



Beijing Jiaotong University

2020 Summer Session

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

Course Outline

Term: June 29-July 24, 2020

Class Hours: 12:00-13:50 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: PSY 101

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 52 class hours, including 32 lecture hours, 8 professor office hours, 8 TA discussion session hours, and 4 review session hours.

Course Description:

Introduction to Psychology will provide students with an overview of the current trends and body of knowledge in Psychology, including basics of the cognitive, developmental, personality, social, and clinical fields.

Course Objectives:

The overarching course goal is to allow students to reach a comprehensive understanding of the issues and methods in Psychology, in order to decide whether to pursue studies in the field. In the process of reaching this goal, our objectives are that each student will:

- Become familiar with current scientific theories and research in the major topic areas of Psychology;
- Discover the personal relevance of course material in their everyday and professional lives, in order to make fully-informed decisions;



- Develop the skills necessary to evaluate and think critically about information concerning psychological phenomena obtained from research, the general public, and the media;
- Be well prepared for advanced courses in Psychology.

Required Textbooks:

Hockenbury, S, E., Nolan, S., & Hockenbury, P. (2016). *Discovering Psychology* (7th Edition). Pacific Grove, CA: Worth. Or equivalence.

Grading & Evaluation:

Grades will be distributed as 90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D; and below 60% = F.

- In-class pop quizzes (10%) – will be multiple choice questions given regularly in the beginning of class to cover materials recently studied.
- First exam (25%) – will be 50 multiple choice questions given in the beginning of week 2 to cover all materials previously studied.
- Midterm exam (25%) – will be 50 multiple choice questions given in the beginning of week 3 to cover all materials previously studied.
- Final exam (40%) – will be 80 multiple choice questions given in the end of week 4 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Week1

Session 1: Overview of Psychology

Session 2: Biological Bases of Psychology

Session 3: Sensation and Perception

Session 4: Consciousness

Session 5: TA Review

Week2

Session 1: First Exam and Recap

Session 2: Learning



Session 3: Memory and Cognition

Session 4: Motivation

Session 5: TA Review

Week3

Session 1: Midterm Exam and Recap

Session 2: Emotion

Session 3: Development

Session 4: Personality

Session 5: TA Review

Week4

Session 1: Social Psychology I

Session 2: Social Psychology II

Session 3: Psychological Disorders

Session 4: TA Review

Session 5: Final Exam