

PSYC 1105EL 03: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
Fall-Winter 2006-2007

INSTRUCTOR:

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CLASS HOURS: Monday/Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in C204 (Classroom Building)

TEXTBOOKS: Weitan, W., & McCann, D. (2007). *Psychology: Themes & variations* (First Canadian Edition). Thomson/Nelson.
Student's Study Guide to accompany Weitan's textbook.

COURSE CONTENT

First Semester:

PSYC 1105EL 03 will be divided into two separate semesters. The first will be taught by Mr. Nathan French. He will focus on the theory of psychology which includes the following chapter outline:

Chapter 1: Evolution of Psychology
Chapter 2: Research in Psychology
Chapter 7: Human Memory
Chapter 6: Learning
Chapter 8: Language and Thought
Chapter 10: Motivation and Emotion
Chapter 11: Human Development
Chapter 16: Social Behaviour

Second Semester:

In the second semester, the student will be introduced to the practical application of psychological issues by Dr. Paul M. Valliant. You will be introduced to applied psychology and are expected to examine the models in this area.

Chapter Outline

- Chapter 3: Biological Psychology
- Chapter 4: Sensation and Perception
- Chapter 5: Variations in Consciousness
- Chapter 9: Intelligence and Psychological Testing
- Chapter 12: Personality Theory, Research, and Assessment
- Chapter 13: Stress, Coping, and Health
- Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders
- Chapter 15: Treatment of Psychological Disorders
- Forensic Psychology: Instructor's Notes

GOALS OF THE COURSE: There are three major sets of goals of PSYC 1105EL03:

- (1) to acquaint you with psychological knowledge (methodology, concepts, facts, range of subject matter, integration of subject matter, attitudes of the discipline);
- (2) to help you develop general intellectual skills (acquiring and evaluating knowledge, solving problems, communicating your ideas);
- (3) to a lesser extent, the course should also inform you of some of the latest developments in psychology and should help you understand yourself and others better.

In this course, attainment of the first set of goals (acquaintance with knowledge) will be approached through lectures, reading, and discussion. One's degree of attainment will be assessed by means of tests and a final exam in April 2007. The second set of goals (developing intellectual skills) can be attained by reading. The third set of goals can be attained by attending classes and class participation.

INPUT: Your main sources of input are lectures, reading your text, and visiting the library to obtain ancillary reading material. Discussion in class will be used to handle problems in reading and lectures are designed to provide a framework where one's reading becomes meaningful.

Note: ***This is not a textbook course. Attendance in class is compulsory and according to University Regulations all students must attend 80 % of class lectures otherwise they will be asked to withdraw from the course and receive a Failure.***

OUTPUT: As mentioned above, one's degree of attainment of each set of goals will be measured by means of tests and one final exam. Details will be discussed during the first week of classes.

GRADING:

Quizzes Nine short tests (20 multiple-choice questions) will be administered during the 2006-2007 year. The student has an obligation to write seven of the nine tests. The highest grades from your seven best tests will be averaged to give a mark out of 70%. (Each quiz is worth 10%.)

NOTE: *There will not be any re-writes or make-ups, for illness, absenteeism, skipping classes, or vacations. Remember there are a total of 9 tests and you must write 7.*

DATES OF TESTS: **Best 7** test marks to be averaged for **70%** (Note: 10% per test)

First Semester:

- 1) September 27, 2006
- 2) October 11, 2006
- 3) November 01, 2006
- 4) November 15, 2006
- 5) November 29, 2006

Second Semester:

- 6) January 24, 2007
- 7) February 28, 2007
- 8) March 14, 2007
- 9) March 28, 2007 **70%**

Christmas Exam: **“NONE”**

Final Exam (to be scheduled by Registrar in April 2007) **30%**
100 multiple-choice questions

Extra Points can be earned by participation in experiments conducted by 4th year thesis students (approved by Dr. P. Valliant) and by research conducted by your professor. (Maximum 3%)

GRAND TOTAL **100%**

***** NOTE:** **Students will not be allowed to tape (audio/visual) lectures. Notes must be done long hand (pen/pencil) or by computer.**