Principles of Perception
	15	Unusual Perceptual Experiences
4	16	What is Consciousness
	17	Dreams
	18	Meditation and Hypnosis
	19	Classical Conditioning
	20	Operant Conditioning <b>Essay 2 due</b>
5	21	The structure of Human Memory
	22	Biology and Memory
	23	Cognition, Language, and Intelligence
	24	Final Exam Reviews
	25	<b>Final Exam</b>



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## University Regulations and Services

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.

Soochow University also highly respects students' accommodation for disabilities and religions. You might contact the Student Accessibility Office if you have any questions, concerns or if you would like to report any offensive behaviors.

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 professors from seeing you have learned the course material.