

Sabancı University
Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
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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.

Hybrid meetings (2 hours/week): Each week, a different faculty will deliver a lecture 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. The lectures will take place on **Thursdays from 12:40 to 14:30 at FENS G077**. In-class meetings will also be simultaneously broadcasted via Zoom (please visit SUCourse for the Zoom link).

Online meetings (1 hour/week): The online meetings will take place on Fridays from 10:40 to 11:30 (please visit SUCourse for the Zoom link). The online meetings may include additional lectures, discussions, in-class demonstrations, and/or Top Hat Q & A games (see below). Please check the tentative course outline below for the weekly plan.

Top Hat games: To review lecture material while having some fun you will play Q & A games using Top Hat in some of the online meetings (see the schedule for dates). You will earn points by just taking part in the game, but we will also maintain 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 both the hybrid and online meetings.

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 the topics covered in the course. Faculty may also upload optional readings on SUCourse.

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: 40%

Assignments: 4% each (16% total)

Attendance: 4% (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. Make-ups for all exams will be held within **7-14 days** after the initial exam date.

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 (March 3rd-4th)

Instructor: Rob Booth

In-class lecture: Research Logic

Online meeting: Additional lecture

Week 2 (March 10th-11th)

Instructor: Nihan Alp

In-class lecture: Neuroscience

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Week 3 (March 17th-18th)

Instructor: Eren Günseli

In-class lecture: Attention & Memory

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Week 4 (March 24th-25th)

Instructor: Çiğdem Bağcı

In-class lecture: Developmental Psychology

Online meeting: Additional lecture

Assignment I (Panel on Cognitive Psychology) due

Week 5 (March 31st-April 1st)

Instructor: Junko Kanero

In-class lecture: Language

Online meeting: Additional lecture

Week 6

April 7th: Exam I

Week 7 (April 14th-15th)

Instructor: Asuman Büyükcan Tetik

In-class lecture: Personality

Online meeting: Demonstration of the “Big Five” personality assessment

Assignment II (Documentary I) due

Week 8 (April 21st-22nd)

Instructor: Gül Günaydın

In-class lecture: Social Psychology

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Week 9 (April 28th-29th)

Instructor: Nebi Sümer

In-class lecture: Culture

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Week 10 (May 5th-6th)

No class—Spring Break

Week 11 (May 12th-13th)

Instructor: Çağla Aydın

In-class lecture: Applications of Psychology: Memory in Everyday Life

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Assignment III (Panel on Social Psychology) due

Week 12 (May 19th-20th)

No class—National Holiday

Week 13 (May 26th-27th)

Instructor: Olesya Blazhenkova

In-class lecture: Individual Differences Approach in Psychology

Online meeting: Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Week 14

June 2nd: Exam II

Week 15 (June 9th-10th)

Instructor: Emre Selçuk

In-class lecture: Happiness & Well-Being

Online meeting: Discussion, Top Hat Q & A, discussion

Finals period (June 17th)

Assignment IV (Documentary II) due.