

Psychology 1010 -- an opportunity to reflect on the nature and nurture of human affect, cognition, and behaviour.

General Description

Psychology 1010I is an introduction to the academic study of psychological phenomena. The course emphasizes the historical and cultural origins of the constructs, methods, and purposes associated with contemporary Psychology. Psychologists differ among themselves about the appropriate purposes of Psychology and about the appropriate constructs and methods to adopt in order to achieve those purposes. In this course we consider, in particular, the differences associated with a natural science *versus* a human science approach to psychological study. Among the constructs examined are learning, personality, and psychological disorders. Among the methods are experimental, survey, naturalistic and hermeneutic methods. And the competing purposes considered are based in a variety of conceptions of Psychology, including Psychology as a basic science, Psychology as a healing technology, and Psychology as a discipline dedicated to the resolution of social problems (poverty and racism, for example).

You will be expected to attend classes, to complete the assigned readings and exercises on time, and to participate in small-group discussions of the course material.

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