

**General Psychology ONLINE Summer '20**  
**01:830:101:B1 (Asynchronous)**

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Welcome to Psychology 101 at Rutgers. This course will introduce you to the various topics and issues in the scientific exploration of mind and behavior. By the end of the semester, you should be well prepared to go on to study more advanced courses in our department. 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.

**Materials:**

Syllabus and other important information can be found on our section's [Sakai](#) site.

Textbook URL: <https://www.cengage.com/dashboard/#/course-confirmation/MTPP73V NKPS1/initial-course-confirmation>

**SAS Core Curriculum Goals**

This course satisfies the Social Analysis (SCL) Learning Outcome Goal of the SAS Core Curriculum. Specifically, students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- a) Explain and assess the relationship among assumptions, method, evidence, arguments, and theory in social and historical analysis
- b) Apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations.



**You will be reading 2 to 3 chapters and completing activities and quizzes for each chapter every week.**

You can expect to spend about **20-25 hours per week** on this course, reading the chapters, taking notes on the reading, answering the study guide questions (optional but strongly recommended), and completing activities and quizzes on the reading. In order to cover all the material in 6 weeks, most weeks will require you to complete either 3 chapters of reading and activities/quizzes or 2 chapters with activities and an exam.

## Grading

Your course grade will be a combination of your online assignments and your exam scores:

Exams (3)	66% (22% each)
Chapter Assignments (13)	34% (max points: 12*35 = 420)

\* The lowest of your weekly assignment scores will be dropped when calculating your Online Assignments percentage for the course. The maximum possible points per chapter is 35.

Letter grades will be assigned as followed, based on your percentage of total available points earned:

A	B+	B	C+	C	D	F
90% or above	85-89.99%	80-84.99%	75-79.99%	70-74.99%	60-69.99%	Below 60%

Depending on the distribution of grades I may apply a curve to the final course grades. However, a final percentage of 90 is guaranteed an A, 85% guarantees a B+, etc.

## Exams

There will be 3, non-cumulative, multiple-choice exams, each covering 4 or 5 chapters of content. I will provide study guides for each chapter, consisting of short-answer style questions to help you prepare. You will be allowed to access these guides (with your own answers and notes) during the exams. **No other assistance is permitted during the exams.** Receiving assistance or accessing any information other than your study guides while taking the exams is a violation of the [Rutgers Academic Integrity Policy](#) and will be enforced as such.

Other exam details (**these may change – please refer to latest announcements for updated info**):

- Access via Sakai
- Available for 24 hours
- 50 questions
- 60 minutes to complete
- One question at a time, no returning to previous questions

*Make-up Exams:* I expect that the 24-hour window will allow all students to be able to fit the exams into their schedule. If you must miss an exam due to a significant illness or other unforeseen emergency, contact me as soon as possible. You must provide documentation to verify your excuse before being granted a make-up. A 10% may be imposed for any makeup exam without a documented excuse.

## Chapter Assignments and Quizzes - Mastery

For each of the assigned 13 chapters you will complete application activities and a chapter quiz. You may access the textbook and your notes while completing the activities and chapter quizzes. The activities are untimed and may be completed 2 or 3 times (depending on the activity), with your final score calculated as the average of your attempts. Each quiz is untimed and may be taken twice, with only your highest score counting. The total number of possible points for each chapter is 35 (regardless of how many different activities are required).

All due dates are listed within MindTap. You are welcome to work ahead if that works better for your schedule.

**Deadline Extensions:** It is critical that you **don't get behind** on your work in this class since it goes by so quickly. However, if you do miss a deadline, you may request an extension at any point in the semester (including after the assignment's due date) and for any reason. You will be allowed to submit up to 3 late assignments during the semester. In order to do so you will need to send me an email requesting a deadline extension. Shortly after receiving your email (within 24 hours, except weekends), I will reset your deadline for approximately 3 days beyond the date of my reply (or the last day of class, whichever is earlier). I will reply with a message indicating the new deadline. Be sure you will have time during the next 3 days to complete the assignment before you request a deadline. You may ask for an extension at any time (i.e., before OR after the original due date).

