

PSYC 1001 E : INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I

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Course Delivery	Online
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Office Hours	Will be provided in course syllabus

COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

The overall purpose of this course is to introduce students to the field of psychology as a social science. The immediate goal 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. This course is designed for those students considering careers in the discipline of psychology, as well as those students generally interested in the course content. 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.

This course is being delivered online and will be asynchronous – meaning that there are no “set” class timeslots. The lectures for this course will be pre-recorded and made available as streaming video through our Brightspace course account. Regular opportunities will be provided to interact directly with the instructor and teaching assistants, during for example office hours.

This course will:

- provide you with an introduction to the study of Psychology;
- provide you with an understanding of the basic principles, theories and methods used in the study of people;
- facilitate the development of your social-scientific reasoning ability; and
- prepare you for more advanced branching courses (including a thesis in the area of your major is psychology).

EVALUATION

Your final grade will be based on two mid-term examinations (30% each), a final exam (36%) (all multiple-choice questions), and research participation. The midterms and the final make up 96% of the final grade. Up to 5% in research participation will be counted towards your final grade to get you closer to 100% but your maximum grade cannot exceed 100%. Exams are online.

TEXT

This same book is used for both PSYC 1001 and 1002.

Psychology: Themes and Variations (7th Canadian edition) by McCann, Weiten and Matheson. Here is the special pricing we have obtained for students whether they buy directly from the publisher or from the Carleton Bookstore. Check with bookstore to see if they are still the same.

Product	ISBN	Price
eBook	9780176903022	\$ 65.95
MindTap Instant Access Code	9780176902971	\$ 79.95
Loose leaf with MindTap PAC	9781774747773	\$ 89.95

The biggest difference between the new 7th edition and the 6th edition is that the 7th combines chapters 8 and 9 from the 6th edition into the 7th edition's chapter 8. PSYC 1001 covers up to the 7th edition's chapter 8. Used 6th editions are available through Carleton and others online. So you may want to shop around but MindTap is only available for new editions, An older edition of the textbook (i.e. Weitan and McCann, the 5th Canadian edition) will have much of the same content. But there will be some material that is new in the sixth edition that does not appear in the fifth edition. Thus, if you do use an earlier edition, then understand that you may encounter some questions on the exams for which you won't have the answers.