

**PSY1000A General Psychology
Psychology Department, CUHK
2007-2008 1st Semester**

Lecture time: Wednesday 4:30 - 6:15 pm (ELB 203)
Tutorial time: Monday 11:30 am – 12:15 pm (CKB 109 / CKB123)

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Important: We are here to help. There is no question too small or too silly for us. Please use email for simple questions, but for any complex question or concern, please make an appointment and come in person.

Objectives

1. You should learn what the field of Psychology is about. It is an incredibly broad field, which is sometimes about helping other people, but is also about much more than that.
2. You should learn what it means for Psychology to be an experimental science, and appreciate the manner in which psychologists come to develop their models and theories.
3. Third, you should become familiar with the important theories and approaches that have influenced Psychology, including those that continue to drive this science.
4. Fourth, you should acquire the information necessary to make decisions regarding other Psychology courses you may want to take, either for fun, or because you are considering majoring or minoring in Psychology

Textbook

Feldman, R. S. (2008) *Understanding Psychology (8th Ed)*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Online Resources

CUForum: <http://cuforum.cuhk.edu.hk>
Online learning centre: <http://www.mhhe.com/feldmanup8>
Psychinteractive: <http://www.mhhe.com/psychinteractive>

Assessment Methods

Your grade in the course will be determined by your scores in four quizzes (25% for each). Each quiz will include 45 multiple-choice questions (2 points each) to check your basic understanding of the course materials, and 2 short-answer questions (5 points each) to evaluate your ability to describe, elaborate, and apply important concepts learned in the class. The quizzes will cover materials in the class, tutorials, and textbook. The exact number of questions and their point compositions will be slightly adjusted to fit the needs of each quiz.

You are required to participate in 3 hours of psychology experiments. Sign-up sheets for these experiments are posted outside SB LT1. Details will be introduced in the first tutorial.

Course Outline & Schedule

Lecture (Wed)	Lecture Topic	Ch	Tutorial (Mon)	Tutorial Content
Sept 5	1. Introduction	1	Sept 10	1. Scientific Psychology & its Competitors
Sept 12	2. Scientific Method	2	Sept 17	2. How to do Psychological Research?
Sept 19	3. Neuroscience & Behavior	3	Sept 24	3. Quiz 1
Sept 26	Holiday – Day following Mid-Autumn Festival		Oct 1	Holiday – National Day
Oct 3	4. Sensation & Perception	4	Oct 7	4. Seeing is Believing?
Oct 10	5. Learning	6	Oct 14	5. Operant Conditioning
Oct 17	6. Memory	7	Oct 21	6. Quiz 2
Oct 24	7. Consciousness	5	Oct 28	7. States of Consciousness
Oct 31	8. Intelligence	9	Nov 5	8. Intelligence & its Implication
Nov 7	9. Development	12	Nov 12	9. Quiz 3
Nov 14	10. Personality	13	Nov 19	10. Personality Assessment
Nov 21	11. Social Psychology	17	Nov 26	11. Studies in Social Psychology
Nov 28	12. Psychological Disorders	15	Dec 3	12. Quiz 4

Your Feedback

We cherish very much your opinions about this course. Course evaluation will be conducted during and at the end of the course. You will be asked questions such as: “What do you like about the class?” and “Which part(s) of the course need to be improved?” At other times, please don’t hesitate to talk with the teaching assistants or the instructor via email or by appointment.

House Rules

By taking this course you agree to abide by the following:

1. Turn off or silence your mobile phone during lectures and tutorials.
2. Do the readings (including textbook chapters, lecture and tutorial notes, and suggested references) on your own, and keep pace with the lectures and tutorials.
3. Absentees from a quiz for unjustified reasons will not be granted a make-up quiz and will be given a “0” for that quiz. Students with justified reasons will be given a make-up quiz, but 20% of the score in that quiz will be deducted. The instructor and the teaching assistants reserve the rights for the final decision to grant or not to grant a make-up quiz to a particular student.

Academic honesty

Information regarding the academic honesty and plagiarism policy in the University is located at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

Any assignment (i.e., project, essay, or paper) that shows evidence of plagiarism will be marked down severely. In simple terms, plagiarism is copying passages and/or ideas from other sources without referencing those sources. Moreover, when you report someone else's ideas/findings you must put it in your own words and not merely copy full sentences or parts of sentences from the source article. It is your responsibility as a scholar-in-training to cite the ideas and work of others correctly. Please visit the following websites for discussions of how to recognize and avoid plagiarism.

<http://ec.hku.hk/plagiarism/introduction.htm>

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html>

<http://www.hamilton.edu/academic/Resource/WC/AvoidingPlagiarism.html>

If you commit plagiarism in an assignment, and it is your first offence in the course, the penalty will range from a minimum of a single letter grade reduction in score on the assignment to a maximum of failure on the assignment. A second offence within the same course will result in a minimum penalty of a single letter grade reduction in the course grade to a maximum penalty of course failure. The specific penalty applied is up to the discretion of the professor. In all cases of plagiarism, the student's name will be recorded in a central database maintained by the general office. If a student is referred for plagiarism in more than one course, or more than one instance in the same course, the student's case will be forwarded to the university administration for follow-up action.

Please sign the following and submit it in the first tutorial.

I promise that all assignments submitted to this course across the entire semester will be original except for source material explicitly acknowledged. I also acknowledge that I am aware of University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and of the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations, as contained in the website <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>

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