

PSY 101: Introductory Psychology

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MWF 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Course Number	Meeting Time	Location
PSY 101 - 06	MWF 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	LMH 114
PSY 101 - 08	MWF 2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	LMH 114
PSY 101 - 10	MWF 12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	LMH 114
PSY 101 - 19	MWF 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	LMH 114

Refund/Withdrawal Deadlines

Deadline	Date
100% Tuition Refund Deadline	September 2 by 5 p.m.
75% Tuition Refund Deadline	September 23 by 5 p.m.
Drop with a "W" Grade Deadline	October 28

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 September 9th**.

Tentative Schedule

Date	Chapter and Topic	Exam
August 29	Course Overview	
August 31	Chapter 4: Consciousness	
September 2	Chapter 4: Consciousness	
September 5	Labor Day Recess	
September 7	Chapter 4: Consciousness	
September 9	Chapter 6: Learning	
September 12	Chapter 6: Learning	
September 14	Chapter 6: Learning	
September 16	Chapter 7: Human Memory	
September 19	Chapter 7: Human Memory	
September 21	Chapter 7: Human Memory	
September 23	Review for Exam 1 Top Hat polls	Exam 1 (available on Bb from 6:00 p.m. Sept 23 to 11:59 p.m. Sept 24)

September 26	Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence	
September 28	Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence	
September 30	Chapter 8: Decision & Intelligence	
October 3	Chapter 9: Human Development	
October 5	Chapter 9: Human Development	
October 7	Chapter 9: Human Development	
October 10	Chapter 9: Human Development	
October 12	Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation	
October 14	Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation	
October 17	Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation	
October 19	Chapter 10: Emotion & Motivation	
October 21	Review for Exam 2 Top Hat polls	Exam 2 (available on Bb from 6:00 p.m. Oct 21 to 11:59 p.m. Oct 22)
October 24	Fall Break	
October 26	Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being	
October 28	Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being	
October 31	Chapter 11: Health & Well-Being	
November 2	Chapter 12: Social Psychology	
November 4	Chapter 12: Social Psychology	
November 7	Chapter 12: Social Psychology	
November 9	Chapter 12: Social Psychology	
November 11	Review for Exam 3 Top Hat polls	Exam 3 (available on Bb from 6:00 p.m. Nov 11 to 11:59 p.m. Nov 12)
November 14	Chapter 13: Personality	
November 16	Chapter 13: Personality	
November 18	Chapter 13: Personality	
November 21	Chapter 13: Personality	
November 23	Thanksgiving Recess	
November 25	Thanksgiving Recess	
November 28	Chapter 11: Personality	
November 30	Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	
December 2	Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	
December 5	Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	
December 7	Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	
December 9	Review for Exam 4 Top Hat polls	
December 12	--	Exam 4 (available on Bb from 6:00 p.m. Dec 12 to 11:59 p.m. Dec 13)

Methods of Evaluation

Exams (80%)

- There will be four Online MC exams.
- 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. You will earn 10% participation marks by completing the four mock exams (see *Top Hat Polls* below).

Top Hat Polls (10%)

- There will be 4 Top Hat Polls (all questions are MC). The last day to complete these polls is Dec 13.
- These polls can be completed during lectures on the exam review days (see the table above) 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 Content Area on Bb
- Each credit weights 2.5% of your course total
- Total = 2.5% x 4 = 10%

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 Content Area of Bb

Grading Scale

		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/>.

A university link to COVID relevant information

<https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/>

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