

Sabancı University
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
PSY 201: Mind & Behavior
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Course Description: PSY 201 is a general introduction to psychological science. In line with SU psychology faculty's main research expertise, the course provides an overview of social, developmental, clinical, and cognitive psychology as well as neuroscience. After completing this course, you will gain an understanding of basic concepts and theories in psychological science, methodologies used to test these theories, and major findings emerging from these tests. In sum, PSY 201 will introduce you to a scientific way of examining and understanding why people feel, think, and behave the way they do across situations, contexts, and time.

Lectures: Each week, a different faculty will deliver a lecture on a topic of their expertise. Thus, you will not only learn each topic from the best possible expert at SU but also get to know and interact with all SU psychology program faculty throughout the semester. The lectures are on **Wednesdays 9:40-10:30** and **Fridays 10:40-12:30** at **FENS G077**. Please check the tentative course outline below for the weekly plan.

Optional Readings: The Noba project (<https://nobaproject.com>) includes many freely available chapters on the topics we will cover throughout the semester if you are interested in reading more on psychological science. Faculty may also upload optional readings on SUCourse.

Essay Assignments: You will complete three assignments consisting of short-essay questions. One of these assignments will help you develop your ability to relate what you learned in class to daily life. You will listen to a podcast episode and answer a few questions using the concepts you learned in the course. The other two assignments are designed to encourage you to learn more about research conducted in psychology labs at SU and reflect on how psychologists may help improve human lives. Specifically, you will attend to two panel discussions where faculty will answer questions on their ongoing research. After each panel, you will complete a few questions based on the panel discussion.

Exams: There are two exams to be held in class. Both exams will consist of multiple-choice questions. See the schedule for exam dates.

Course Assessment:

Exam I: 40%

Exam II: 40%

Assignments: 5% each (15% total)

Attendance: 5%

Grades: The following grading scheme is used to assign the final grade for the course. No changes can be made to your final grade unless there has been an arithmetical error.

A	100-93	B	79.99-75	C	64.99-60	D	49.99-45
A-	92.99-88	B-	74.99-70	C-	59.99-55	F	44.99-0
B+	87.99-80	C+	69.99-65	D+	54.99-50		

Make-up for missed exams: In order to be eligible to take a make-up exam, you should have a valid and documented excuse.

Research Participation: Students can optionally serve as participants in research that is run by Sabancı University researchers. By participating in research, you can get extra points. For this course, you will be able to earn up to 5 bonus points. 10 research points (1 research point equals ~ 30 minutes of research participation) will be converted to 5 bonus points added to your overall total at the end of the semester. More information on the available research projects will be provided during the semester. You will be able to sign up for the studies and get your research participation points through the online SONA system at <http://sabanciuniv.sona-systems.com>.

Academic Integrity: Every student in this course is expected to abide by the Sabancı University Academic Integrity Statement. Please see <https://www.sabanciuniv.edu/en/academic-integrity-statement>

Course Outline

February 16th

Instructor: Emre Selçuk

Topic: Introduction & Overview

February 21st-23rd

Instructor: Nihan Alp

Topic: Neuroscience

February 28th-March 1st

Instructor: Junko Kanero

Topic: Language

March 6th-8th

Instructor: Çiğdem Bağcı

Topic: Developmental Psychology

March 13th-15th

Instructor: Eren Günseli

Topic: Attention & Memory

March 22nd

Exam I

March 29th

Panel I

Speakers: Çiğdem Bağcı, Eren Günseli, Junko Kanero, & Nihan Alp; Host: Emre Selçuk

April 3rd-5th

Instructor: Nebi Sümer

Topic: Culture

Panel I Assignment due

April 17th-19th

Instructor: Feyza Çorapçı

Topic: Clinical Psychology

April 24th-26th

Instructor: Çağla Aydın

Topic: Applications of Psychology: Memory in Everyday Life

May 1st-3rd

Instructor: Gül Günaydın

Topic: Social Psychology

May 8th-10th

Instructor: Olesya Blazhenkova

Topic: Individual Differences Approach in Psychology

Podcast Assignment due

May 17th

Exam II

May 24th

Panel II

Speakers: Çağla Aydın, Feyza Çorapçı, Nebi Sümer, & Olesya Blazhenkova; Host: Emre Selçuk

May 31st

Panel II Assignment due