PSY 101: Introductory Psychology

Winter 2023

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| Course Number | Meeting Time | Location |
| PSY 101 - 11 | MWF 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. | ASH 2302 |
| PSY 101 - 07 | MWF 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. | LMH 114 |

**Refund/Withdrawal Deadlines**

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| Deadline | Date |
| 100% Tuition Refund Deadline | January 13 by 5 p.m.  |
| 75% Tuition Refund Deadline | February 3 by 5 p.m. |
| Drop with a "W" Grade Deadline | March 10 by 5 p.m. |

# Prerequisites and/or co-requisites: None

# Course Description (official catalog description)

General survey of psychology, the scientific study of behavior and experience, including overt actions and mental activity. Covers how psychologists think and act as scientists and how the study of its subject matter may be integrated at the biological, psychological, and social levels of analysis. This course fulfills the Social and Behavioral Sciences Foundation requirement.

# Introductory Prose

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of psychology.

# Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific process in Psychology.

2. Identify major psychological theories and use psychological terminology correctly.

3. Critically evaluate the findings of psychological research.

4. Recognize examples of how psychological concepts are applied to daily life.

# Common topics

Research Methodology

Biological Psychology

Cognitive Psychology

Developmental Psychology

Social Psychology

Personality Psychology

Abnormal Psychology

Applied Psychology (e.g., treatment of psychological disorders, coping with stress, etc.)

**Required Text:**

Phelps, E. A., Berkman, E. T., Gazzaniga, M. S. (2022). Psychological Science (7th edition).

GVSU SAVE FIRST DAY DIGITAL ACCESS

Once students register for a class that uses GVSU Save digital course materials, they will receive information via e-mail about how to access their content. This information will also be available to the student via Blackboard. Students will have access to the content in Blackboard before the first day of class. Students will be billed for the course materials via their student account. Students who opt-out will not be charged. The opt-out date is **Friday January 20th**.

**Tentative Schedule**

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| Date | Chapter and Topic | Exam |
| January 9 | Course Overview |  |
| January 11 | Chapter 4: Consciousness |  |
| January 13 | Chapter 4: Consciousness |  |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day Recess |  |
| January 18 | Chapter 4: Consciousness |  |
| January 20 | Chapter 6: Learning |  |
| January 23 | Chapter 6: Learning |  |
| January 25 | Chapter 6: Learning |  |
| January 27 | Chapter 7: Human Memory |  |
| January 30 | Chapter 7: Human Memory |  |
| February 1 | Chapter 7: Human Memory |  |
| February 3 | Mock Exam 1 | Exam 1 (available on Bb from 8:00 a.m. Feb 3 to 11:59 p.m. Feb 5) |
| February 6 | Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence |  |
| February 8 | Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence |  |
| February 10 | Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence |  |
| February 13 | Chapter 9: Human Development |  |
| February 15 | Chapter 9: Human Development |  |
| February 17 | Chapter 9: Human Development |  |
| February 20 | Chapter 9: Human Development |  |
| February 22 | Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation |  |
| February 24 | Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation |  |
| February 27 | Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation |  |
| March 1 | Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation |  |
| March 3 | Mock Exam 2 | Exam 2 (available on Bb from 8:00 a.m. March 3 to 11:59 p.m. March 5) |
| March 6 | Spring Break |  |
| March 8 | Spring Break |  |
| March 10 | Spring Break |  |
| March 13 | Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being |  |
| March 15 | Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being |  |
| March 17 | Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being |  |
| March 20 | Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being |  |
| March 22 | Chapter 12: Social Psychology |  |
| March 24 | Chapter 12: Social Psychology |  |
| March 27 | Chapter 12: Social Psychology |  |
| March 29 | Chapter 12: Social Psychology |  |
| March 31 | Mock Exam 3 | Exam 3 (available on Bb from 8:00 a.m. March 31 to 11:59 p.m. April 2) |
| April 3 | Chapter 13: Personality |  |
| April 5 | Chapter 13: Personality |  |
| April 7 | Chapter 13: Personality |  |
| April 10 | Chapter 11: Personality |  |
| April 12 | Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders |  |
| April 14 | Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders |  |
| April 17 | Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders |  |
| April 29 | Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders |  |
| April 21 | Mock Exam 4 | Exam 4 (available on Bb from 8:00 a.m. April 21 to 11:59 p.m. April 26) |

