

PSYCHOLOGY 5800 F: SCIENCE AND PSEUDOSCIENCE

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course will provide you with the critical thinking skills to help you better understand psychology and events in the world in which you live. Specifically, this course will teach you how to evaluate pseudoscientific ideas that appear in the popular media. Among the issues covered will be the cognitive, motivational, and social determinants of questionable beliefs such as psychic phenomena, extrasensory perception (ESP), and controversial health and nutrition advice.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- Weekly reflections
- Activities
- Term paper

TEXT

No textbook required. Readings will be assigned.