

Course Title: **Introduction to Psychology A**

Course Code: **PSYC501**

Descriptor Start Date: **13/07/2020**

Descriptor End Date: **31/12/2025**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S: **PSYC580**

LEARNING HOURS

Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

Total learning hours: 150

PRESCRIPTOR

Provides an overview of psychology including the principles, theories, applications and methodologies of psychological practice and research. Develops awareness of the richness and diversity of the discipline of psychology, and how it can assist people to understand themselves, others and the society in which they live.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles and main domains of current psychological theory, research and practice.
2. Critically evaluate and compare key theoretical concepts in psychology.
3. Demonstrate awareness of the contribution of the discipline of psychology to understanding the self, others, and present -day contexts.
4. Present work at the appropriate academic standard.

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CONTENT

- Overview of psychological practice and historical background
- Research methods
- Biological foundations of behaviour
- Sensation and perception
- Memory and Consciousness
- Decision-making and problem-solving
- Stress and health
- Social psychology
- Cross-cultural psychology

LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

A range of teaching and learning strategies will be used to introduce an understanding of psychological principles. These will include lectures, interactive tutorial sessions and online delivery. Critical reflection will be emphasised.

ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Learning Outcomes
Test	LO1, LO2, LO3
Written assignment	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4
Final exam	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4

Grade Map	MAP1A
	A+ A A- Pass with Distinction
	B+ B B- Pass with Merit
	C+ C C- Pass
	D Fail

Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

Students must pass each learning outcome on average across the assessment opportunities. All assessments must be attempted.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Kosslyn, A.M., Rosenberg, R.S., & Lambert, A.J. (2014). *Psychology in Context* Pearson

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Principal Programme: HV3680, Bachelor of Health Science in Psychology

Related Programme/s: AK3680 Bachelor of Health Science
AK3704 Bachelor of Arts

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