

ISN101

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY 1

Unit Description

Introduction to Psychology 1 provides students with basic knowledge about the fundamental and diverse areas of psychology. Specifically, this unit will introduce students to the scientific discipline of psychology and the key concepts, principles, and theories involved in the following areas of psychology: biological basis of behaviour, cognitive psychology (e.g., perception, attention, memory, language, etc.), learning, and lifespan developmental psychology.

Required Textbooks and Readings*

Gray, P., & Bjorklund, D. F. (2018). *Psychology* (8th ed.). New York, NY: Worth Publishers.

**Textbooks may be subject to change prior to the start of semester*

Administration Details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Core or Elective	Level	Unit Coordinator	Other Teaching Staff
Bachelor of Psychology	One semester	Core	First year, Semester 1	Dr David Butler	N/A

Unit weighting as a percentage of the year

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
12.5	400

Student workload

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
4-hours (1 x 2-hour lecture; 1 x 2-hrs face-to-face tutorial)	6-hours	10-hours

Learning Outcomes and Assessments

Learning outcomes for Unit: Upon successful completion of this unit, the student should be able to;	
I.	Demonstrate and apply an understanding of key scientific concepts and theories in the following areas of psychology: biological, cognitive, learning, and developmental
II.	Develop the ability to discuss and debate critical issues in a manner which is culturally appropriate and sensitive to the diversity of individuals
III.	Develop basic skills in the critical evaluation of psychological research literature
IV.	Produce a laboratory report written in formal academic style and conforming to APA formatting conventions

Overview of Assessment Tasks

Assessment Tasks	Weighting (% of total marks for unit)	Unit Learning Outcomes
Laboratory Report [1,500 words]	40%	I, II, III, IV
Examination [120 multiple choice items]	50%	I, III
Tutorial Activities [Attendance and participation in class discussion and questioning]	10%	I, II, III, IV



Delivery mode

Face to face on site; Full-time or Part-time study

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

None

Other Resource and Requirements

None

**Unit outlines may be subject to change. The most up-to-date outlines will be provided to students once the semester commences*