

**PSY 1000C General Psychology
Psychology Department, CUHK
2007-2008 1st Semester**

Course Instructor

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Course Time & Location

Lecture: Tue 2:30-4:15 HYS G05
Tutorial: Thur 5:30-6:15 HYS 306 (Wynne) / HYS G05 (Hildie)

Class Web Page

<http://cuforum.cuhk.edu.hk>

Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to introduce fundamental concepts from psychology in the daily life context. Upon completion of this course, students should have acquired a basic understanding of findings in various areas of psychology, and major psychological theories used to explain human behavior.

Course Textbook

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

Course Evaluation

Test 1 (40 MC questions)	25%
Test 2 (40 MC questions)	30%
Test 3 (40 MC questions)	30%
Thought Pieces (2 pieces)	10%
Attendance	5%

Total 100%

All absences on quiz days will require a doctor's certificate. Any quizzes missed without medical certificate will be given a **ZERO** for that quiz. Students with valid certificate will be given a make-up test, however, 20% of the score in that quiz will be deducted.

Students are required to participate in **3 hours** of psychology experiments. Sign-up sheets for these experiments are posted outside SB LT1. You can refer to the "Experiment Participation Instruction" handout or browse the "Subject Pool Webpage" (<http://www.psy.cuhk.edu.hk/~subjectpool>) for further details.

Thought Pieces

Students will need to submit two thought pieces in response to two short articles. The articles will be posted to CUForum by tutors. Each thought piece should be one-page long (type-written, double-spaced, 12 point font Times New Roman, 1-inch margins) and should demonstrate correct application of psychological theories and/or research.

Course Outline & Schedule

Lecture (Tue)	Lecture Topic	Reading	Tutorial (Thur)	Tutorial Content
4 Sept	What is Psychology?	Chapter 1 & 2	6 Sept	Introduction
11 Sept	What is a person? Theories of personality	Chapter 13	13 Sept	Personality tests
18 Sept	What makes me who I am? Development over the life span	Chapter 12	20 Sept	Child development: effects of early experience
25 Sept	How do I interact with others?	Chapter 17	27 Sept	Quiz 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 12 & 13)
2 Oct	How do I learn?	Chapter 6	4 Oct	Reinforcement in Operant Conditioning
9 Oct	Motivation and emotion	Chapter 10	11 Oct	Motivational drives: why we do what we do?
16 Oct	Sensation and Perception	Chapter 4	18 Oct	Visual illusions (1st thought piece due in class)
23 Oct	How do I think? Thinking and intelligence	Chapter 9	25 Oct	Memory and IQ
30 Oct	What do I remember?	Chapter 7	2 Nov	Quiz 2 (Chapters 6, 9, 10 & 17)
6 Nov	States of Consciousness	Chapter 4	9 Nov	Sleep cycle and disorders
13 Nov	Health psychology	Chapter 14	16 Nov	How healthy are you?
20 Nov	No Lecture	--	23 Nov	Psychological disorders demonstrations (2nd thought piece due in class)
27 Nov	When the mind goes wrong: Psychological disorders	Chapter 15	30 Nov	Quiz 3 (Chapters 4, 7, 14, 15)
3 Dec	What to do when the mind goes wrong: Psychotherapy	Chapter 16		

University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/> . With each assignment, students will be required to submit a statement that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

(To be signed by students at the beginning of the semester)

I declare that the assignment here submitted is 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/>

Signature

Date

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