

Effective: Fall 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: 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, consciousness, 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, Sensation and Perception, Learning, Memory)
- 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: 30% Worksheets, Questions and exercises, and mastery exercises. 15% 3 Personal reflections 15%	Lab Work: %	Participation: 10% <i>Specify nature of participation: attendance, discussions and polls</i>	Project: %
Quizzes/Test: 10%. On-line chapter tests	Midterm Exams: 25 % Not cumulative	Final Exam: 25% Not cumulative	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.

- McCann, D., Weiten, W., & Matheson, D.H. (2022). Psychology: Themes and variations (6th Canadian ed.). TO: Cengage.
WITH **MINDTAP** online code.
- Hockenbury, S., Nolan, S., & Hockenbury, D. (2016). Discovering Psychology (7th ed.). Worth Publishers.

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic	Chapter
Week 1	Introduction to the course The Evolution of Psychology (History, Assumptions, Perspectives)	1
Week 2	Perspectives Continued; Research Enterprise in Psychology Research Methods; Statistics	2, Appendix A
Week 3	Research Enterprise in Psychology Methods; Statistics; Biological Basis of Behaviour	2, Appendix A, 3
Week 4	Biological Basis of Behavior	3
Week 5	Midterm – All materials, Lectures, Text Sensation and Perception	4
Week 6	Sensation and Perception	4
Week 7	States of Consciousness	5
Week 8	States of Consciousness; Learning	5, 6
Week 9	Learning	6

COURSE OUTLINE

Week 10	Learning, Memory	6, 7
Week 11	Memory	7
Week 12	Language & Thought	8
Week 13	Language & Thought	8
Exam Period	All materials, Lectures, Text	
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

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