

PSYC1001 D : INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Welcome to the fascinating world of Psychology! I am looking forward to spending the semester discussing my favourite topic with you (psychology!). The overall purpose of this course is to introduce students to the field of psychology as a science. Introductory Psychology has been divided into two one-semester courses (1001 & 1002), and in each semester, we will examine half of the sub-fields within psychology. The immediate goal of this course is to provide students with an opportunity to survey psychological research related to the biology of behaviour, learning and behaviour, and the broad research topics of sensation, perception, memory, and consciousness. One of our main objectives will be to focus on recent research being conducted in psychology and on the application of that research in our own lives. This course is designed for students considering careers in the discipline of psychology, as well as those students generally interested in understanding human behaviour. The overall guiding philosophy of the course, however, is that students who will someday conduct psychological research need a practical introduction to some of the primary areas of psychological research, and this course aims to provide you with the opportunity to obtain that practical introduction. The course is also geared to provide you with the opportunity to prepare yourselves for material covered in PSYC 1002, as well as more advanced branching courses (including a thesis in the area if your major is psychology).

EVALUATION

Evaluation Component	Weight
Midterm One	25%
Midterm Two	25%
Final Exam	45%
Syllabus Quiz	1%
Research Participation	5%
Total = 101%	

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McCann, D., Weiten, W., Hunt-Matheson, D., & Wright, S. (2026). Psychology: Themes and Variations. Seventh Canadian Edition. Cengage Canada.

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