

**Sabancı University**  
**Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences**  
**PSY 201: Mind & Behavior**  
**Fall 2022**

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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:** 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 will take place on **Wednesdays from 08:40 to 09:30 at FASS G062 and Thursdays from 12:40 to 14:30 at FENS G077**. The faculty may utilize the third hour of the week for different activities. Some may deliver additional lectures whereas others may hold in-class demonstrations, discussions, 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 weeks (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 the lectures.

**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 a documentary and listen to a podcast episode and answer a few questions about each 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: 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.

<b>A</b>	100-93	<b>B</b>	79.99-75	<b>C</b>	64.99-60	<b>D</b>	49.99-45
<b>A-</b>	92.99-88	<b>B-</b>	74.99-70	<b>C-</b>	59.99-55	<b>F</b>	44.99-0
<b>B+</b>	87.99-80	<b>C+</b>	69.99-65	<b>D+</b>	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**

**Week 1 (October 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Emre Selçuk

**Topic:** Introduction & Overview

**Week 2 (October 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Rob Booth

**Topic:** Research Logic

**Week 3 (October 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Nihan Alp

**Topic:** Neuroscience

**Top Hat Q & A 1**

**Week 4 (October 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Eren Günseli

**Topic:** Attention & Memory

**Top Hat Q & A 2**

**Week 5 (November 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Çiğdem Bağcı

**Topic:** Developmental Psychology

**Week 6 (November 10<sup>th</sup>)**

**Exam 1**

**Week 7 (November 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Junko Kanero

**Topic:** Language

**Documentary Assignment due**

**Week 8 (November 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Panel on Cognitive Psychology**

Speakers: Çağla Aydın, Eren Günseli, Nihan Alp, & Rob Booth; Host: Emre Selçuk

**Week 9 (November 30<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Gül Günaydın

**Topic:** Social Psychology

**Top Hat Q & A 3**

**Panel Assignment I due**

**Week 10 (December 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Nebi Sümer

**Topic:** Culture

**Top Hat Q & A 4**

**Week 11 (December 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Çağla Aydın

**Topic:** Applications of Psychology: Memory in Everyday Life

**Top Hat Q & A 5**

**Week 12 (December 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

**Exam 2**

**Week 13 (December 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Panel on Social Psychology**

**Speakers:** Çiğdem Bağcı, Gül Günaydın, Junko Kanero, & Nebi Sümer; **Host:** Emre Selçuk

**Week 14 (January 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Instructor:** Emre Selçuk

**Topic:** Happiness & Well-Being

**Top Hat Q & A 6**

**Panel Assignment II due**

**Finals period (January 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Podcast Assignment due.**