

## INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY: PRINCIPLES OF BEHAVIOUR

### Course Outline

Course Number: SOCI102

Introduction to Psychology: Principles of Behaviour is a survey course of the psychological concepts and research methods used to understand and explain the principles of human behaviour according to a variety of sub-disciplines in the natural science stream of psychology including behaviour neuroscience, sensation, perception, consciousness, learning, memory, cognition, language, motivation, and emotion.

### Learning Sequence:

Wks/Hrs Units	Topics, Resources, Learning Activities	Assessment
Week 1	Orientation/Welcome to Psychology	
Week 2	Introduction to Psychology Chapter 1	
Week 3	Psychology and the Scientific Method: Research Methods Chapter 2 (not p. 56-57)	Critical Thinking Question
Week 4	Reading and Summarizing Psychological Literature Mitchell et al Ch 1, 3, & 4	
Week 5	Biological Basis of Behaviour Chapter 3	Quiz 1 10%
Week 6	Sensation and Perception Chapter 5	Critical Thinking Question -Presentation
Week 7	Memory Chapter 8	Critical Thinking Question -Presentation
Week 8	Independent Learning Week	
Week 9	Test 1 - 20%	
Week 10	Learning 1: Classical and Operant Conditioning Chapter 7 p. 256 - 249	Critical Thinking Question -Presentation
Week 11	Learning 2: Observational Learning Chapter 7 p. 279 - 291	Critical Thinking Question -Presentation
Week 12	Cognition and Language Chapter 9	Quiz 2 10%
Week 13	States of Consciousness Chapter 6	Critical Thinking Question

		-Presentation -Research Summary 20%
Week 14	Motivation & Emotion Chapter 11 (NOT pgs. 419-424)	Critical Thinking Question -Presentation
Week 15	Test 2 - 20%	

### Learning Resources:

Mitchell, M.L., Jolley, J.M., & O'Shea, R.P. (2007). Writing for psychology (2nd ed.). Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth.

Santrock, J. W., & Mitterer, J. O. (2005). Psychology (2nd Canadian ed.). Toronto: ON: McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

### Assessment Plan:

Item/Date:	Percent:	Description:
Quiz 1	10	Quiz 1 will cover all material since week one and will consist of 40 multiple choice questions.
APA Assignment	5	This APA reference page will be due two weeks before your research presentation.
Group Presentation	10	Students will orally summarize an empirical research article.
Test 1	20	Test 1 will cover all material since the first week of class and will consist of 70 multiple choice questions and one 10 mark short answer question.
Research Summary	15	Students will summarize an empirical research article.
Quiz 2	10	Quiz 2 will cover all material since reading week and will consist of 40 multiple choice questions.
Critical Thinking Questions	10	Students will answer a short critical thinking question about their assigned readings.
Test 2	20	Test 2 will cover all material since reading week and will consist of 70 multiple choice questions and one 10 mark short answer question.

