

PSYC 200-01
Principles of Psychology I
Spring 2024

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Course Description

A survey of topics associated with psychology's role as a biological science, including neuroscience, sensation and perception, cognition, learning, memory, and language.

Course Learning Outcomes

The Department of Psychology is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes they facilitate (see <https://live-arts.ucalgary.ca/psychology/about#program-learning-outcomes>), and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	Assessment Methods	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Understand the scientific approach to psychology.	exam	1, 2, 5	I, I, I
Understand how different theories explain human behaviors and cognition.	exam	1, 2, 5	I, I, I
Understand the assumptions of different psychological theories.	exam	1, 2, 5	I, I, I
Understand basic research methods.	exam	1, 2, 5	I, I, I

Notes. PLOs = Program-Learning Outcomes: 1 = demonstrate knowledge of psychological sciences, 2 = think critically and solve problems, 3 = conduct research and analyze data, 4 = communicate effectively, 5 = demonstrate information literacy, 6 = understand and implement ethical principles in a diverse world, 7 = apply psychological knowledge and skills, 8 = Demonstrate multicultural competence and awareness of issues related to equity, diversity,* and inclusion. Level of PLO achievement facilitated by this course: I = introductory, C = competency, A = advanced.

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Course Format

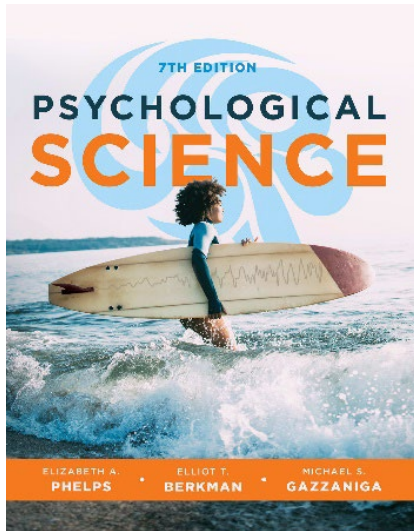
This is an in-person class held on campus.

Prerequisites

None

Required Text

Phelps, E.A., Berkman, E.T., & Gazzaniga, M. S. (2022). *Psychological Science (7th ed.)*. W. W. Norton & Company



Students have an option of purchasing a hard copy or an electronic copy from the bookstore.

Assessment Methods

Method	Topics / Chapters	Format	Duration (minutes)	Date	Weight
In-Class Exam 1	Chapter 2 Lecture PowerPoint	MC	75 mins	May 13	20%
In-Class Exam 2	Chapters 3 & 4 Lecture PowerPoint	MC	75 mins	May 27	25%
In-Class Exam 3	Chapters 5 & 6 Lecture PowerPoint	MC	75 mins	June 5	25%
In-Class Exam 4	Chapters 7 & 8 Lecture PowerPoint	MC	120 mins	To be scheduled by the Registrar	25%
In-Class Quizzes (1-4) on Top Hat	Correspond to Exams 1-4	MC	75 mins	Quiz 1: May 13 Quiz 2: May 27 Quiz 3: June 5	5%

Exams (95%)

- There will be four in-class M.C. exams.
- Exam 1 weights 20%
- Exams 2, 3, & 4 weight 25% each.
- Exams in this course are closed book. The use of resources, including class notes, the textbook, and online resources, is prohibited during the exams in this course. Students may not communicate with others about course material or the exam either in person or electronically during exams.

Top Hat MC-Questions Participation (5%)

- There will be one open-book quiz on Top Hat preceding each exam. The questions (in a Word document) will be posted on D2L a few days before the exam. Students will answer these questions in class (see “Tentative Lecture Schedule” for dates and times) and see the answers right after. These quizzes are graded based on participation only (5% of course total).
- The instructor will ask open-ended discussion questions on Top Hat during lectures. Participation is voluntary and optional. Answers to and participation in these open-ended questions are not graded.

Bonus Course Credits for Research Participation (Max 2% of final grade)

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. **A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student’s final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation.** The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **June 17, 2024**.

Once approved by the course instructor, and at their discretion, alternative arrangements for missed assessments may be considered

<https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/78a7b12034b64946b663e1cec5605d38>. Students may be asked for documentation <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/uofcregs/university-regulations/additional-regulations>.

University of Calgary Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity.

Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional code of conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary’s reputation of excellence. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have read and are familiar with the student academic misconduct policy:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Academic-Misconduct-Policy.pdf>.

Department of Psychology Criteria for Letter Grades

Psychology course instructors use the following criteria when assigning letter grades:

A+ grade: *Exceptional Performance.* An A+ grade indicates near perfect performance on multiple choice and short answer exams. For research papers/essays/course projects/presentations, an A+ grade is awarded for exceptional work deserving of special recognition and is therefore not a common grade.

