

PSY 1001: COURSE SYLLABUS SUMMARY

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Psychology 1001 is a 4-credit introduction to the scientific study of human behavior. This course explores some of the fundamental questions about human behavior that lend themselves to scientific study. For example, why do we find certain people attractive? How does language develop? Why do some people become criminals? Psychologists use the assumptions and methods of science to answer questions about human behavior. Psy 1001 is a prerequisite for all other Psychology courses.

Lectures. Psy 1001 meets from 1:25 - 2:15 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in 175 Willey Hall. Lectures are presented by professors from the Department of Psychology and the Institute of Child Development. Students are responsible for information presented in lectures, including videos.

Discussion sections. Discussion sections occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. See below for specific details. Discussion sections involve active learning activities, supplementary learning material (e.g. videos and demonstrations), peer discussion, and reflective writing.

Class Website. The PSY 1001 class website is available through WebVista. Go to www.myu.umn.edu, log in, then go to “myUspace.” Registered students will find the PSY 1001 site listed there. Much of the information you will need and use is available on the website. Please log in the first week of class.

Course Coordinator. Jessica Shryack is the Coordinator for Psy 1001 (but see the list below under “Communications” to find out who to contact for specific course issues). Her office is in N105 Elliott Hall. Office hours: Mondays 11:00 – 12:00 pm, Wednesdays 11:00 - 12:00pm, or by appointment.

Discussion Section Times, Locations and Section Leaders

Section (time)	Location	Section (time)	Location	Section leader	email
Tuesday					
02 (9:05-9:55)	EltH N647	03 (10:10-11:00)	EltH N647	Alvina Kittur	kittu003@umn.edu
04 (10:10-11:00)	BlegH 245	05 (11:15-12:05)	BlegH 245	Jhon Wlaschin	wlas0006@umn.edu
06 (11:15-12:05)	CivE 212	07 (12:20-1:10)	CivE 212	Jennifer Filson	fil0007@umn.edu
08 (12:20-01:10)	BlegH 245	09 (01:25-02:15)	BlegH 245	Jessica Hurdelbrink	hurde042@umn.edu
10 (01:25-02:15)	BurtonH 120	11 (02:30-03:20)	BurtonH 120	Dan Goldman	goldm076@umn.edu
12 (02:30-03:20)	BlegH 245	13 (03:35-4:25)	BlegH 245	John Kim	kimx1073@umn.edu
Wednesday (on-line lectures)					
27 (9:05-9:55)	Elt N647	28 (10:10-11:00)	Elt N647	Margaret Gavian	gavia004@umn.edu
29 (11:15-12:05)	FordH B15	30 (12:20-1:10)	FordH B15	Grace Deason	deaso002@umn.edu
Thursday					
14 (09:05-9:55)	EltH N647	15 (10:10-11:00)	EltH N647	CleliaAnna Mannino	manni114@umn.edu
16 (10:10-11:00)	BlegH 245	17 (11:15-12:05)	BlegH 245	Catalina Hooper	hoop0044@umn.edu
18 (11:15-12:05)	CivE 212	19 (12:20-1:10)	CivE 212	Corrie Hunt	hunt0400@umn.edu
20 (12:20-01:10)	BlegH 245	21 (01:25-02:15)	BlegH 245	Kyoung Seol	seol0002@umn.edu
22 (01:25-02:15)	FordH 130	23 (2:30-3:20)	FordH 130	Samantha Anders	ande8552@umn.edu
24 (02:30-03:20)	BlegH 245	25 (03:35-4:25)	BlegH 245	Paul Fuglestad	fugl0025@umn.edu
Psychology 1001H		002 (11:15-12:05)	EltH N391	Tom Brothen	broth001@umn.edu
Wednesday					

Textbook

Required Textbook. Wayne Weiten (2007). *Psychology: Themes and Variations, 7th ed.* Thomson/Wadsworth.

- The textbook is available in the Coffman Bookstore. You may purchase **either a new or used copy** for PSY 1001. New copies are accompanied by an access code for the “NOW” product, a student website featuring study aids, simulations and videos. You are welcome to use this product to study, but you are not required to use “NOW” for this class.

Materials Available Online

- 1) **Study Aids:** Lecture notes and learning objectives are provided to help students study.
- 2) **Online Quizzes:** These are a required part of the course and need to be completed each week by Friday at 12pm (except Week 1). More information is given online.
- 3) **Extra credit descriptions and links:** Information on the Research Experience Program (REP), TA Interviews and instructions for taking the Multidimensional Personality Questionnaire (MPQ) are provided here.
- 4) **Current grade information:** Exam and assignment points are available here.
- 5) **Exam information:** Information on exam dates, scheduling make-up exams, etc., is provided here.
- 6) **People and Communication Policies:** Here you learn how and who to contact in case of missed exams, performance issues, and problems accessing the website or online lectures.
- 7) **Other Policies:** Grading scale, workload expectations, and student conduct expectations are provided here.
- 8) **Advising:** Psychology Undergraduate Advising information is given here.
- 9) **Interesting Links:** This link features various psychology websites designed to enhance your understanding of psychology.

