



Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2023

School: Baruch Ivcher School of Psychology

Introduction To Psychology

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Course No.:	Course Type :	Weekly Hours :	Credit:
8000	Lecture	2	5

Course Requirements :	Group Code :	Language:
Final Exam	231800010	English



Course Description

This class will provide a broad overview of the field of psychology and 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

- Define the term psychology and demonstrate command of the basic vocabulary of the discipline.
 - Describe the major areas in the field, and identify the parameters of this discipline.
 - Distinguish between the major perspectives (e.g., behavioral, psychoanalytic, cognitive, physiological, social) on human thought and behavior.
 - 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 in this course will be based on a final examination, and on short assignments that you will receive in recitation.

Course grade will be based on:

65% - Final exam

24% - assignments

10% quizzes

1% bonus as a gift from us

The final exam will consist of 25 multiple-choice questions, and 5 open ended short questions. The exam will be based on materials from the lectures, from recitation, and from the assigned chapters from the textbook.

Recitation assignments:

The full description of each assignment will be posted on the course website. Class assignments will be e-mailed to your TA no later than 9:00 pm on the date the assignment is due. You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you submit your assignment. If you have a justified reason for turning in your assignment late, you must contact your TA at least three days before the deadline. We will not accept late assignments.

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	