Extensions can also be used to redo a chapter in order to try to earn a higher score. (Your original score will be replaced.)

*Computer/internet access problems:* In general, **technical problems will NOT be accepted as an excuse** for the failure to complete an assignment. Among the few exceptions will be the unavailability of the Sakai or MindTap systems (whichever provides the necessary access to complete the assignment). In the case of such a system-wide (i.e., MindTap, Sakai) disruption of access, I will consider extending the assignment deadline for all students, depending on the length and timing of the outage. Note that the administrators of these systems have log files that document the exact dates and times when the system experienced problems.

If you are having technical difficulty with an activity, quiz, or exam, try logging out and closing your browser, and then try again. For MindTap activities/quizzes, run the [System Check](#) to make sure your browser, etc., is compatible. (Some activities require Flash, which is often the issue.) If neither of these help – **contact the appropriate support center (Sakai, MindTap)**. I am not an IT professional!!

### **Accessing the Textbook and MindTap**

An electronic version of the textbook and the assigned MindTap activities are accessed through this link: <https://www.cengage.com/dashboard/#/course-confirmation/MTPP73V NKPS1/initial-course-confirmation>

Instructions for navigating MindTap are available through the help button (the question mark) at the top right of the MindTap web page.

I strongly suggest that you [check](#) if your browser is set up correctly to run all of the features of MindTap by clicking on your name in the top right corner of the MindTap page. A drop down menu will appear – click on "[System Check](#)." **Chrome** and **Firefox** are the recommended browsers. Explorer is not recommended. **Customer support** can also be accessed through this drop-down menu.

### **Extra Credit**

You may earn up to 2 extra credit points toward your course grade by participating in research being conducted by graduate students and faculty members in our department. Details will be provided via Sakai announcements when available.

Alternately, you may earn up to 2 extra credit points toward your course grade by completing a written assignment. Details will be provided via Sakai announcements.

A **maximum of 2 extra credit points**, earned through research participation and/or the written assignment, can be added to your final course grade.

24 extra credit multiple-choice questions assessing what you learned over the entire semester will be given at the same time as the 3<sup>rd</sup> exam. Your points from the assessment will be added to your exam 3 total. Each assessment point is worth 1/6 of an exam point which means you can earn up to 4 points to be added to your final exam score.

If you'd like to raise your homework grade, and you have extensions remaining, you can use them to redo assignments to try to get a better score.

### **Topics Covered**

Chapter 7: Memory

Chapter 1: What is Psychology?

Chapter 2: Scientific Methods in Psychology

Chapter 3: Biological Psychology

Chapter 4: Sensation and Perception

Chapter 6: Learning

Chapter 8 Cognition and Language

Chapter 10: Consciousness

Chapter 11: Motivated Behaviors

Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress, and Health

Chapter 13: Social Psychology

Chapter 14: Personality

Chapter 15: Abnormal Psychology: Disorders and Treatment

## **Academic Integrity**

The policies found in the [Rutgers Academic Integrity Policy](#) will be enforced for this class.

## **Special Accommodations**

Appropriate accommodations will be made available to students with disabilities documented by the Office of Disability Services. Please contact me as soon as possible so that accommodations can be put in place.

Visit <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students> for more information.

**Having Personal Troubles? Not Sure Where to Turn? See your [Dean of Students](#).** “Our office helps students with exceptional difficulties due to medical, emotional, social, psychological, financial, confidential or family-related issues. We may provide letters to faculty for extended (a week or more) absences or circumstances that are complex, confidential or sensitive in nature. In these instances, the Dean’s role is to verify documentation of the student’s situation. The final decision is always up to the faculty regarding make up exams, extensions, or other options.”

## **Student-Wellness Services:**

### **Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)**

**(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/ [www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/](http://www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/)**

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staffed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students’ efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

### **Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)**

**(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / [www.vpva.rutgers.edu/](http://www.vpva.rutgers.edu/)**

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call 848-932-1181.

### **Scarlet Listeners**

**(732) 247-5555 / <http://www.scarletlisteners.com/>**

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.