



Psychology 1X03 Course Outline - Fall 2011

Course Staff	Location	Office Hours
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Please note that **phone messages will not be returned**. If you have a request, please see Julia Riddell in person during office hours or send an email to intropsych@mcmaster.ca **from your McMaster email account only!**

In addition to the course staff, you have been assigned to a tutorial section with your personal **Teaching Assistant (TA)** who will lead your group through weekly discussions, activities and questions.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the scientific investigation of problems in Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour. We will use a framework of psychological research methods to understand processes such as Learning, Cognition, Social Psychology, Personality and Psychopathology. We will focus on developing skills to evaluate information that is useful in psychology and beyond. During the term you will:

- Apply terms used in psychology and evaluate research methods
- Integrate knowledge from several key areas in psychology
- Research and critically evaluate scientific information

This course (along with Bio 1P03 or Grade 12 Biology) also serves as a prerequisite to PSYCH 1XX3/1NN3 offered in Term 2, which must be completed if you intend to pursue an honours program in psychology.

Evaluation

Your final grade in Psychology 1X03 will be determined by the following measures:

Tutorial Participation	10%
AVENUE Quizzes	40%
Final Examination	50%
Research participation (optional)	5%

Tutorial Participation (10%)

Your tutorials are an important part of the course contributing to 10% of your final grade. Your TA will expect **active** participation to create a dynamic learning environment. If you have specific issues with this process you must speak with your TA as soon as possible. There are 12 weeks of tutorials. Every 3 weeks, your TA will assign you a grade out of 10 using the rubric below. At the end of the semester, your top 3 of 4 tutorial grades will be counted to calculate your final Tutorial Participation grade.

		CONTRIBUTION TO TUTORIAL/ONLINE DISCUSSION				EVALUATING CONTRIBUTION	
		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Excellent	
ATTEN	(3 of 3)	10	8	6	4	frequent, stimulating	
	(2 of 3)	6-8	4-6	2-4	0-2	frequent, valuable	
	(1 of 3)	4	2	0	0	occasional, forced	
						infrequent, irrelevant	

Note that a **student who attends 3 of 3 tutorials but makes little or no contribution to discussions cannot receive a grade higher than 4 out of 10 for that period.** Therefore, it is essential that you **participate** to earn a high participation grade. Your TA can help you with suggestions for demonstrating active participation.

AVENUE Quizzes (40%)

There are 12 AVENUE Quizzes during the semester which will cover material from the following areas from that week of study: the assigned Web Modules, Text or Journal readings, and material that can be found on the Tutorial Preview Page in the handbook (Levels of Analysis is the only lecture without a Tutorial Preview page). For example, AVENUE Quiz 2 will contain material covered from the Research Methods I and II Web Module, Chapter Reading 2 and the Research Methods Tutorial Preview. Each AVENUE Quiz will be worth **4%** and will consist of multiple choice questions. Avenue Quizzes will be made available online every Monday at 6 AM and will promptly close on Friday at 6 AM of the **same** week. At the end of the semester, your top 10 of 12 AVE Quiz grades will count toward 40% of your final grade.

You may potentially have up to three attempts at each Quiz so long as you receive a 40% or higher on Attempt 1, and 60% or higher on Attempt 2. The highest attempt will be counted. When you complete the quiz, you will not be able to see your score. If you qualify based on the criteria above you will be able to do another attempt. If you received less than 4/10 on the first attempt or less than 6/10 on the second attempt you will see a message in red that tells you that you do not qualify for another attempt.

Final Exam (50%)

A **cumulative** Final Exam will be written in December as scheduled by the Registrar's Office. If you choose to complete the optional research participation option (see below), the weight of your final examination will be reduced from 50% to 45%. The Final Exam covers material presented in web modules, tutorials, and assigned readings from the **entire term**.

Research Participation Option

You have the option to reduce the weight of your Final Exam from 50% to 45% by completing and attaining **two credits** of research participation with the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behaviour. In addition to providing you with extra credit, the research participation option allows you to take part in some of the exciting research at McMaster, and to observe how psychologists conduct their studies.

The system that the department uses to track research participation is Experimetrix, which can be accessed at **intropsych.net** or through **www.experimetrix.com/mac**. To access Experimetrix for the first time, select the “New User Registration” option at the top of the screen and enter your name, student number, and McMaster email address (for security reasons, *only* your McMaster email address may be used). After a short delay, you will receive an email from Experimetrix with a username and temporary password that you can use to access the website.

Completing Your Research Participation Credit

When you log into Experimetrix for the first time, you can change your temporary password to something more memorable by selecting “Edit Your Profile”. Also, you must register yourself as an IntroPsych student by selecting “Edit Your Course Selection” and then selecting “Psych 1X03”.

To register for an experiment, select “Sign up for Experiments” from the main Experimetrix page. You will be presented with a list of currently available experiments, with a short description given about each. Before selecting an experiment, be sure to read the description carefully, making special note of any specific criteria for subjects (for example, some experiments only allow females to participate, while others may require subjects who speak a second language). When you have found an experiment that you would like to participate in, select “View Schedule” to view available timeslots, then select “Sign-Up” to register for a timeslot that fits your schedule. You will receive a confirmation email with the details of your selection. Be sure to write down the experimenter, location, and telephone extension from this email.

