



The University of Suwon

**General Psychology
(In-class)
Spring Semester 2021
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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

Expectations:

All students must;

- Attend and participate actively in all class sessions.
- Complete all homework and required tasks.
- Make all assigned individual, pair, or group presentations.

Participation:

Student participation will be assessed based on weekly class activities: case analysis, group discussion, and journal entry.

Required Texts/Materials

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

Introduction to Psychology 10th Edition
Rod Plotnik
2014, Cengage Learning
ISBN-10: 1133939538 | ISBN-13: 9781133939535

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

Course website:

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

Course Policies

To complete a course, students must attend at least 75% of classes. If a student misses a class **four times or more**, they will automatically get an F (failed grade).

Absences:

- There are NO excused absences.

Tardiness:

- 3 times late = 1 hour absence.
- If a student is late, it is his/her responsibility to approach the teacher about it.

Assessment:

- Assessment will be by class participation (individual and group work) and exam (midterm and final).
- Makeup exams are considered, but still subject to evaluation and the teacher's discretion.
- Cheating is not tolerated and will result in an automatic F.

***Grading**

Participation (Class exercises, Quizzes, Presentations)- 35%

Attendance (Journal)- 25%

Midterm Exam- 20%

Final Exam- 20%

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

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Spring 2021 Elective Schedule**

Date	Lesson Content
Week 1	Introduction and Course Overview Part 1: What Is Psychology? The History of Psychology
Week 2	Introduction and Course Overview Part 2: Scientific Approaches, Different Fields In Psychology
Week 3	Physiological Basis of Behavior
Week 4	Sleep and Dreams
Week 5	Learning Theories
Week 6	Human Development
Week 7	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (midterm)
Week 8	Midterm Assessment
Week 9	Theories of Personality
Week 10	Understanding Emotional Experience
Week 11	Health, Stress, and Coping
Week 12	Psychological Disorders: Depressive Disorders
Week 13	Psychological Disorders: Psychosis
Week 14	Review: Consolidation of Lessons (final)
Week 15	Final Assessment
Week 16	Make-up Week

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