Class Communication and Concerns about Performance

- For questions about the **syllabus, discussion section content or grading, or your performance in discussion section**, contact your **Discussion Leader** (email addresses given above)
- For questions about the **website**, contact the **Multimedia Teaching Assistant**, Brenton McMenamin (mcmen020@umn.edu)
- For questions about **your exam performance, or personal concerns**, contact the **Course Coordinator**, Jessica Shryack (jshryack@umn.edu)
- Online sections (**sections 27-30**): for **problems accessing online lectures** contact our **IS Manager**, Carla Bates (bates014@umn.edu)

Schedule of Weekly Lecture Topics, Lecturers, and Readings

Week	Day	Date	Weiten Topic Title	Lecturer	Weiten Chapter
1	W	5-Sep	Introduction/Syllabus	Shryack	Ch. 1
	F	7-Sep	Evolution of Psychology	Shryack	
2	M	10-Sep	The Research Enterprise	Weiss	Ch. 2
	W	12-Sep	The Research Enterprise	Weiss	
	F	14-Sep	Measurement	Weiss	Ch. 9, pp. 334-340
3	M	17-Sep	Biological Basis of Behavior	Gewirtz	Ch. 3
	W	19-Sep	Biological Basis of Behavior	Gewirtz	
	F	21-Sep	Biological Basis of Behavior	Gewirtz	
4	M	24-Sep	Sensation and Perception	Burkhardt	Ch. 4
	W	26-Sep	Sensation and Perception	Burkhardt	
	F	28-Sep	Sensation and Perception	Burkhardt	
5	M	1-Oct	EXAM 1 (45 points)		
	W	3-Oct	Human Memory	Fletcher	Ch. 5; Ch. 7
	F	5-Oct	Human Memory	Fletcher	
6	M	8-Oct	Language and Thought	Fletcher	Ch. 8
	W	10-Oct	Language and Thought	Fletcher	
	F	12-Oct	Language and Thought	Fletcher	
7	M	15-Oct	Learning	Peterson	Ch. 6
	W	17-Oct	Learning	Peterson	
	F	19-Oct	Learning	Peterson	
8	M	22-Oct	EXAM 2 (45 points)		
	W	24-Oct	Motivation and Emotion	Shryack	Ch. 10
	F	26-Oct	Motivation and Emotion	Shryack	
9	M	29-Oct	Intelligence and Psychological Testing	Bouchard	Ch. 9; Review Ch 3
	W	31-Oct	Intelligence and Psychological Testing	Bouchard	section on genetics
	F	2-Nov	Intelligence and Psychological Testing	Bouchard	
10	M	5-Nov	Personality	Krueger	Ch. 12
	W	7-Nov	Personality	Krueger	
	F	9-Nov	Personality	Krueger	
11	M	12-Nov	Human Development	Collins	Ch. 11
	W	14-Nov	Human Development	Collins	
	F	16-Nov	Human Development	Collins	
12	M	19-Nov	EXAM 3 (45 points)		
	W	21-Nov	Stress, Coping and Health	Online	Ch. 13
	F	23-Nov	Thanksgiving break	No Class	
13	M	26-Nov	Psychological Disorders	Grove	Chs. 14 and 15
	W	28-Nov	Psychological Disorders	Grove	
	F	30-Nov	Psychological Disorders	Grove	
14	M	3-Dec	Social Behavior	Gonzalez	Ch. 16
	W	5-Dec	Social Behavior	Gonzalez	
	F	7-Dec	Social Behavior	Gonzalez	
15	M	10-Dec	Course Wrap-Up (Review, grades, etc.)	Shryack	
	W	12-Dec	NO CLASS		
DEC. 14: Final Exam (90 points) (Check online syllabus for details)					

Exams

Exams. All exams are multiple-choice. Each mid-term exam contains 45 questions, with each question worth 1 point. The final exam contains 90 questions, with each question worth 1 point. Dates for exams are given on the Lecture and Reading Schedule above.

Missed exams. To schedule a make-up exam, see the online syllabus for directions. Make-up exams **must** be completed the week following a regular exam.

Extra Credit. Extra credit can be earned by participating in one or all of the following ways. Up to, but *no more than*, **14 points** of extra credit may be earned during the semester. See the class website for links to each of these options.

- **The Research Experience Program (REP).** REP involves participating in research designed by Psychology Department faculty and graduate students. REP studies run from about the third week of classes to the end of the semester (exact dates on website). You can search for and sign up for studies online.
- **TA Interviews.** You may also earn extra credit by attending section leader office hours and conducting a “TA Interview.” You can earn one REP point per section leader interview. See the website for more information and a structured interview form. ** If you are interested in graduate school, this is a good way to find out more about it..
- **MPQ online.** The Multidimensional Personality Questionnaire (MPQ) is a personality assessment designed at the University of Minnesota. It is available online for students to take for 2 extra credit points; see the link under “extra credit” on the website.

Adding a “15th” point to extra credit. Psychology Advising will run multiple sessions in Willey 175 on topics related to undergraduate advising. Attendance earns students 1 “extra” point of extra credit. Sessions are run between 2:15pm-2:45pm on multiple dates throughout the semester. Check the website for dates.

Grading

Grades. Grades are comprised of three Midterm Exams, a Final Exam, 16 quizzes (completed online), and 10 reflective writing essays (the lowest two essay scores are dropped from your grade). Points are distributed as follows:

Exams	225 points (three 45-point Midterms and the 90-point comprehensive Final Exam) (~81%)
Reflective essays (completed in discussion section)	22 points (12 assignments plus 1 online activity worth 2 points each; lowest 2 scores are dropped) (~7%)
Online quizzes	32 points (16 quizzes worth 2 points each) (~12%)
Total points from exams and assignments	279 points
+ Maximum extra credit allowed	15 points (14 REP points, TA Interview points, or MPQ points or any combination of these, plus 1 point for attending an advising session)
Maximum possible (if all extra credit is earned)	294 points