Course: HH/PSYC 1010 6.0 M Introduction to Psychology  
Term: Winter 2012

Time and Location: Lecture Tuesday and Thursday 16:00 - 19:00  
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Course Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the study of human behaviour from a psychological perspective. Included in the topics covered will be the following: the science of behaviour, biological foundations of behaviour, sensation and perception, learning and adaptation, memory, language, intelligence, motivation and emotion, development over the lifespan, personality, psychological disorders and treatment, stress health and coping, and social behaviour.

Course Learning Objectives: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the field of psychology. In addition it is hoped that students will develop appropriate study habits and critical thinking skills. Participation in the Undergraduate Research Participant Pool (URPP) will expose students to ongoing psychological studies at York University.

Pre-requisite or co-requisite: None
Course Credit Exclusion: AK/PSYC 2410 6.0 or GL/PSYC 2510 6.0

Note: This course is required for all students who intend to pursue additional courses in Psychology at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels. Students must pass the course with a minimum grade of C (4.0) in order to pursue further studies in Psychology.


Website: Make sure that you sign up for a moodle account as soon as possible. Online go to moodle.yorku.ca and follow the instructions, you need to logon using your *yorku id and password*, once registered with moodle you can then find all moodle websites associated with the courses you are registered in.

Evaluation: There are three parts to how your grade is generated:
1. Four in-class tests non-cumulative term tests (multiple choice and short answer questions). These tests sum to 94% of your grade.
2. Completion of the Academic Integrity Tutorial and submission of evidence of a perfect score (10/10). Due date is on or before the February 9th class. Submission will be online through moodle (worth 2%)
3. The last 4% is earned through research participation in URPP (see below).

Missed Test: You must notify me within 24 hours of the test date explaining why you missed a test by email (hjenkin@yorku.ca). Documentation for a missed test due to illness: A York University Attending Physician’s Statement form must be completed by your healthcare provider (available on the course moodle site). This is the ONLY form of medical documentation acceptable in this course. A “doctor’s note” is NOT sufficient. You may be allowed to take a makeup evaluation to replace the zero mark if you have a documented reason for missing the test. Only one missed test can be replaced by this make up, any other missed tests will stand at the value of zero. This make up will be held on March 29th.
URPP: Students in this course have an opportunity to earn up to 4% of their final grade by participating in research as part of the Undergraduate Research Participant Pool (URPP). For information on this, see http://www.psych.yorku.ca/urpp/ if you do not want to participate in research there is an alternate Paper Stream you must opt for (see moodle for details)

IMPORTANT COURSE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information, available on the Senate Committee on Curriculum & Academic Standards webpage (see Policies, Procedures and Regulations; Major Documents and Publications) - http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate_cte_main_pages/ccas.htm

• Ethics Review Process for research involving human participants
• Course requirement accommodation for students with disabilities, including physical, medical, systemic, learning and psychiatric disabilities
• Student Conduct Standards
• Religious Observance Accommodation

Information on cheating and Plagiarism is available
• At a comprehensive website on Academic Integrity for students http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm
• In the Psychology Supplemental Calendar
• At the Senate Policy on Academic Honesty website http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/document.php?document=69

| Part 1 | Science of Behaviour; Studying Behaviour; Biological Foundations of Behaviour; Genes, Evolution and Behaviour; Sensation and Perception |
| Part 2 | States of Consciousness; Learning; Memory; Language and Thinking; Intelligence |
| Part 3 | Motivation and Emotion; Development over the Lifespan; Behaviour in a social context; Stress, Health & Coping |
| Part 4 | Personality; Psychological Disorders; Treatment of Psychological Disorders |

| Readings | TEST 1 Tuesday January 24th 2012 worth 25% |
| Readings | TEST 2 Tuesday February 14th 2012 worth 25% |
| Readings | TEST 3 Tuesday March 13th 2012 worth 25% |
| Readings | TEST 4 Tuesday March 27th 2012 worth 19% |

Important dates

| January 3rd | First day of classes |
| January 16th | Last date to add a course without permission of instructor |
| January 30th | Last date to add a course with permission of instructor |
| February 9th | Academic Honesty Assignment due |
| February 21st, 23rd | No class Winter Reading Week |
| March 9th | Last date to drop courses without receiving a grade |
| April 2nd | Last day of classes |