

Introductory Psychology

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MWF 1130-1220

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1 Course Description

This course provides an introduction to the scientific analysis of behaviour and mental activity from the biological, social, and individual perspectives. Major topics include the following: perception, motivation, learning, memory, intelligence, personality, states of consciousness, social interaction, developmental processes, hereditary and environmental influences, abnormal psychology, therapeutic methods, and procedures for collecting and summarizing data. Students are expected to participate directly or indirectly in the Department's ongoing research program. This course is prerequisite for all other Psychology courses.

2 Fall Term

2.1 Required Materials

Textbook: A PDF copy of the NOBA Project textbook may be downloaded free of charge at <http://noba.to/97nqksam>. You may also browse the textbook online at the same site.

The PDF version of the textbook will also be made available on the Nexus site for the course. If any material is excluded, it will be noted by the instructor in class.

2.2 Evaluation

Three multiple-choice tests, weighted equally ($33\frac{1}{3}$ points x 3 tests = 100 points), will serve as the basis for assessment for the first term. Extra materials are not permitted for use during exams. Student identification may be requested during the exam. Note that total assessment from the Fall term will constitute 47.5% of your overall grade.

2.2.1 Exam Policies

Absences: If you are ill or have a family emergency, writing an alternate exam without penalty may be arranged by contacting the instructor and providing appropriate documentation (e.g. doctor's note).

If you contact the instructor within 48 hours of missing an exam, it will be possible to write an alternate exam, with a 15% penalty (i.e., if you scored 80% on the alternate exam, it will be listed as 65% on the grade sheet). This penalty is to prevent students from taking an extra time to study when their peers wrote the exam on time. Thus, it is not to your advantage to miss an exam. If the instructor is not contacted within 48 hours of the missed exam, the student will receive a grade of 0 for that test. **Alternate exams are not given on the basis of a ‘less than expected’ grade.**

2.3 Lecture and Exam Schedule

Lectures	Exam	NOBA Modules
September 6 → October 2	October 4	Introduction, Research Designs, Biological Psychology
October 6 → November 6	November 8	Sleep & Consciousness, Learning, Thought & Language
November 10 → December 4	TBA	Clinical Psychology, Memory

Please note that this schedule in section is tentative; all topics may not be covered (any omitted material will be indicated during class). **Also note that all exams will take place in person on the specified days.**

3 Winter Term

The instructor for the Winter term is TBA and will provide the procedures and policies in the first week of classes in January.

4 Both Terms

4.1 Research Requirement

Students will directly participate directly or indirectly in the Psychology Department’s ongoing research program. The research requirement contributes 5% to your overall grade in the course (see research requirement document on NEXUS). At the start of term you will receive an email about how to register your SONA account which tracks your subject pool credits and lists open experiments. If you do not receive an e-mail with your user ID by the end of September, contact Nadya Alahakoon at n.alahakoon@uwinnipeg.ca.

4.2 Final Grades

Overall course grades are rounded to the nearest integer then converted to letter grades using the following scheme. Final grades are subject to approval by the Departmental Review Committee and the Senate.

A+: 95–100 (or at instructor’s discretion); A: 88–94; A-: 82–87; B+: 76–81; B: 70–75; C+: 64–69; C: 58–63; D: 50–57; F: 0-49

4.3 Important Dates

- The first day of Fall classes is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.
- The last class for the Fall term will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023.
- University is closed September 4 (Labour Day), September 30 (Truth and Reconciliation Day), October 9 (Thanksgiving), November 11, 2023 (Remembrance Day), and December 23 through January 4, 2024.
- No classes during fall mid-term reading week: October 8 – 14.
- February 16, 2024 is the final date to withdraw from the course without academic penalty. See the following link for details: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/registration/course-drop-information.html>.
- The December evaluation period is December 7-20, 2023.
- The first day of Winter classes is Monday, January 8, 2024.
- The last day of Winter classes is Friday, April 5, 2024 but make up classes will be held on April 8.
- The University is closed February 19, 2024 (Louis Riel Day), March 29 (Good Friday)
- No classes during winter mid-term reading week: February 18 – 24, 2024.
- The April evaluation period is April 11 – 24, 2024.

4.4 Other Important Information

1. When it is necessary to cancel a class due to exceptional circumstances, the instructor will make every effort to inform students via uwinnipeg email.
2. Students are reminded that they have a responsibility to regularly check their uwinnipeg e-mail addresses to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the University and/or their course instructors.
3. **Regulations, Policies, and Academic Integrity.** Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Regulations and Policies found in the University Academic Calendar at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>. Particular attention should be given to subsections 8 (Student Discipline), 9 (Senate Appeals), and 10 (Grade Appeals).

Please emphasize the importance of maintaining academic integrity and the potential consequences of engaging in plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic misconduct. Even unintentional plagiarism, as described in the UW Library video tutorial “Avoiding Plagiarism” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g>), is a form of academic misconduct. Similarly, uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) is a form of misconduct, as it involves aiding and abetting plagiarism. Important information is outlined in the Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-procedures>.

Students are not permitted to use AI text-generating tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Bing, Notion AI). If use of such tools occurs, students may face an allegation of academic misconduct.

4. **Avoiding Copyright Violation.**

Course materials are the property of the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides—irrespective of format. Students who upload these materials to file sharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor/presenter before, for example, photographing, recording, or taking screenshots of slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board. Students found to be in violation of an instructor’s intellectual property rights could face serious consequences pursuant to the Academic Misconduct or Non-Academic Misconduct Policy; such consequences could possibly involve legal sanction under the Copyright Policy https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/copyright_policy_2017.pdf

5. The following Senate Regulations and faculty guidelines also apply to this course:
 - a) Senate approved final grades for all courses (other than pass/fail) include A+, A, A-, B+, B, C+, C, D and F. Final grades shall be approved by the Department Review Committee and may be subject to change.
 - b) Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide an opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar, in the section, Important Notes (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/dates.html>).
 - c) Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams or during lec-

tures/laboratories are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204.786.9771 or <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility-services/> to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential

- d) All students, faculty, and staff have the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner on campus and in the learning environment irrespective of platform being used. Behaviour, communication, or acts that are inconsistent with a number of UW policies could be considered non-academic misconduct. See the Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html> and Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf>. More detailed information is outlined in the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf> and <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/procedures/student-non-academic-misconduct-procedures.pdf>