



Shih Chien University

STP Program (July 01-Aug 02)

PSY 100 Foundations of Psychology

Course Outline

Course Code: PSY 100

Instructor: TBA

Home Institution: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Email: TBA

Credits: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 144 class hours, including 50 lecture hours, professor 30 office hours, 20-hour TA discussion sessions, 10-hour review sessions, 34-hour extra classes.

Prerequisites: N/A

Course Description :

Introduction to Psychology will provide students with an overview of the current trends and body of knowledge in Psychology, including basics of the cognitive, developmental, personality, social, and clinical fields.

The overarching course goal is to allow students to reach a comprehensive understanding of the issues and methods in psychology, to decide whether to pursue studies in the field. In the process of reaching this goal, our objectives are that each student will:

- Become familiar with current scientific theories and research in the major topic areas of Psychology;
- Discover the personal relevance of course material in their everyday and professional lives, in order to make fully-informed decisions;

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- Develop the skills necessary to evaluate and think critically about information concerning psychological phenomena obtained from research, the general public, and the media;
- Be well prepared for advanced courses in Psychology.

Required Course Materials:

Weiten, W. Psychology: Themes and variation (9th edition). Cengage Learning.

Grading System (1 ~ 100):

Quality Points	Grade	Percentage %
4	A	80-100
3	B	70-79
2	C	60-69
1	D	50-59
0	E	0-49

Assignments and Essays (30%) – A literature-informed research essay integrating the theories learned from this class. Grades are given based on thoughtful analyses and application of the relevant theories (40%), evidence-based argument and critical thinking (40%), and overall writing and grammar (20%). The essay is due in the last week of the class.

Midterm exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given in the middle of week 3 to cover all materials previously studied.

Final exam (35%) – will be multiple choice questions given at the end of week 5 to cover all materials previously studied.

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Overview

History and Methods

Biology

Sensation and Perception

Week 2

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Consciousness

Learning I

Learning II

Memory and Cognition

Week3

Motivation and Emotion I

Motivation and Emotion II

Midterm

Development I

Development II

Week4

Personality I

Personality II

Social Psychology I

Social Psychology II

Week5

Health Psychology

Psychological Disorders

Therapy

Final