After you have completed an experiment, you will be given a purple slip verifying your participation. This slip is for your records only – in the event that an experiment is not credited to your Experimetrix account, this slip is your proof of participation. Shortly after completing an experiment, you should notice that your Experimetrix account has been credited by the experimenter. It is very important that you select “Assign Credits To Your Courses” and assign earned credits to Psych 1X03, or you will not receive your research participation credit.

Additional Notes

- You must complete two full hours of experiments, and no less, if you wish to earn the 5% credit.
- If you do not wish to participate as a research subject for any reason, you may still earn your research participation credit by *observing* two hours of experiments. If you would like to choose this option, please see Ann Hollingshead in the Psychology Building, Room 205.

****If you fail to show up for two experiments, you will lose your option to complete the research participation credit. If you know in advance that you will be unable to attend a scheduled experiment, please contact the experimenter.****

One more thing...Additional Bonus

Throughout the semester, you may qualify for an additional experimetrix bonus of up to 3% by performing among the top scores on the weekly AVE quizzes. Your TA will provide details in tutorial.

Course Materials

Course Handbook: Your course handbook contains valuable information regarding course structure, outlines, guides and web modules and tutorials.

Course Textbook: Your course textbook is [Discover Psychology, Volume 1](#) and can be purchased at Titles Bookstore and contains essential readings with testable material for the course.

IntroPsych.net: There are many supplementary resources that have been specially developed to compliment the handbook at IntroPsych.net including study aids, information about course events, university's services, academic success and student life. A portion of the proceeds from this courseware goes toward the development and maintenance of IntroPsych.net

AVENUE: Your primary course content will be delivered through the AVENUE learning management system, located at <http://avenue.mcmaster.ca>. AVENUE is your launching point for weekly web modules, course announcements, discussion forums and grade records. To access AVENUE, use your MacID and password. Below are some of the features of AVENUE.

Web Modules: The most unique feature of IntroPsych at McMaster is the way you receive your primary course content—it's all online! You can access the web modules from the library, your room, or anywhere you have an internet connection. The interactive web modules feature audio, video, animations and vivid graphics. Check out the many advanced features allowing you to interact with the content according to your personal learning style. Use the navigation tools and integrated search function to move about the module. Test your knowledge with checkpoints; learn more about faculty related research through Beyond IntroPsych; leave your comments with the Shout Wall and take a Poll; interact with fellow students and course staff with Live Chat.

New web modules are released every Monday at 6 PM for the *following* week's tutorials to give you plenty of time to preview. Once a web module is released, it stays up all year for you to reference. Be sure to view the assigned web modules (and readings) **before** you arrive at your weekly tutorial session to stay on schedule and actively participate.

Live Chat: Click on LiveChat (within a web module or in AVENUE) to join a live discussion with fellow students. LiveChat is moderated Monday to Friday 11AM.-4PM by Instructional Staff so you can get instant feedback if you're confused!

Discussion Boards: More extended topic discussions are available on the AVENUE Discussion Board. Join an existing discussion or start a new thread. Our discussion boards are consistently the most active of any course on campus so jump right in with your opinion. Please review follow the guidelines posted to keep boards organized.

General Information

Privacy

In this course we will be using AVENUE for the online portions of your course. Students should be aware that, when they access the electronic components of this course, private information such as first and last names, user names for the McMaster e-mail accounts, and program affiliation may become apparent to all other students in the same course. The available information is dependent on the technology used. Continuation in this course will be deemed consent to this disclosure. If you have any questions or concerns about such disclosure please discuss this with the Instructional Assistant.

A Note about Academic Honesty

Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresentation by deception or by other fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university. It is the student's responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various kinds of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, specifically Appendix 3 at: <http://www.mcmaster.ca/univsec/policy/AcademicIntegrity.pdf>

The following illustrates only three forms of academic dishonesty:

- Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one's own or for which other credit has been sought or obtained;
- Improper collaboration; or,
- Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests or examinations.

Changes during the term

The instructor and university reserve the right to modify elements of the course during the term. The university may change the dates and deadlines for any or all courses in extreme circumstances. If either type of modification becomes necessary, reasonable notice and communication with the students will be given with explanation and the opportunity to comment on changes. It is the responsibility of the student to check their McMaster email and course websites weekly during the term and to note any changes.

A Note About Note Taking

Students often wonder (and worry) about how extensive their notes should be. This handbook provides outlines with key points and slides reproduced from the web modules to guide your own note taking. There really is no substitute for doing this yourself to learn the material. If, however, you can refer to your notes and answer the practice questions that follow the handbook outlines, you should find yourself in good shape for the quizzes and exam to come.

Course Content Schedule for Psychology 1X03/1N03 – Fall 2011

The general schedule for this course content is given below. Any changes to this structure will be announced on AVENUE. It is your responsibility to keep up-to-date with any schedule changes.

