

PSYC*1000(01), Course Outline: Winter 2023

General Information

DUE to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic some courses are being offered virtually and some face to face. **This course is offered Face to Face: The course has a set day, time, if any of the term will be held online (as required by illness of instructor or university restrictions), virtual sessions will be arranged via courselink and it is the student's responsibility to follow instructions on how to access virtual lectures/content as noted on courselink.** Otherwise, lectures, midterms, and the final exam are scheduled to take place face to face and cannot be completed remotely or virtually. For missed lectures (e.g., due to illness, the requirement to self-isolate, work, etc.), students are expected to take their own steps, such as arranging with other students to catch up on missed materials. A discussion board is available on CourseLink for students to share lecture notes, and specific questions about missed material can be brought to the instructor's office hours. For missed exams and assignments, detailed policies are listed below in the Course Policies section. Disability-related requests for accommodation should follow standard university procedures, and all other requests should follow standard academic consideration policy and procedures.

Course Title: Introduction to Psychology

Course Description: This is an introduction to the content and methods of psychology. It will cover the major areas such as research methods, neuroscience, sensation and perception, learning, memory, human development, social psychology, psychological disorders, and treatments in psychology.

Credit Weight: 0.5

Academic Department (or campus): Psychology

Semester Offering: Winter 2023

Class Schedule and Location: Tuesday/Thursday 4:00 – 5:20pm ROZH104

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Donna Wood

Instructor Email: dwood09@uoguelph.ca

Office location and office hours: Virtual drop-in-only- Time/Date TBD

GTA Information

GTA Name: TBD

GTA Email: TBD

GTA office location and office hours: TBD

Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

- **Learning Outcome 1:** think about a specific research topic from different perspectives, as well as evaluate the process of drawing conclusions in psychological research. This is an invaluable tool that allows students to judge the merit of any new piece of information learned, whether in psychology or another field.
- **Learning Outcome 2:** understand key concepts from the text and lectures, as well as show quantitative literacy by interpreting numerical data in various formats (tables, graphs, charts).
- **Learning Outcome 3:** apply concepts that we learn about in class to real world examples.
- **Learning Outcome 4:** evaluate the ethical merits of psychological research and practice and identify the ethical principles that form the foundation in the field of psychology. Students will also act in a way that shows academic integrity and will manage their time and plan in advance to complete the many responsibilities of being a student.
- **Learning Outcome 5:** appreciate how the field of psychology developed through history, and how the dominant perspective has changed as we learned more about ourselves. Students will also consider how our methods of measuring psychological phenomena have evolved with technology.
- **Learning Outcome 6:** pick out key concepts from the text and lectures and design a personalized set of study notes based on that content. Students who do this demonstrate the following abilities: reading comprehension, language comprehension, conceptual understanding, and the ability to combine similar concepts and express those concepts.

Lecture Content:

Date	Topic	Corresponding Module Readings	Quiz/Assignment
January 10th	Introduction to Course History of Psychology	Prologue: Learning to Learn 1.1, 1.2	
January 12th	Research Methods	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	
January 17th	Biological Psychology	3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	
January 19th	Biological Psychology 2		
January 24th	Biological Psychology 3		BQ1
January 26th	Sensation & Perception	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4	Reply BQ1
January 31st	Sensation & Perception 2		BQ2
February 2nd	TBD		Reply BQ2
February 7th	Midterm 1		Midterm 1
February 9th	Learning	6.1, 6.2	

February 14th	Learning 2	6.3	
February 16th	Learning 3		
February 20-27th	No Class – Winter Break		
March 2nd	Memory	7.1, 7.2	BQ3
March 7th	Memory 2	7.3	Reply BQ3
March 9th	Midterm 2		Midterm 2
March 14th	Development	10.1, 10.2, 10.3	
March 16th	Motivation & Emotion	11.1, 11.2, 11.3, 11.4	
March 21st	Social Psychology	13.1, 13.2, 13.3	
March 23rd	Social Psychology		BQ4
March 28th	Health, Stress & Coping	14.1, 14.2, 14.3	Reply BQ4
March 30th	Psychological Disorders	15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4	
April 4th	Psychological Disorders 2		BQ5
April 6th	Therapies	16.1, 16.2, 16.3	Reply BQ5
April 25th	Final Exam	Course Cumulative	

Note: The schedule of what topics we cover on each day may vary due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, illness, etc...). Some classes we may not get through what we had planned, and we would then continue from where we left off in the next class. Other classes we may end up ahead of schedule and you should be prepared to begin the next topic earlier than planned. Please check course website for announcements pertaining to such changes.

Course Assignments and Tests:

Assignment or Test	Contribution to Final Mark (%)	Due Date	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Burning Question + Responses	30%	January: 24 th /31 st February: None March: 2 nd , 23 rd April: 4 th	1,2,3,4,5,6
Midterm 1	20%	February 7th	1,2,3,4,5,6
Midterm 2	20%	March 9th	1,2,3,4,5,6
Final Exam	30%	April 25th	1,2,3,4,5,6

Final examination date and time: April 25th, 2023, 8:30 – 10:30am, location TBD

Final exam weighting: 40%

Final Examination regulations are detailed at:
[Examination Regulations](#)

Course Resources

Required Texts:

Krause, M., Corts, D., & Smith, S. (2021). An Introduction to Psychological Science: Third Canadian Edition. Pearson: Toronto.

