

PSYC 101:01 General Psychology

**MW 250 – 410pm
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Textbook: Weiten, W. (2013). *Psychology: Themes and variations*. 10th ed. Wadsworth: Belmont, CA.

Grade Breakdown

Online Homework Assignments – 20%

Pre Lecture Quizzes (Online) – 5%

Chapter Practice Exams (Online) – 5%

Exam 1 – 15%

Exam 2 – 15%

Exam 3 – 15%

Final Exam – 25%

Grade Scale

A = 89.5-100

B+ = 84.5-89.49

B = 79.5-84.49

C+ = 74.5-79.49

C = 69.5-74.49

D = 59.5-69.49

F = 0-59.49

Course Description

Welcome to Psychology 101. Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and experience. This course will introduce you to the various topics and issues in the scientific exploration of mind and behavior. Topics will include research methods, biological psychology, sensation and perception, developmental psychology, learning and memory, cognition, intelligence, consciousness, emotions, social psychology, personality psychology, and abnormal

and clinical psychology. Along the way, you will discover what psychologists have learned that can enrich your studies, your relationships, your health, and other important aspects of your life.

This course has been certified as satisfying the Social Analysis (SCL) Learning Outcome Goal of the SAS Core Curriculum. Specifically, students will be able to:

II.B.i: *Explain and be able to assess the relationship among assumptions, method, evidence, arguments, and theory in social and historical analysis.*

II.B.n: *Apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations.*

This course also satisfies the following Psychology Department Learning Goals:

- Students will know the leading terms, concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
- Students will apply psychological concepts and content to become engaged citizens.
- Students will use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to ask, answer and understand questions related to behavior and mental processes.

Accommodations

Appropriate accommodations are available for students with disabilities. Please see web site of the [Office of Disability Services for Students](http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu) (<http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu>) for more information.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated, and will incur penalties as described in the University Policy on Academic Integrity, which can be found [here](#):

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy>.

Make-up Policy

Make-up exams will be given if the exam is missed for a legitimate reason (e.g. illness) and require documentation. There will be no make-ups or extensions for homework, participation, or experimental credits. Make-up exams may be arranged prior to the up to **48 hours prior to the exam** via email.

Reviewing Exams

You are welcome to review your exams during office hours. If you cannot make office hours an appointment can be made via email. **The deadline to review exams is April 29.** This means you cannot review your exams after April 29 so please plan accordingly.

Research Participation Requirement

Research is an essential part of the field of psychology. It is important for students to be exposed to either actual participation as a subject in an experiment, or at the very least, to learn from technical articles how research is done. Therefore, **all sections of General Psychology require either SEVEN "Research Participation Units" of experiment participation or an alternative assignment of writing two papers describing psychological research.** The psychology department's [Human Research Student Requirements](#) web page explains exactly what you must do.

To sign up as a subject for experiments, to cancel an appointment you have already made, to find out how many Research Participation Units you've earned so far, or to contact a researcher for any reason, go to the [Human Subject Pool System](#) web site.

If you choose to write the 2 papers instead of participating in experiments, you must submit the first paper on or before the midpoint of the course (submit by March 21) and you must submit the second paper on or before the last lecture date (last lecture = April 25).

See the Human Research Student Requirements web page (scroll down to the Option 2 section) for the specific requirements for the papers (including how you must format your papers, what journals are acceptable as sources for your articles, etc.).

For more information, see [Frequently Asked Questions about Research Participation](#).

Online Homework Assignments, Pre-Lecture Quizzes, and Exam Practice

There are online assignments for each chapter covered in this course accessible through Mindtap. Information for how to activate your obtain and activate your account is available on the course Sakai site. For each chapter there is a pre-lecture quiz, exam practice, and a problem set. You are expected to complete each one of these for the chapters covered in the course. The due dates for each chapter are listed below. When there are assignments in a week they are **due Sunday night at 11pm.**

Chapter:	Due Date:
Chapter 1: The Evolution of Psychology	January 31 by 11pm
Chapter 2: The Research Enterprise in Psychology	January 31 by 11pm
Chapter 3: The Biological Bases of Behavior	February 7 by 11pm
Chapter 4: Sensation & Perception	February 14 by 11pm
Chapter 6: Learning	February 28 by 11pm
Chapter 7: Memory	March 6 by 11pm
Chapter 8: Cognition & Intelligence	March 13 by 11pm
Chapter 9: Motivation & Emotion	March 27 by 11pm
Chapter 10: Human Development Across the Lifespan	April 3 by 11pm
Chapter 11: Personality	April 17 by 11pm
Chapter 12: Social Behavior	April 24 by 11pm

Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	May 1 by 11pm
Chapter 15: Treatment of Psychological Disorders	May 1 by 11pm

Course Outline

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Topics:</i>	<i>Readings:</i>
January 20	Course Introduction, The Evolution of Psychology	Chapter 1
January 25	The Evolution of Psychology; Research in Psychology	Chapter 1; Chapter 2
January 27	Research in Psychology	Chapter 2
February 1	Biological Bases of Behavior	Chapter 3
February 3	Biological Bases of Behavior; Sensation & Perception	Chapter 3; Chapter 4
February 8	Sensation & Perception	Chapter 4
February 10	EXAM 1 (Chapters 1-4; In Class; Multiple Choice)	
February 15	Learning	Chapter 6
February 17	Learning	Chapter 6
February 22	Learning; Memory	Chapter 6; Chapter 7
February 24	Memory	Chapter 7
February 29	Memory; Cognition & Intelligence	Chapter 7; Chapter 8
March 2	Cognition & Intelligence	Chapter 8
March 7	Cognition & Intelligence	Chapter 8
March 9	EXAM 2 (Chapters 6-8; In Class; Multiple Choice)	
March 21	Motivation & Emotion	Chapter 9
March 23	Motivation & Emotion	Chapter 9
March 28	Human Development	Chapter 10
March 30	Human Development	Chapter 10
April 4	Personality	Chapter 11
April 6	Personality	Chapter 11
April 11	Personality; Social Behavior	Chapter 11; Chapter 12
April 13	Social Behavior	Chapter 12
April 18	Social Behavior	Chapter 12
April 20	Psychological Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 14; Chapter 15
April 25	Psychological Disorders & Treatment	Chapter 14; Chapter 15
April 27	EXAM 3 (Chapters 9-12, 14, and 15; In Class; Multiple Choice)	
May 2	NO CLASS	
May 11	FINAL EXAM 12 to 3PM (Cumulative; Multiple Choice)	