

Last Revised: May 2014

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Psychology: Basic Psychological Processes **Course Number:** PSYC 101 **Credits:** 3

**Total Weeks:** 14 (Fall, Spring)  
12 (Summer) **Total Hours:** 39 **Course Level:**  First Year  Second Year  
 New  Revised Course  
 Replacement Course

**Department:** Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall **Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

**Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE):** NONE

**Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE):** NONE

**Precluded Courses:** N/A

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an introduction to the field of psychology and the major psychological processes of learning, memory, language, cognition, motivation, sensation, perception, physiological psychology, history, methodology and statistics.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain and evaluate topics and research in psychology
- Describe, critically evaluate, and apply basic research design and statistical methods
- Explain and evaluate basic psychological processes across the basic areas of Psychology covered in this course (Biological, Consciousness, Learning, Memory, Thinking and Problem Solving)
- Apply writing skills in papers or examinations
- Think critically about psychological issues and research

**INSTRUCTION AND GRADING**

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
Total	39

**Grading System:** Letter Grades  Percentage  Pass/Fail  Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory  Other

**Specify passing grade:** 50%

**Evaluation Activities and Weighting** (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 25% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i>	Lab Work: %	Participation: % <i>Specify nature of participation:</i>	Project: % <i>Specify nature of project:</i>
Quizzes/Test: %	Midterm Exams: 25, 25 %	Final Exam: 25%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

### TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Provide a full reference for each text and/or resource material and include whether required/not required.

Hockenbury, D. H., & Hockenbury, S. E. (2013). Psychology (6th ed.). NY: Worth.

### COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	Introduction to the course History, Assumptions, Perspectives	1
Week 2	Perspectives Continued; Research Methods; Statistics	1, Appendix A
Week 3	Research Methods; Statistics; Biological Basis of Behaviour	1, Appendix A, 2
Week 4	Biological Basis of Behaviour	2
Week 5	Sensation and Perception	3
Week 6	Sensation and Perception	3
Week 7	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b> States of Consciousness	4
Week 8	States of Consciousness; Learning	4, 5
Week 9	Learning; Memory	5, 6
Week 10	Memory	6
Week 11	Memory	6
Week 12	Thinking Language and Intelligence	7
Week 13	Thinking Language and Intelligence	7

Week 14

**FINAL EXAM**

**NOTES**

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)