Psychology 100A — Introductory Psychology I (Biological & Cognitive Emphasis)

Section A01, Summer 2018

Welcome to Introductory Psychology! Psychology is an exciting and complex scientific discipline, and it is an essential part of the helping professions as well. The main goal of PSYC 100A and PSYC 100B is to provide an overview of:

• the main areas, findings and methods of modern psychology
• various theoretical perspectives and professional orientations within psychology
• scientific methods of gathering information and forming conclusions from the study of human behaviour and functioning
• psychological principles that serve as a foundation for taking more advanced courses in psychology and related disciplines
• how psychological principles have been used to help people lead better, healthier lives and to solve real world problems
• how to locate and utilize psychological research information

PSYC 100A focuses on the historical, methodological, biological, learning, and cognitive aspects of psychology. PSYC 100B focuses on human intelligence, personality, child and adult development, psychological disorders and psychological treatment. You do not have to continue on to PSYC 100B after you have completed PSYC 100A, but you should be aware that if you wish to take any further courses in Psychology at the University of Victoria you will have to complete PSYC 100B and well as PSYC 100A.

Psychology is a scientific discipline, and as such, it requires considerable thought and time to develop an understanding of psychological research and principles. We expect students to complete the assigned reading before each lecture, to attend the lectures and take detailed notes from them, and to spend several hours a week towards mastering the course material.

Course Contact Information

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An Important Note on Email Usage. Please refer to the email protocol on pages 19-20 on how and when to use email to contact your course instructor or TA.
LECTURE SCHEDULE

(Please note that topics & dates are approximate and subject to change. Changes will be posted on the course website on CourseSpaces.)

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You are expected to bring your iClicker to all lectures beginning May 9.

**Other Important Dates:**

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**Weekly Activities**

For each week of the course, you should engage in the following activities:

- Complete the assigned reading from the textbook.
- Complete and submit the Online Quizzes.
- Attend all lectures, and take notes for study purposes.
- Bring your own iClicker to class, and use it to submit responses to surveys and problems.
- (Optional but recommended): Complete the LaunchPad Activities
Why do we cover the text chapters “out of order”?

- The Prologue and the first chapters in the textbook deal with the history and organization of the discipline of psychology (Prologue) and research methods in psychology (Chapter 1).
- Although these are important topics (and we do cover them at the end of PSYC 100A – the final week), they do not deal with the “content” of psychology – with human thoughts, consciousness, memories, perceptions, and so on.
- We feel it is more interesting to start the course with “real” psychology – in this case, the study of human consciousness, which includes topics such as attention, sleeping and dreaming, and altering consciousness through things such as drugs, hypnosis and meditation.
- The “non-linear” ordering of chapters is based on the following “conceptual map” of the ideas in the text, and we think it constitutes a more compelling sequence of topics that we hope will better help you become engaged in the excitement of psychological science.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND MARKING

Your performance in the course will be evaluated based on exams, online quizzes, and class participation as assessed by iClicker responses. The breakdown for each component is as follows:

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In addition, there are bonus points for research participation, up to a maximum of 5%. (See later sections of this outline for details.) Students who miss 2 or more scheduled exams will receive an ’N’ in the class. If you do not write the final exam (exam 4), you will receive an ’N’ in the class (see section on exams).

Grading (% of total marks)

Effective May 1, 2014, the letter grading system previously used at UVic was discontinued. Your final grade will be a straight percentage. Your final grade will be rounded at the 0.5% level (e.g., 84.50 will be rounded to 85; 84.49 will be rounded to 84)

Extra Credit Opportunity

Students in this course may earn up to 5% extra credit toward their final grade by participating in research studies conducted in the Department of Psychology. Each 15 minutes of participation will earn 0.5 point and up to 10 points may be credited toward this course, with 2 points required for a 1% increase in the student's final grade. Thus, five hours of participation would earn the full 5% extra credit. For details on participating in research studies, go to the Department of Psychology web site’s page on the Participant Pool (http://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/psychology/research/participants/index.php).

Students not wishing to participate in research studies may complete a paper option to earn extra credit. Details are on the course website on CourseSpaces.
REQUIRED RESOURCE MATERIALS

Textbook
Myers, D. M., and DeWall, C. N. (2015). Psychology (11th ed.) New York: Worth Publishers. You can purchase this required edition of the textbook at the UVIC bookstore, and you should have continuing access to it in order to master the course material. You do not, however, have to bring the textbook to lectures.

