

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, 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: Lectures have two components: assigned video lectures and in-class meetings. Please watch the video lectures **before** each class. Meetings will build on video lectures either through discussions and/or new lecture material. Please note that video lectures will not be repeated during in-class meetings, so it is essential to complete both components. Meetings will take place on Thursdays 12:40-14:30 at the **Performing Arts Center**. Each week, a different faculty will deliver the video lectures and meet you in-class on a topic of their expertise (see the schedule for details). 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.

In-class meetings will also be simultaneously broadcasted via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided by faculty members a week before the meeting. Please make sure to regularly check SUCourse for the links.

Optional Readings: The Noba project (<https://nobaproject.com>) includes many freely available chapters on the topics we will cover throughout the semester. Faculty may also upload readings on SUCourse. Note that all these readings are optional (But don't forget that the video lectures are required!)

In-class Top Hat games: To review lecture material while having some fun you will play Q & A games using Top Hat in some of the in-class meetings (see the schedule for dates). You will earn points by just taking part in the game but there will also be a leaderboard with the top performers earning bonus points at the end of the semester.

Please sign up for Top Hat at <https://tophat.com/>. You can use the program for free as long as you sign up with your Sabancı University email address. Please make sure that you have access to the program (through either your computer or phone) during in-class meetings.

Essay Assignments: You will complete four assignments consisting of short-essay questions. Two of these assignments will help you develop your ability to relate what you learned in class to daily life. You will watch two documentaries and answer a few questions about each documentary using concepts you learned in the course. The other two assignments will 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 watch two panel discussions where faculty will answer questions on their ongoing research. After watching 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: 45%

Assignments: 3% each (12% total)

Attendance to in-class meetings: 3% (1% bonus for the best 20 Top Hat performers across all sessions)

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 experiments 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

Week 1 (September 30th)

Instructor: Emre Selçuk

In-class meeting: Introduction, course overview, Q&A on the course, syllabus, expectations, etc.

Week 2 (October 7th)

Instructor: Rob Booth

Video Lecture(s): Research Logic

In-class meeting: Additional lecture

Week 3 (October 14th)

Instructor: Nihan Alp

Video Lecture(s): Neuroscience

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Week 4 (October 21st)

Instructor: Eren Günseli

Video Lecture(s): Attention & Memory

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Week 5 (October 28th)

No class—Holiday

Assignment I (Panel on Cognitive Psychology) due

Week 6 (November 4th)

Instructor: Çiğdem Bağcı

Video Lecture(s): Developmental Psychology

In-class meeting: Additional lecture

Week 7 (November 11th)

Exam I

Week 8 (November 18th)

Instructor: Junko Kanero

Video Lecture(s): Language

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Week 9 (November 25th)

Instructor: Asuman Büyükcan Tetik

Video Lecture(s): Personality

In-class meeting: Demonstration of “Big Five” personality assessment

Assignment II (Documentary I) due

Week 10 (December 2nd)

Instructor: Gül Günaydın

Video Lecture(s): Social Psychology

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Week 11 (December 9th)

Instructor: Nebi Sümer

Video Lecture(s): Culture

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Assignment III (Panel on Social Psychology) due

Week 12 (December 16th)

Instructor: Çağla Aydın

Video lecture(s): Applications of Psychology: Memory in Everyday Life

Synchronous online meeting: Additional lecture, discussion, Top Hat Q & A

Week 13 (December 23rd)

Exam II

Week 14 (December 30th)

Instructor: Emre Selçuk

Video Lecture(s): Well-Being

In-class meeting: Discussion, Top hat Q & A

Finals period (January 6th)

Assignment IV (Documentary II) due.