



PSY11: Introduction to Psychology

Basic Information

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Course Hours

This course is composed of 20 sessions, and meets Monday through Friday for 2 hours per session.

Course Description

In this course students will understand the scientific approach to the study of Psychology through lecture, discussion, and their own original research. Students will be introduced to the major areas of psychology and they will understand the role of experimental methodology in the science of psychology as it is practiced today. Upon finishing this course, students will be familiar with the state of contemporary psychology, and they will be able to conceive and investigate their own psychological research question.

Assessment

The grading in this course is composed of 3 in-class exams, an original research project performed and presented to the class in small groups, a 5-minute presentation about a psychological concept relevant to their research interests in front of their classmates, and in-class participation. Students are encouraged to respond verbally during each course in order to improve their understanding of the material.

3 in-class exams: 60% Student teaching session: 15%

Group experimental research project: 15% Class participation: 10%