**Methods of Evaluation**

*Exams (80%)*

* There will be four Online MC exams (to be completed on Blackboard).
* Each exam weights 20%. (Total = 20% x 4 = 80%)
* These exams are NOT cumulative
* All these exams are open book. Some questions are comprehension questions. You will read the textbook to find the answers. Some questions are analytic questions. You cannot find the answers directly from the textbook or lecture notes.
* Each exam is preceded by a mock exam on Top Hat.

*Top Hat Questions (10%)*

* There will be 4 mock exams (all MC questions) and lecture activities/practice problems (MC or written responses) to be completed on Top Hat. The last day to complete these questions is **April 26**.
* These questions can be completed during lectures or as homework assignments.

*Enrichment Activities (10%)*

* A total of four credits will be earned from your participation in these activities
* For details, see *Enrichment Activities* in the course menu on Bb
* Each credit weights 2.5% of your course total
* Total = 2.5% x 4 = 10%
* The last day to complete these activities is **April 19**

*Bonus Credits (4%)*

* In this course, you can earn up to 4% bonus credits by completing two tutorial activities.
	+ Evaluating Information (2%)
	+ Psychology Citation Tutorial (2%)
* For details, see *Bonus Credits* in the course menu of Bb
* The last day to complete these activities is **April 26**

**Grading Scale**

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|  |  |  | B+ | 87-89% | C+ | 77-79% | D+ | 67-69% |
|  | A | 93-100% | B | 83-86% | C | 73-76% | D | 60-66% |
|  | A- | 90-92% | B- | 80-82% | C- | 70-72% | F | 59 or lower |

To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (e.g., 89.45% will be rounded up to 90% = A-; but 89.44% will be rounded down to 89% = B+).

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's original work. Plagiarism may result in a failing grade.

**Academic Dishonesty**

If I have evidence of any form of academic dishonesty (cheating on an exam, giving or receiving information about what is asked in the exam, or any other form of cheating such as plagiarism), you will receive a failing grade in that activity and other consequences as dictated by GVSU policy.  Plagiarism is presenting work, ideas or words that are not your own as though they were your own—this includes work of other students or work that is in a published source (the textbook, a journal article).  To avoid plagiarism be sure to do your own work and put information in your own words.  Use of quotes with appropriate reference to the original source from which you got the information or ideas is acceptable but less preferred than paraphrasing (with referencing of the source provided) in psychological writing.

**Psych Friends (psychology department peer to peer mentorship program)**

Allows students to receive guidance and support from upper-level undergraduate peer mentors who seek to enhance the academic success and well-being of those they assist. The primary domains of focus include effective study and time management techniques; exam preparation and reflection skills; comprehension of the psychology and behavioral neuroscience major requirements; tips for engaging in the field; strategies for education continuation; and methods for maintaining physical and mental health. For any questions, email psychfriends@gvsu.edu. To schedule an appointment with a mentor, go to [https://www.gvsu.edu/navigate/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gvsu.edu%2Fnavigate%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C9505b9d0a6e242ed64cd08da83bfb387%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637967156774382059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UgG885mpazy%2BkeaalD2u%2FZUhLyZbcKaXEXyFs%2B3idp4%3D&reserved=0).

**A university link to COVID relevant information**

 [https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gvsu.edu%2Flakerstogether%2F&data=05%7C01%7C%7C9505b9d0a6e242ed64cd08da83bfb387%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637967156774382059%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=8Uqb586mG%2F7IvtUTRM83bpyhWIX5XqpRDbN2bM%2F3%2Bjs%3D&reserved=0)

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