Week of	Web Module	Chapter Reading	Notes
Sep 5			No Tutorial
Sept 12	Introduction	1	AVE Quiz 1
Sept 19	Research Methods 1 and 2	2	AVE Quiz 2
Sep 26	Classical Conditioning 1 and 2	3 (i)	AVE Quiz 3
Oct 3	Instrumental Conditioning 1 and 2	3 (ii)	AVE Quiz 4
Oct 10	Language	4	AVE Quiz 5 Thanksgiving No tutorials this week
Oct 17	Problem Solving Categories & Concepts	Journal article	AVE Quiz 6
Oct 24	Attention, Memory	5	AVE Quiz 7
Oct 31	Personality 1 and 2	Journal Article	AVE Quiz 8
Nov 7	Psychopathology 1	6	AVE Quiz 9
Nov 14	Psychopathology 2	7	AVE Quiz 10
Nov 21	Forming Impressions	Journal article	AVE Quiz 11
Nov 28	Influence of Others 1 and 2	Journal article	AVE Quiz 12
Dec 5	---	---	No Tutorial

1X03 Section Schedule – Fall 2011

In Psychology 1X03, you **must** attend **only** your assigned section to receive full participation credit.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	OO E C22 – PC/237 E C23 – BSB/B205 E C24 – BSB/B206	PP E C25 – PC/237 E C26 – BSB/B205 E C27 – BSB/B206	QQ E C28 – BSB/B205 E C29 – BSB/B206	Y C73 – PC/237 C74 – BSB/B205 C75 – BSB/B206	
9:30	A C01 – PC/237 C02 – BSB/B205 C03 – BSB/B206	I C25 – PC/237 C26 – BSB/B205 C27 – BSB/B206	Q C49 – PC/237 C50 – BSB/B205 C51 – BSB/B206	Z C76 – PC/237 C77 – BSB/B205 C78 – BSB/B206	
10:30	B C04 – PC/237 C05 – BSB/B205 C06 – BSB/B206	J C28 – PC/237 C29 – BSB/B205 C30 – BSB/B206	R C52 – PC/237 C53 – BSB/B205 C54 – BSB/B206	AA C79 – PC/237 C80 – BSB/B205 C81 – BSB/B206	
11:30	C C07 – PC/237 C08 – BSB/B205 C09 – BSB/B206	K C31 – PC/237 C32 – BSB/B205 C33 – BSB/B206	S C55 – PC/237 C56 – BSB/B205 C57 – BSB/B206	BB C82 – PC/237 C83 – BSB/B205 C84 – BSB/B206	
12:30	D C10 – PC/237 C11 – BSB/B205 C12 – BSB/B206	L C34 – PC/237 C35 – BSB/B205 C36 – BSB/B206	T C58 – PC/237 C59 – BSB/B205 C60 – BSB/B206	CC C85 – PC/237 C86 – BSB/B205 C87 – BSB/B206	
1:30	E C13 – PC/237 C14 – BSB/B205 C15 – BSB/B206	M C37 – PC/237 C38 – BSB/B205 C39 – BSB/B206	U C61 – PC/237 C62 – BSB/B205 C63 – BSB/B206	DD C88 – PC/237 C89 – BSB/B205 C90 – BSB/B206	
2:30	F C16 – PC/237 C17 – BSB/B205 C18 – BSB/B206	N C40 – PC/237 C41 – BSB/B205 C42 – BSB/B206	V C64 – PC/237 C65 – BSB/B205 C66 – BSB/B206	EE C91 – PC/237 C92 – BSB/B205 C93 – BSB/B206	
3:30	G C19 – PC/237 C20 – BSB/B205 C21 – BSB/B206	O C43 – PC/237 C44 – BSB/B205 C45 – BSB/B206	W C67 – PC/237 C68 – BSB/B205 C69 – BSB/B206	FF C94 – PC/237 C95 – BSB/B205 C96 – BSB/B206	
4:30	H C22 – PC/237 C23 – BSB/B205 C24 – BSB/B206	P C46 – PC/237 C47 – BSB/B205 C48 – BSB/B206	X C70 – PC/237 C71 – BSB/B205 C72 – BSB/B206	GG C97 – PC/237 C98 – BSB/B205 C99 – BSB/B206	
5:30	HH E C01 – PC/237 E C02 – BSB/B205 E C03 – BSB/B206	JJ E C07 – PC/237 E C08 – BSB/B205 E C09 – BSB/B206	LL E C13 – PC/237 E C14 – BSB/B205 E C15 – BSB/B206	NN E C19 – PC/237 E C20 – BSB/B205 E C21 – BSB/B206	
7:00	II E C04 – PC/237 E C05 – BSB/B205 E C06 – BSB/B206	KK E C10 – PC/237 E C11 – BSB/B205 E C12 – BSB/B206	MM E C16 – PC/237 E C17 – BSB/B205 E C18 – BSB/B206		

Please Note: If you are enrolled in 1X03E, than you must attend the tutorial section that has an 'E' in front of it. For example if you are enrolled in 1X03E and your tutorial is C22, than your scheduled tutorial is Monday at 8:30, (not to be confused with Monday at 4:30, which is the scheduled tutorial if you are enrolled in 1X03).