

PSYCH 1A Course Outline as of Fall 2014**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: PSYCH 1A Title: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Full Title: General Psychology

Last Reviewed: 10/28/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	3	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

Scientific study of human behavior; emotions, thinking, heredity, environment, learning, intelligence, and human diversity.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit: CSU;UC.

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 2025	
	L4	Social and Behavioral Sciences		
CSU GE:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	D	Social and Behavioral Sciences	Fall 1981	Fall 2025
	D	Social Science	Fall 2010	
	D9	Psychology		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1991	Fall 2010
	D1	Anthropology and Archeology		
	D4	Gender Studies		
	D9	Psychology		
	D	Social Science	Fall 1981	Fall 1991
D1	Anthropology and Archeology			
D4	Gender Studies			

IGETC:	Transfer Area		Effective:	Inactive:
	4	Social and Behavioral Science	Fall 1981	
	4I	Psychology		

CSU Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

UC Transfer: Transferable Effective: Fall 1981 Inactive:

CID:

CID Descriptor: PSY 110 Introductory Psychology
SRJC Equivalent Course(s): PSYCC1000

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Use major psychological theoretical perspectives to explain human behavior.
2. Identify the major scientific research methods, and use the critical thinking process to assess research materials and methods.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will able to:

1. Define psychology; outline its historical roots; identify what psychologists do; and apply the critical thinking process to psychological phenomena and research outcomes.
2. Describe and apply with examples the various psychological research methods used to study behavior; include description of case studies, naturalistic and laboratory observations, correlational studies, surveys and tests, the experimental method, and longitudinal and cross-sectional studies.
3. Diagram the structure of the brain and its neuron cells; include descriptions of hemispheric specialization, location of important structures and their functions, and male/female differences.
4. Discriminate among the following body rhythms and mental states: circadian rhythm and the

sleep cycle, infradian rhythm and the premenstrual cycle, and ultradian rhythm and the stages of dream.

5. Analyze the processes of sensation and perception and relate how abilities, beliefs, and emotions can affect sensory perception.
6. Summarize the principles of classical conditioning, operant conditioning, and social-cognitive learning and apply these principles when explaining the origins of phobias, fetishes, and aggression.
7. Determine how societal roles and rules, authority figures, and group opinions and behaviors affect an individual's opinions, actions, and emotions; generate a plan on how to decrease stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination.
8. Distinguish among the different theories of intelligence, including Sternberg's Triarchic Theory of Intelligence and Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligence.
9. Discuss how the body, the mind, and culture influence the experience and display of emotions; assess the components of stress and describe how to cope and manage stressful events.
10. Compare and contrast the following theories of personalities: biological (genes and heredity), environmental (parents, peers, situations), cultural (values and traits), psychodynamic (unconscious conflicts and desires), and humanistic (present inner self).
11. Analyze and describe the following categories of psychological disorder: anxiety disorders, mood disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders, dissociative disorders and schizophrenia.
12. Apply the following treatment strategies and therapeutic styles to their appropriate psychological disorders: lobotomy, ECT, antianxiety, antidepressant, antipsychotic, psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioral, behavioral, humanistic, group, and family.

Topics and Scope:

1. Introduction to Psychological Theories
2. Psychology Research Methods
3. Evolution, Genes, and Behavior
4. Neurons, Hormones, and the Brain
5. Body Rhythms and Mental States
6. Sensation and Perception
7. Learning and Conditioning
8. Behavior in Social and Cultural Context
9. Thinking and Intelligence
10. Memory
11. Emotion
12. Motivation
13. Theories of Personality
14. Development over the Life Span
15. Health, Stress, and Coping
16. Psychological Disorders

Assignment:

1. Carefully read, approximately 25-35 pages per week, and recapitulate assigned materials in the textbook and supplements.
2. Take two midterm exams and one final on lectures, reading concepts and terminology.
3. Write approximately 1000 to 1500 word essay(s), or term/research papers for the purpose of learning research skills, enhancing course knowledge, and improving critical thinking and writing skills.
4. Oral presentations and group projects may be assigned.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Research paper

Writing
10 - 25%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving
0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Multiple choice, true/false, essay exams, fill-in, short answer

Exams
75 - 90%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Oral presentations, group projects

Other Category
0 - 10%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Understanding Psychology, 11th edition. Feldman, Robert S., McGraw-Hill: 2010

Discovering Psychology, Hockenbury, 5th edition. Don H.; Hockenbury, Sandra E. Worth: 2011

The Science of Psychology, King, 2nd edition. Laura A., McGraw-Hill: 2011

Psychology, 10th edition. Myers, David G., Worth: 2013

Introduction to Psychology, 10th edition. Plotnik, Rod; Kouyoudjian, H., Wadsworth/Thomson: 2011

Psychology - Concepts and Connections, Ratus, 10th edition. Spencer A., Cengage Learning: 2011

Invitation to Psychology, 5th edition. Wade, Carole; Tavris, Carol, Pearson: 2012

Mastering the World of Psychology, 5th edition. Wood, Samuel E.; Wood, Ellen Green; Boyd, Denise, Pearson: 2014