

PSYC 1002 H : INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY II

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTORS STATEMENT

Welcome to the second half of your introduction to psychology. Psychology 1001 focused on what might be thought of as more traditionally scientific topics such as the biological basis of behavior, perception, learning, memory and higher cognitive functioning such as language and thought. In this course, we turn to broader psychological aspects of the human experience, topics that may seem more applicable to everyday life. Other than intelligence and psychological testing which have perhaps more in common with the PSYC 1001, this course will focus on motivation, emotion, human development, personality, psychological disorders and their treatment, and the ever-popular and timely stress, coping and health. Finally, these fascinating topics are rounded off with social psychology where we'll look at people perception, attraction, attitudes, conformity, obedience, and how we behave in groups. We'll also see that all of these sub-fields of psychology are also built-up on science and research.

The goals of this course are to:

- 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 if 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 done in our usual class timeslot in Nideyinan using Brightspace. Personal devices are mandatory in order to do exams.

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.