

## PSYC 5601 – INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

<b>Course</b>	PSYC 5601: Individual Differences
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### COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This class will discuss traditional and contemporary concepts and findings in individual differences, broadly defined. The psychological content will primarily involve personality, cognitive abilities, and educational-vocational interests, but also explore other concepts. Throughout the course, we will also explore methodological issues encountered in assessing individual differences. We will discuss how these concepts can enhance research programs in both applied and theoretical areas.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Learn and appreciate the importance of the fundamental constructs in individual differences.
- Explore the dynamic processes underlying individual differences (e.g., motivation and development).
- Be able to critically analyze and discuss course content with peers, including leading class discussions.
- Identify and analyze the current directions of contemporary individual differences research.

### EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated based on reflection assignments, class discussion, class presentation, and a final paper. More details will be available on the course syllabus.

### TEXT

Weekly readings will include assigned peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and other readings provided by the professor for this course.