- You have the option to purchase the text in one of three different ways: as a hard cover text, as looseleaf pages to go into a binder, or as an ebook.
- In addition, there is an online companion website for the textbook, through LaunchPad. Access should be included with your textbook purchase. Further details will be on CourseSpaces website.

Student Personal Response System: iClicker 2 (not the original iClicker).
The iClicker 2 personal response system is necessary in order for you to participate in PSYC 100 classes, and 4% of your final mark is based on that participation. You can purchase the iClicker 2 at the UVIC bookstore, and it will be usable in other courses that use iClicker. Note that iClicker 2 can be sold back to the UVIC bookstore just as with textbooks. You will need to have iClicker 2 in PSYC 100, not the original iClicker. Note: Do not register your clicker at the iclicker.com web site, as UVic instructors will only synchronize their iClicker rosters with the university's own registration system at uvic.ca/iclickerreg (See the “iClicker registration “section of this course outline for details on registering your iClicker.)

Student Personal Response System: iClicker.
Textbook, iClicker Purchase, Buyback Inquiries: Please contact the UVIC Bookstore:
http://www.uvicbookstore.ca/; phone 250 721-8313; email textbook@uvic.ca

Course Website

- Course Website: The PSYC 100 Website will be accessible through the UVIC CourseSpaces system. This site includes links for emailing course instructors, as well as an online copy of the course outline, posted lecture notes, and other course information and links.
- Netlink ID: You will require a valid UVIC Netlink ID to access both the CourseSpaces system and the PSYC 100 CourseSpaces WebPage. To register, go to the Netlink Website at http://netlink.uvic.ca/ and follow the directions there. If you cannot access the PSYC 100 website after receiving your NetLink ID, please contact the Computer Help Desk in Clearihue A004 (helpdesk@uvic.ca; http://helpdesk.uvic.ca, or at their desks in the Library and Residence, or by phone: (250) 721-7687.
- CourseSpaces Online Learning System: To find out how to log into the CourseSpaces online learning system, please go to coursespaces.uvic.ca. If you need assistance in using CourseSpaces, please view the CourseSpaces Student Orientation Video on the CourseSpaces student site
  - If you contact the Computer Help Desk with problems accessing the PSYC 100 CourseSpaces Website, please indicate that you are having a NetLink or CourseSpaces problem, as almost all problems relating to accessing the PSYC 100 Website are related to issues or instructions involving NetLink or CourseSpaces.
PSYC 100 EXAM GUIDELINES

Exams are a necessity of University life, particularly in large courses such as PSYC 100. We have designed the following guidelines to make writing the exams as smooth, hassle-free and comfortable as possible, and to ensure that appropriate conditions are maintained during the exam.

- You will write four in-class Exams. You will have to be present to write the exams during the scheduled class period. Be sure not to schedule any trips that overlap with exam dates, and please notify your family not to schedule any trips for you that overlap with the exam dates.
- 20 - 30% of the exam questions will be based on lecture material; the remainder will be drawn from information in the textbook. Exams will cover only material since the previous exam (i.e., they are not cumulative).
- The format of all four exams will be multiple-choice and fill in the blank; be sure to bring your valid student photo ID. You may use either a pencil or pen for the exams.
- The exams are held in the same classroom as the lectures. We expect your cooperation in sitting in assigned seating and in adhering to exam rules.
- Please do not sit in the seats designed for those who are left-handed, unless, of course, you are left-handed.
- After you enter the examination room, examination conditions are in effect. We do not permit talking or glancing at other papers. If you wear a hat with a brim, please turn it around.
- We expect you to comply with all the requests of exam monitors and to follow exam seating instructions. If you fail to do so, you will not be allowed to complete the exam and may be referred for disciplinary action. *Cheating and disruptive behaviour during exams are serious academic offenses, and if we find you to be cheating or disruptive, we will refer you for disciplinary action.*
- We will post the Exam marks on the PSYC 100A (A01) CourseSpaces site approximately one week after the exam; an announcement will be posted through the CourseSpaces site when marks are available. It is you who is responsible for checking their accuracy. Please check your exam mark within 3 days of the exam marks being posted. If you do not have an exam mark listed, or you have not been excused, you may receive an ‘N’ mark.
- Exam marks are final. There are no re-writes or make-up exams. If you feel too ill to write an exam, you should excuse yourself before writing the exam and submit proper medical documentation as soon as you can in order to be considered eligible to write a make-up exam. All make-up exams will be written the Friday following the missed exam.
- If you miss an exam due to illness, take the following three steps:
  1. Contact the Course Instructor by email dmedler@uvic.ca as soon as possible.
  2. When you return from your illness, submit medical documentation to the instructor. Note that you do not have to submit the Request for Academic Concession form if you miss an exam in PSYC 100 since that form applies only to exams that are written in the final exam period, which is not relevant to PSYC 100.
  3. Upon receipt of proper documentation, the instructor will inform you if your documentation is accepted, and you will be scheduled to write the make-up exam the Friday following the missed exam. If you miss the make-up exam, you will be assigned a grade of N for the class.
- Valid documentation is a signed doctor’s note *dated the day of the exam*, or the days *preceding the exam* indicating that you will be ill for the following day(s) that includes the date of the exam. Doctor’s notes signed after the day of the exam will not be accepted. If you miss the make-up exam, you will be assigned a grade of ‘N’ for the course.
- If you miss an exam and fail to contact the instructor within seven days of the exam date or if you fail to submit medical documentation within ten days of the exam date, we will consider you to have not completed a major course requirement and will assign an ‘N’ mark (failure due to not completing a course requirement) for the course.
If you are a student who requires special arrangements for exams (due to a disability) take the following three steps:

