



Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2020

School: MA in Behavioral Economics

Introduction to Psychology

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
25059	Lecture	4	2

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Exam	12092001	English



Course Description

This class will provide a broad overview of the field of psychology for MA students in behavioral economics with little background in psychology. In this class we will place emphasis on psychology as a scientific discipline. Over the semester we will learn about the different subfields of psychology and about the current questions and debates that are concerning psychologists today. We will also discuss the different ways to apply psychological knowledge outside of the lab.



Course Goals

- Provide a broad basis of knowledge in the various fields of psychology

- Appreciate the variety of ways psychological data are gathered and evaluated.
 - Gain insight into human behavior and into one's own personality or personal relationships.
 - Explore the ways that psychological theories are used to describe, understand, predict, and control or modify behavior.
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Grading

The grade will be based on a final examination. The exam will include two sections. In the first section you will be required to choose one of two short essay questions (40% of the grade). In the second section you will be required to choose one of two long essay questions (60% of the grade).

Lecturer Office Hours

By Appointment

Tutor Office Hours

By appointment

Reading List

Tentative Schedule

(subject to change during the semester)

Lecture #	Topic	Reading
1	Introduction	
2	Research Methods	Chapter 1
3	Brain & Behavior	Chapter 2
4	More Brain & Behavior	
5	Evolution & Environment	Chapter 4

6	Evolution & Environment II	
7	Human Development -- Infancy	Chapter 5
8	Human Development -- Aging	
9	Sensation & Perception	Chapter 6
10	Consciousness	Chapter 3
11	Consciousness II	
12	Learning	Chapter 7
13	Learning II	
14	Memory	Chapter 8
15	Memory II	
16	Personality	Chapter 13
17	Personality II	
18	Social psychology	Chapter 16
19	Social psychology II	
20	Emotion	Chapter 12
21	Emotion II	
22	Psychopathology	Chapter 14
23	Psychotherapy	Chapter 15
24	Stress and health	Chapter 12
25	Psychology in the 21st Century	
26	Q & A before final exam	