A, A- Range: *Excellent Performance.* Superior understanding of course material. Written work is very strong in terms of critical and original thinking, content, organization, and the expression of ideas, and demonstrates student's thorough knowledge of subject matter.

B Range: *Good Performance.* Above average understanding of course material. Written work shows evidence of critical thinking and attention to organization and editing but could be improved in form and/or content.

C Range: *Satisfactory Performance.* Adequate understanding of course material. Knowledge of basic concepts and terminology is demonstrated. Written work is satisfactory and meets essential requirements but could be improved significantly in form and content. Note: All prerequisites for courses offered by the Faculty of Arts must be met with a minimum grade of C-.

D range: *Marginally meets standards.* Minimal understanding of subject matter. Written work is marginally acceptable and meets basic requirements but requires substantial improvements in form and content. Student has not mastered course material at a level sufficient for advancement into more senior courses in the same or related subjects.

F grade: *Course standards not met.* Inadequate understanding of subject matter. Written work does not meet basic requirements. Student has not demonstrated knowledge of course material at a level sufficient for course credit.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

It is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades.

To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (e.g., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A but 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-).

Tentative Lecture Schedule

Date	Topic/Activity/Readings/Due Date (revise and add columns & rows as necessary)
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M May 6	Spring term lectures begin. Chapter 2: Research Methodology
W May 8	Chapter 2: Research Methodology
R May 9	Last day to drop classes without penalty and last day to add or swap classes.
M May 13	Exam-Prep Quiz 1 via Top Hat (1:00-2:15 p.m.) Break (2:15-2:30 p.m.) Exam 1 (2:30-3:45 p.m.)
W May 15	Chapter 3: Biology & Behavior
M May 20	Victoria Day UNIVERSITY CLOSED
W May 22	Chapter 4: Consciousness
M May 27	Exam-Prep Quiz 2 via Top Hat (1:00-2:15 p.m.) Break (2:15-2:30 p.m.) Exam 2 (2:30-3:45 p.m.)
W May 29	Chapter 5: Sensation & Perception
M Jun 3	Chapter 6: Learning
W Jun 5	Exam-Prep Quiz 3 via Top Hat (1:00-2:15 p.m.) Break (2:15-2:30 p.m.) Exam 3 (2:30-3:45 p.m.)
M Jun 10	Chapter 7: Memory
W Jun 12	Chapter 8: Thinking, Decisions, Intelligence, & Language
M Jun 17	Chapter 8: Thinking, Decisions, Intelligence, & Language Exam-Prep Quiz 4 via Top Hat (2:30-3:45 p.m.) End of Spring Lectures and last day to withdraw from a course.
W Jun 19 – S Jun 22	Spring Final Exam Period In-class Exam 4 (to be scheduled by the Registrar)

Seating During Exams

Instructors and exam invigilators are free to ask students to move seats before an exam begins or even during an exam. Students must comply with this request and refusal to do so may warrant a charge of academic misconduct.

Absence From Test/Exam

Makeup tests/exams are **NOT** an option without the approval of the instructor <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/6fcc1fb40bb54524809685d7096c8b76>. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. **Once approved by the instructor a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam on a day/time scheduled by the instructor. If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam** <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/c53034e7579d4455815e37ce1c1f80da>.

Travel During Exams

Consistent with University regulations, students are expected to be available to write scheduled exams at any time during the official December and April examination periods. Requests to write a make-up exam because of conflicting travel plans (e.g., flight bookings) will NOT be considered by the department. Students are advised to wait until the final examination schedule is posted before making any travel arrangements. **If a student cannot write their final exam on the date assigned by the Registrar's Office, they need to apply for a deferred exam [Deferred Final Exams | University of Calgary \(ucalgary.ca\)](#) Students with an exceptional extenuating circumstance (e.g., a family emergency) should contact the Department of Psychology psyugrd@ucalgary.ca**

Reappraisal of Graded Term Work

<https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/e31a7115dca740ec83579e946d4a4193>

Reappraisal of Final Grade

<https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/pages/030b5a67a21048c7b4e6a5d167c628d8>

Academic Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>.

Academic Misconduct

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at <https://calendar.ucalgary.ca/uofcregs/university-regulations/integrity-conduct>

Instructor Intellectual Property

Course materials created by professor(s) (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments, and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed, or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

Copyright Legislation

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright

(https://library.ucalgary.ca/services/copyright?_gl=1*bcjlpn*_ga*OTY1ODc0Njg0LjE2NjkxNTA1NTM.*_ga_X4GN9Y4W7D*MTY3Nzc5MjM3Ni4xNy4xLjE2Nzc3OTI4MDYuMC4wLjA) and requirements of the copyright act (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html>) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic

versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary

Student Support and Resources

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **Thursday, May 9th, 2024**. Last day add/swap a course is **Thursday, May 9th, 2024**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Monday, June 17, 2024**.