

## **PSYC 1101—Introduction to Psychology, Fall 2015, CRN 8122**

### **Contact Information**

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### **Course Description**

A basic science oriented course dealing with the systematic and experimental approach to the understanding of behavior and mental processes. Topics will include: neurobiology, learning, memory, cognition, development, personality, social influences, and abnormality. Prerequisites: None.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the definition and methods of psychology, and apply related critical reasoning skills in evaluating psychological information.
2. Explain how the brain and nervous system are related to neuropsychological explanations of human behavior.
3. Articulate the major concepts of learning, memory, perception, and cognition in human experience.
4. Understand human behavior in a social context.
5. Become acquainted with the dynamics of personality development and abnormal behavior.

### **Textbook**

Psychology. Your text is available for viewing or download, free of charge at the course page in GeorgiaView. Or, <https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/psychology>

### **Activities & Experiences**

Students should do the following to maximize success:

1. Participate actively in class discussions and activities based on the text, lectures, and other supplemental materials.
2. Read and review assigned chapters prior to the lecture.
3. Complete all exams as scheduled.
4. Be attentive to the course requirements and ask questions if in doubt.

## Course Outline

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<a href="#">Chapter 1</a>	8/20,25
<a href="#">Chapter 2</a>	8/27, 9/1
<a href="#">Chapter 3</a>	9/3,8
<b>Writing Assignment #1 Due</b>	<b>9/8</b>
<b>Exam 1 (Chapters 1-3)</b>	<b>9/10</b>
<a href="#">Chapter 4</a>	9/15,17
<a href="#">Chapter 6</a>	9/22,24
<a href="#">Chapter 8</a>	9/29, 10/1
<b>Exam 2 (Chapters 4,6, &amp; 8)</b>	<b>10/6</b>
Fall Break, No class	10/8
<b>Writing Assignment #2 Due</b>	<b>10/11</b>
<a href="#">Chapter 9</a>	10/13,15
<a href="#">Chapter 11</a>	10/20,22
<a href="#">Chapter 12</a>	10/27,29
<b>Writing Assignment #3</b>	<b>10/29</b>
<b>Exam 3 (Chapters 9,11, &amp; 12)</b>	<b>11/3</b>
<a href="#">Chapter 14</a>	11/5,10
<a href="#">Chapter 15</a>	11/12,17
Chapter 16	11/19
<b>Writing Assignment #4 Due</b>	<b>11/19</b>
Thanksgiving Break, No class	11/24,26
<a href="#">Chapter 16</a>	11/30
Make-up Exams or Free Day	<b>12/3</b>
<b>Final Exam (Exam 4) Chapters 14-16</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 12/10</b>

## Attendance Policy

The official GSW attendance policy states that “Students are expected to attend all classes.” Attendance is related to strong academic achievement. Tardiness is detrimental to academic success, and it distracts others. Students who have excessive absences (7) or tardiness (6) may be subject to administrative withdrawal. This means you will be removed from the class and receive a failing grade. You should come to class.

## Exams

There will be four exams with a point value of 100 points each (each exam is 20% of final grade). Each exam will cover the chapters listed on the course calendar and anything discussed in class. The exams are not cumulative; they only cover the assigned chapters.

### **Make-up Exams**

A make-up exam, for Exam 1-3, may be given for absences due to **official, university-sanctioned events or in case of a serious illness**. In the case of serious illness, an **official medical excuse** from a doctor is necessary and the must be submitted after you return to class. **All make up exams will be given on the final day of class, 12/3.**

### **Writing Assignments**

You will complete four writing assignments during the course. Each writing assignment has a point value of 25 points (5% of total grade), for a total of 100 points (20% of final grade). The assignments are posted on GAView, along with the due date for each assignment. There is a Drop Box where you will submit each assignment. **Assignments turned in late will not receive credit.**