

Course Title: **Introduction to Psychology B**

Course Code: **PSYC502**

Descriptor Start Date: **01/01/2026**

POINTS: **15.00**

LEVEL: **5**

PREREQUISITE/S:

COREQUISITE/S:

RESTRICTION/S:

## 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

A second introductory paper in psychology that complements and extends knowledge developed in Psychology A.

## 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 approaches 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

- Respondent conditioning
- Operant conditioning
- Social Learning
- Measurement and theoretical approaches to intelligence
- Emotion
- Motivation
- Developmental psychology
- Psychological disorders
- Approaches to psychological treatment
- Positive psychology

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

The style of teaching will be interactive. Use will be made of learning resources such as case studies, videos, and experiments in the classroom setting, and teaching strategies such as role-play and small group discussions. Critical reflection will be emphasised.

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Learning Outcomes
Written Assessment 1	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4
Written Assessment 2	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4
Final Exam	LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4

### Grade Map

#### MAP1

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

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**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Hauora A Putaiao - Faculty of Health & Environmental Science

**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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