

History of Psychology (PSYC 4355)
T, Th 9:30 AM-11 AM
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The purpose of this course is to study the development of psychology as a scientific discipline. Psychology did not spring simultaneously from developing civilization, but rather has a long history and has changed a great deal as it has become the major scientific and health-care discipline that psychology has become.

Learning Objectives

The history of any discipline is useful in several ways. In addition to its inherent interest value, learning about how this discipline developed and where its major ideas and controversies came from allows students in the field to gain important insight into modern ideas, methods and assumptions about human and animal behavior. Student objectives for this course are:

1. To be able to identify major streams of thought during the evolution of psychology.
2. To be able to recognize major contributions to the development of psychology.
3. To be able to trace the roots of major modern theories and accounts of human behavior.

Grading

Your grade in the course will be based on a group project worth 40 pts and periodic quizzes on material covered in class and in the readings. There will be 8 quizzes, typically on Tuesdays, which will consist of short-answer questions and matching questions. Each quiz will be worth 10 points, meaning that it is possible to earn 120 points with perfect scores on each quiz and the group project: $[40 + (8 \times 10)] = 120$.

90-100 = A
80-89 = B
70-79 = C
60-69 = D
Below 60 = F

This means that you do not need to complete all of the quizzes and that you can keep track of your grades. There will be no make-up quizzes and students who are not in the classroom by 9:40 AM will not be allowed to complete that particular quiz.

Some examples about how this can work:

Student A takes 7 quizzes and gets 90% on each one

Grade = scores on quizzes = 63.

You must complete and participate in the group project in order to pass the course.

There will not be a paper.

There will not be a final exam.

You will be expected to attend class and participate.

Tentative Schedule and Readings:

Textbook:

Wertheimer, M (4th Edition, 2000)

A Brief History of Psychology

Week	Dates	Topic	Reading
1	Aug 25, 27	Introduction	CH 1
2	Sept 1, 3	Pre-Scientific Psychology	CH 2
3	Sept 8, 10	Advent of Scientific Psychology	CH 3
4	Sept 15, 17	Emerging Schools of Psychology	CH 5-7
5	Sept 22, 24	Functionalism	CH 8-10
6	Sept 29, Oct 1	Behaviorism	CH 11
7	Oct 6, 8	Gestalt Psychology & Psychoanalysis	CH 12-13
8	Oct 13, 15	Group Projects	
9	Oct 20, 22	Group Projects	
10	Oct 27, 29	Clinical Psychology/ Personality Psychology	
11	Nov 3, 6	Cognitive Science/Social Psychology	
12	Nov 10, 12	Health and Neuroscience	
13	Nov 17, 19	Environmental Psychology/ IO	
14	Nov 24	Group Projects	
15	Nov 30, Dec 3	Future of Psychology	

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there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities by all citizens.

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