



The University of Suwon

Introduction to Psychology (Hybrid Course) Spring Semester 2019 Prof. Uzzel A. Ratilla

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Course Introduction

The nature of human beings has always been a very interesting subject matter. We have discovered a great amount of information on the nature of the earth and the universe. However, have we really gone deeper in attempting to understand the human psyche? Have we really fully comprehended the complexities of human behaviors? This course will discuss a broad range of topics in Psychology such as perception, sleep and dreams, language, human development, health, stress and the like. More importantly, these concepts will be related to one's daily life experiences in order to have a better perspective on the nature of human behaviors and interactions.

Course Objectives

In English, students will be able to:

- Have knowledge on the history of Psychology, its different subfields, and the various works of Psychologists.
- Communicate effectively about the theoretical principles of psychological phenomena and apply it in real-life circumstances and current social issues.
- Recognize and appreciate how psychology can facilitate their growth as individuals by accepting responsibilities for their own behavior.
- Develop a deeper understanding of themselves and other people.

Course Language

This course is taught completely in Academic English. All lectures, lessons, instructions, homework, and examinations are in English only. **If you can not read, write, and understand English at an academic level, do not take this course.** Students will need to have a significantly high level of English to read and understand the contents and to complete the course works. "I don't speak English well" will not be an excuse for failure.

Course Competency

Communication Ability; Self-directed Competence; Creative Ability; Global Ability

Course Format

This course is a **hybrid-type** which is subdivided into **pre-class**, **in-class**, and **post-class**. In-class is done for two (2) hours in a regular classroom setting, while pre-class and post-class (both for a total of one hour) are done online through **Canvas**. The total class time for this course is three (3) hours per week for fifteen (15) weeks for the entire semester. Furthermore, this course utilizes focused-group discussion (in-class) and videos and online journals (for pre and post classes, respectively).

Course Guidelines, Requirements and Expectations

All students must:

- Use the required materials and download or prepare any other materials required by the teacher.
- Act respectfully and courteously in class at all times.
- (during in-class sessions) they must place all handphones on **silent mode** and **not use them** unless asked to (for example: dictionary) by the teacher.
- Come to the in-class sessions on time and must be prepared of all the pre-class tasks (videos) and post-class tasks (online journals)
- Attend and participate actively in the in-class sessions.
- Complete all required readings, assignments and exams.

Required Texts/Materials

What is Psychology? Foundations, Applications and Integration, 3rd Edition
Ellen Pastorino, Susana Doyle-Portillo
2016, Cengage Learning
ISBN-13: 9781305088740

Understanding Psychology, 10th Edition
Robert S. Feldman
2011, McGraw-Hill
ISBN: 978-07-338279-5

Note: The books listed above are still subject to change depending on availability.

Course website:

<https://canvas.suwon.ac.kr/>
<http://ic.suwon.ac.kr/>

Course Policies

To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. That is, if students miss a class for **more than four times**, they will fail the course.

Absences:

- There are NO excused absences

Tardiness:

- 3 times late = 1 absence.
- Students who arrive late should tell the teacher if attendance has already been taken.

Assessment:

- Assessment will be by class participation (individual and group work), online journal, and examinations (midterm and final).
- Makeup exams are considered but is subject to the professor's deliberation based on the nature/reason of the student. It is therefore, at the discretion of the professor.
- Cheating is not tolerated and will result in an automatic F.

Grading:

- In-class activities: 25%
- Attendance and participation (online journal): 25%
- Midterm assessment: 25%
- Final assessment: 25%

NOTE: The course will be graded on a curve (relative grading).

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Spring 2019 Elective Schedule**

Date	Lesson Content
Week 01	Introduction : Brief History of Psychology, Scientific Approaches
Week 02	The Physiological Basis of Behavior
Week 03	Sleep and Dreams
Week 04	Learning Theories
Week 05	Human Development
Week 06	Cognition & Intelligence
Week 07	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (midterm)
Week 08	Midterm Examination
Week 09	Theories of Personality
Week 10	Gender and Sexuality
Week 11	Social Psychology: Loving and Liking Others
Week 12	Health Psychology: Stress and Coping
Week 13	Psychological Disorders: Depressive Disorders; Psychosis
Week 14	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (final)
Week 15	Final Examination
Week 16	Make-up Week

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