The text is available in hard copy or online versions. The text will also be available on reserve in the library. We will **not** be using the accompanying REVEL online learning platform for this course.

Other Resources:

- Courselink (D2L): You will use [Courselink \(D2L\) \(http://courselink.uoguelph.ca\)](http://courselink.uoguelph.ca) for just about everything with this course (sign on with your same ID and password that you were given for your U. of G. email). It is useful to discuss content on discussion boards, check your grades, and complete the online assignments. Furthermore, you can access the lecture slides, the course outline, and links to the library website.

I reserve the right to change the lecture slides prior to the lecture. I will post any revised lecture slides after class. **I strongly recommend that you attend all the lectures and take notes.** The lectures will not simply regurgitate what is in the text, and the slides alone will not provide sufficient detail to succeed on an exam. If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting the material that you missed.

Course Policies

Grading Policies

-Burning Question Discussion Posts

You will have the opportunity to complete 5 burning question discussion posts that you can access through Courselink. Each assignment covers material that is relevant for the upcoming exam and can be a valuable study tool for you. You will NOT have access to the assignment after the due date. An assignment arriving after the due date will automatically be assigned a grade of 0. you are encouraged to complete these assignments well in advance of the due date. There are exceptions to this to extend the deadline for discussion posts: One is for a student who registered late for the course, didn't have access to Courselink for up to 4 days prior to the due date of the assignment, and can show valid documentation for the late registration. I will also extend the deadline if Courselink goes down. I will not make exceptions for internet issues, computer problems, medical or compassionate reasons, so it is imperative that you complete

discussions posts in advance. Each assignment is worth 5 marks (4 marks for initial post, 1 mark for reply), for a total of 30% of your final grade.

- Midterms:

There are 2 midterm exams in this course. You will have 1 hour to answer 50 multiple-choice questions that will be based on the lectures and assigned module readings. Students who miss the midterm exam will be required to contact the instructor to arrange make-ups.

- Final Exam:

The final exam will be held on April 25th , 2023 from 8:30-10:30 am. You will have 2 hours to answer 100 multiple-choice questions that will be based on the lectures and assigned module readings. The exam will be cumulative, but it will be weighed most heavily on the new material covered after the midterm. There is no make-up exam for the final exam. If you miss the exam, you need to petition to write a deferred exam.

Course Policy on Group Work:

All course activities for assessment (excluding presentations) are to be performed individually. No work, under any circumstances, should be completed for assessment with the aid of another student, nor should a student aid another student in their assessments except where outlined as a collaborative course component.

Course Policy regarding use of electronic devices and recording of lectures:

Electronic recording of classes is expressly forbidden without consent of the instructor. When recordings are permitted, they are solely for the use of the authorized student and may not be reproduced, or transmitted to others, without the express written consent of the instructor.

University Policies

Disclaimer:

Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>) and circulated by email.

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for

Academic Consideration:

[Academic Consideration, Appeals and Petitions](#)

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community, faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring.

University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

[Academic Misconduct Policy](#)

Illness

Medical notes will not normally be required for singular instances of academic consideration, although students may be required to provide supporting documentation for multiple missed assessments or when involving a large part of a course (e.g., final exam or major assignment).

Accessibility

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared commitment to an open and supportive learning environment. Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability or a short-term disability should contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) as soon as possible.

For more information, contact SAS at 519-824-4120 ext. 54335 or email accessibility@uoguelph.ca or the [Student Accessibility Services Website](#)

Student Feedback Questionnaire

These questionnaires (formerly course evaluations) will be available to students during the last 2 weeks of the semester: March 30th – April 10th. Students will receive an email directly from the Student Feedback Administration system which will include a direct link to the questionnaire for this course. During this time, when a student goes to login to CourseLink, a reminder will pop-up when a task is available to complete.

[Student Feedback Questionnaire](#)

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is Monday April 10, 2023. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the [Schedule of Dates in the Academic Calendar](#).

Instructors must provide [meaningful and constructive feedback, at minimum 20% of the final course grade, prior to the 40th class day](#). For courses which are of shorter duration, 20% of the final grade must be provided two-thirds of the way through the course.

[Current Undergraduate Calendar](#)

Additional Course Information

Turn it in:

Course instructors are allowed to use software to help in detecting plagiarism or unauthorized copying of student assignments. Plagiarism is one of the most common types of academic misconduct on our campus. Plagiarism involves students using the work, ideas and/or the exact wording of other people or sources without giving proper credit to others for the work, ideas and/or words in their papers. Students can unintentionally commit misconduct because they do not know how to reference outside sources properly or because they don't check their work carefully enough before handing it in. Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

In this course, your instructor will be using Turnitin.com to detect possible plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration or copying as part of the ongoing efforts to prevent plagiarism in the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences.

A major benefit of using Turnitin is that students will be able to educate and empower themselves in preventing misconduct. In this course, you may screen your own assignments through Turnitin as many times as you wish before the due date. You will be able to see and print reports that show you exactly where you have properly and improperly referenced the outside sources and materials in your assignment.