

**GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY – 2331010**  
**METU 2021-Spring- Course Syllabus**

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**Class hours:** Wednesday – 13:40-16:30 (the classes will be mostly held during these hours)

**Office Hours:** there can be zoom or Skype meetings upon request

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**Course materials:**

**Required reading materials:** Morris, C. G. & Maisto, A. A (2014). Understanding Psychology (10<sup>th</sup> edition). NJ: Pearson.

**ODTU Class:** Students can access the course website via ODTU Class. The syllabus, course announcements, lecture outlines will be posted there. The Big Blue button/Zoom program will be used to broadcast the class online mostly during the class hours and the class will also be recorded for your later usage. If it is Big blue button program, you may see the scheduled time for the lecture, otherwise I will announce the date and the time for the lecture.

**Recordings:** I will record the lectures and post the link on ODTU Class after the meetings within a week. Please let me know if you cannot access them. In any case, it is forbidden to share these recordings with others, these are **FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE ONLY**.

**Course Description:**

The goal of this course is to provide basic introduction to the field of psychology to undergraduate students from various departments. A particular emphasis will be placed on understanding psychology as a science, including evaluating the quality of research and the basis for theoretical claims. The course will also will develop critical thinking skills.

**Course requirements:**

**Attendance + Participation:** Attendance is not mandatory. However, for you to review the material and clarify any misunderstanding, you are going to be completing in-class assignments online. This means that I will randomly give you short-assignments (usually during the last 15 minutes of the class hours through the class page), which consist of multiple choice questions (or yes-no questions) related with the subjects we have covered. You will have one-two for each week (a total of 13+) with a worth of 1 point – Since there are eleven weeks available for us to lecture, it means some of them will be after hours. This means that you may miss 3 of them to get a full 10 points attendance. In case that you did not miss any, I will eliminate the ones you got the lowest points. Also, through the lecture, I may ask you some questions, which I expect you to answer, albeit without any points. This will be another way of reviewing the subjects and get ready for the exams.

\*\*\*\*\*It is the responsibility of the students to keep track of their attendance and assignments. Any internet related problems will be inadmissible since you should have solved any technical problems by now.

**Course Assessment:**

Attendance-in-class-assignments: 10%

Midterm 1: 30%

Midterm 2: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

### Course Evaluation:

- **Exams will be on-line and include multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blanks, and short essay questions.**
- The students who miss one of the midterms or the final exams should document officially that they had an acceptable excuse to be eligible to take the make-up exam.
- The make-up will include all the topics in the relevant exam and it will be essay type questions (i.e., not multiple-choice).
- There is *no opportunity for extra credit work*.
- The participation for the SONA research for bonus points (5 bonus points) will be announced. (The foreign students that are native in languages other than Turkish SHOULD NOT participate because the instructions and the questions in the questionnaires are in Turkish and your answers may change the results of the study. Thus they will be given other, easy to do assignments, to be able to get the bonus points like the rest of the class)

### Grades:

The following grading scheme is used to assign the final grade for the course.

<b>AA</b>	90-100	<b>CB</b>	75-79	<b>DD</b>	60-64
<b>BA</b>	85-89	<b>CC</b>	70-74	<b>FD</b>	50-59
<b>BB</b>	80-84	<b>DC</b>	65-69	<b>FF</b>	0-49

### Academic Honesty:

The class policy on academic integrity states that violations of academic honesty include:

*"The use of somebody else's ideas, viewpoints, findings or works in a paper, project report or a similar document which is presented as part of a course requirement, without proper acknowledgement of the source" and*

*"To cheat during an exam and to submit any homework, project, report, term paper or thesis which has been prepared by someone else as one's own work, to prepare the same for other persons, to submit someone else's work with or without amendments, and to present in a thesis someone else's ideas or findings without due acknowledgment of the source."*

Such acts will be penalized accordingly.

### Tentative Course Outline:

Please note that this schedule is only tentative, therefore subject to change.

Week 1	March 15 – 19	Overview of the syllabus + Chapter2
Week 2	March 22 – 26	Chapter 2: The Science of Psychology
Week 3	March 29 – Apr 2	Chapter 2: The Science of Psychology (cont'd)
Week 4	Apr 5 – 9	Chapter 3: The Biological Bases of Behavior
Week 5	Apr 12 – 16	Chapter 5: States of Consciousness
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Apr 19 – 23</b>	<b>MIDTERM EXAM 1 – will be held during class hours April 23, Friday – National Holiday</b>

Week 7	Apr 26 – 30	Chapter 7: Memory
Week 8	May 3 – 7	Chapter 6: Learning
Week 9	May 10 – 14	Chapter 9: Motivation and Emotion
<b>Week 10</b>	May 17 – 21	Chapter 11: Personality <b>MIDTERM EXAM 2 - place and time to be announced</b>
Week 11	May 24 – 28	<i>April 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday – National Holiday</i>
Week 12	May 31 – June 4	Chapter 11: Personality
Week 13	June 7 – 11	Chapter 13: Psych. Disorders
Week 14	June 14 – 18	Chapter 14: Treatments
Week 15	June 21 – 25	Chapter 15: Social Psychology

*[FINAL EXAM PERIOD June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>]*