

HONORS INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC 1113 sec 701)

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Course Description:

The course surveys the principles, theories, vocabulary, and applications of the science of psychology. The course is required of all Psychology majors. The course also fulfills the University's general education requirement for the social sciences.

As a general education course, students will learn:

- about the relationship between historic and contemporary issues and will understand contemporary issues with sensitivity to a rapidly changing, **diverse, and complex world**;
- how psychology applies to the practice of their discipline and to other disciplines, to society, and to their own lives;
- the causes of human behavior and their consequences;
- to identify real-world problems related to psychology and to be able to evaluate solutions;
- to understand how the study of psychology has evolved over time;
- learn about tools of statistics and biological sciences to **analyze complex problems** related to psychology; and
- how to communicate original thought about psychology in **written assignments**.

Required Textbook:

Book will be provided in class for free.

Desire2Learn is a vital component of the course. Copies of course handouts and important course information will be posted weekly. It is YOUR responsibility to read all materials posted for this course. You can access Desire2Learn at (<http://oc.okstate.edu>).

Course Requirements (700 points possible)

The course requires regular attendance.

1. Attendance with Active Participation (26 course meetings @ 10 points each)	260 points
2. Quizzes over Reading (12 readings @ 15 points each)	180 points
3. Three Short Papers (3 @ 60 points each)	180 points
4. Short Assignments (2 @ 40 points each)	80 points
Total	700 points

1. Quizzes (180 points possible)

There will be a quiz over each reading assignment before the material will be discussed in class. Each quiz is worth 30 points. Quiz questions will be multiple choice.

2. Class Participation (280 points possible)

The course will involve discussion in every class period. There are 30 possible course meetings. To receive full points for participation you must attend 28 classes, which equals 10 points per class.

3. Three Short Writing Assignments (180 points possible)

Papers are worth 60 points each. Each paper will focus on a topic related to course material. The length of the papers is a minimum of 1000 words. Papers must be turned in via the dropbox on D2L. All papers will be screened for plagiarism using Turnitin.com. Turnitin.com flags any usage that involves **three consecutive words** that are identical to other sources. It is possible to submit your papers before the due date.

The dropbox allows your instructor to determine whether any portion of your paper has been plagiarized. Any plagiarism is a violation of the University's Academic Integrity policy. Every case of plagiarism will be reported to the University. If you are uncertain about what counts as plagiarism, please visit the Writing Center (<http://osuwritingcenter.okstate.edu/>). Writing specialists can advise you about how to avoid plagiarism.

5. Two short assignments (80 points total)

Short assignments will be handed out in class twice in the semester. The work will be due one week later.

Course Grading (The total number of points that are possible is 700).

In order to receive the grade on the left, one must earn the number of points shown on the right.

Grade	Required Points
A	at least 630 points
B	at least 560 points
C	at least 490 points
D	at least 420 points

Classroom Conduct

Most students find it easy to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful and courteous to both fellow classmates and the instructor. Respectful and courteous behavior is necessary for the classroom to be a place where learning can occur. It is expected that you will arrive to class on time and stay until your instructor dismisses you. It is expected that you will turn off cell phones and pagers during class. It is expected that you will take notes during lecture and answer questions posed by the instructor. It is also expected that you will ask questions when you are unclear about information that has been presented.

Engaging in ANY behavior that is distracting to other students and/or the instructor or that is disruptive in any way may result in your being referred to the Student Conduct Office (326 Student Union 744-5470). Such behaviors include unnecessary excessive talking to classmates during lecture, sleeping, reading newspapers, non course materials, among other discourteous acts. Any behavior that involves sexual and/or racial/ethnic harassment of the instructor, teaching assistants or fellow students will also result in you being referred to the Student Conduct Office. See the following link <http://www.okstate.edu/ucs/dsbs.html> for more information about the University's views on inappropriate classroom conduct.

Requests for Special Accommodations

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of his or her disability and to request accommodations. If you think that you have a qualified disability and need special accommodations, you should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, 315 Student Union. Please advise the instructor of such disability as soon as possible, and contact Student Disability Services, to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. The instructor of this class will respond when he receives official notice of a disability, but he/she does not provide retroactive accommodations.

Academic Integrity:

All violations of the University's Academic Integrity policy will be reported to the OSU administration. For more information about the University's Academic Integrity policy, see <http://www.okstate.edu/ucs/integritystudent.html>. In Psyc 1113, we have a zero tolerance policy on academic misconduct. ***Students who engage in any academic misconduct whatsoever (see University's definition) will receive an F! for the entire course.***

Any written assignment that is plagiarized will result in a zero for the assignment and an F! for the course. If you are uncertain about what counts as plagiarism, please visit the Writing Center (<http://english.okstate.edu/writing/>). Writing specialists can advise you about how to avoid plagiarism.

Summary of Course Meeting

Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class and on D2L.

Date		Topic	Reading
Week 1	(Jan 12)	Introduction	Posted in D2L
Week 2	(Jan 19)	Research Methodology	Posted in D2L
Week 3	(Jan 26)	Biological Foundations	Posted in D2L
Week 4	(Feb 2)	Biological Foundations	Posted in D2L
Week 5	(Feb 9)	Memory	Posted in D2L
Week 6	(Feb 16)	Learning	Posted in D2L
Week 7	(Feb 23)	Language	Posted in D2L
Week 8	(Mar 2)	Thinking	Posted in D2L
Week 9	(Mar 9)	Human Development	Posted in D2L
Week 10	(Mar 16)	Spring Break	
Week 11	(Mar 23)	Personality	Posted in D2L
Week 12	(Mar 30)	Social Psychology	Posted in D2L
Week 13	(Apr 6)	Disorders	Posted in D2L
Week 14	(Apr 13)	Disorders	Posted in D2L
Week 15	(Apr 20)	Treatments	Posted in D2L
Week 16	(Apr 27)	Treatments	

University Holidays include Monday January 19th (MLK Day), March 16-20 is Spring Break.