



B.E. International Program

Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University



Course Outline

PY 211 General Psychology

Semester 1/2012 (August 14 – December 1, 2012)

Number of credits: 3 credits

Lecture Time: Wednesdays and Fridays, 14.00 – 15.30 hrs

Lecture Venue: Room 206, Faculty of Economics

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Office hours: Wednesdays and Fridays, 14.00 – 15.30 hrs

Course Description:

Study history and methodology of psychology, biological foundation of behavior, human development, motivation, perception, learning, cognition, personality, and social behavior.

Prerequisites: -

Course Objectives:

1. To provide broad coverage of the field of psychology, introducing the theories, research, and applications that constitute the discipline.
2. To serve as an impetus for students to think critically about psychological phenomena, particularly those that have an impact on their everyday lives.
3. To arouse intellectual curiosity and build an appreciation of how psychology can increase students' understanding of the world around them.

Recommended Texts:

1. Coon, D. & Mitterer, J. (2012). *Gateways to Psychology: An Introduction to Mind & Behavior*. 13th ed., Wadsworth, Cengage Learning.

Suggested Readings:

1. Feldman, Robert (2010) *Essentials of Understanding Psychology*, 9th ed., New York: McGraw –Hill.
2. Kalat James, W. (2010) *Introduction to Psychology*, 9th ed., Pacific Grove, CA: Wadsworth Publishing.
3. Lahey, Benjamin B. (2011) *Psychology: An Introduction*, 11th ed. New York : McGraw-Hill..
4. Weiten, Wayne (2008) *psychology: Themes and Variations*. 8th ed. Pacific Grove, CA: Wadsworth Publishing.

Teaching – Learning Methods:

Lecture, exercise, case study, group discussion, role play and self-study.

Teaching Aids: Computers, video, and illustrations.

Teaching Plan:

Course Schedule

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| 1. The Psychology of Studying | August 15, 17 |
| 2. Introduction to Psychology | August 22, 24 |
| 3. Brain and Behavior | August 29, 31 |
| 4. Development Across Life Span | September 5, 7, 12 |
| 5. Sensation, Perception and Reality | September 14, 19, 21 |
| 6. States of Consciousness | September 26, 28 |
| 7. Conditioning and Learning | October 10, 12 |
| 8. Memory | October 17, 19 |
| 9. Cognition | October 24, 26 |
| 10. Intelligence | October 31, November 2 |
| 11. Motivation and Emotion | November 7, 9 |
| 12. Personality | November 14, 16, 21, 23 |
| 13. Social Psychology | November 28, 30 |

Course Evaluation

Assignments and quizzes	25 %	
Midterm	30 %	(Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 14.00 – 15.30 hrs)
Final	<u>45 %</u>	(Monday, December 3, 2012, 9.00 – 12.00)
Total	<u>100 %</u>	

Remarks:

- ◆ Second semester begins August 14, 2012
 - ◆ Period of withdrawal without “W” August 14 - 28, 2012
 - ◆ Mid-Term Examination October 1 - 6, 2012
 - ◆ Last day of withdrawal with “W” October 22, 2012
 - ◆ Last day of class December 1, 2012
 - ◆ Final Examination December 3 - 20, 2012
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