1. Complete the Exam Accommodation Request form (available from the Centre for Accessible Learning — CAL).
2. Please submit your Exam Accommodation request form for all four exams at the same time. **Note:** A referral from the CAL is required in order to receive exam accommodations. See [https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/](https://www.uvic.ca/services/cal/) for more information.

**Preparing for PSYC 100 Exams**

We suggest that you consider the following in preparing for PSYC 100 exams:

- Do all required readings as scheduled in this course outline.
- Attend all lectures and take notes from them.
- Think about the course material in a focused and analytic manner. Try to relate the course material to your life and to other subjects with which you are already familiar.
- Use the study guides and extra web material.
- Arrange a study schedule for preparing for the exams, and follow it.
- Develop a variety of study skills, and consciously apply the techniques that you believe to be most appropriate for you in studying for PSYC 100 exams.

**What if you do poorly on a PSYC 100 exam?**

Many students do extremely well on PSYC 100 exams – on most exams there are at least some students who achieve 100%, and there are many who demonstrate knowledge in the “A” range. The PSYC 100 instructors and TA’s would be delighted if all PSYC 100 students achieved their goals in this course, and we want to help you to do this.

If you do less well on a PSYC 100 exam than you would have liked or expected, our advice is:

- Visit the Teaching Assistant and review the exam answer key as soon as possible (to see exactly where you lost marks).
- Change your study techniques or upgrade your study skills (see Counselling Centre for advice and workshops).
- Take advantage of opportunities to earn bonus points for research participation in order to improve your final mark.

If you arrange to consult with a PSYC 100 TA or instructor regarding how to improve your exam mark on the next exam, please be prepared to provide the following information to ensure a successful consultation:

- How did you prepare for the last exam? What was your study schedule? What study techniques did you use? (It is useful to provide samples of your study notes and materials).
- Did you attend all lectures and take good notes? (It is useful to provide a sample of your lecture notes).
- Did you do the Online Quizzes? (This is recommended for all students). If not, why not?
- What advice on improving your study techniques did you receive when you consulted with the Counselling Centre? (If you have not consulted with them, you should do so).
- What did you find out when you reviewed the pattern of your exam answers? Can you use this information to help you change your study techniques?
- What specific changes are you planning in your exam preparation for the next exam?
- Have you maximized your research bonus points? If not, why not?
ONLINE QUIZZES

Rationale for the Online Quizzes

You will complete the online Chapter quizzes within CourseSpaces. We have designed the Online Chapter Quizzes to give you an added incentive to keep up with your reading in the course and to give you some practice in utilizing and applying the concepts and studies discussed in the textbook. Because it is much easier to start learning the course material well in advance than on the night before the exam, we have arranged for you to complete online quizzes on a regular basis. If your experience matches that of students in previous years, you will be pleased that the quizzes helped to motivate and structure your studying.

Completing the Online Quizzes

• CourseSpaces will close the quizzes automatically one week after the final lecture on a specific topic, except the last quizzes which will close just before the last exam. Specific closing times will be listed on the CourseSpaces website under “Upcoming Events”. Please make sure you can COMPLETE the quiz by the due time.
• Problems with the CourseSpaces quiz function should immediately be reported to the instructor.
• There will be a total of 9 quiz opportunities during the semester. Quizzes will consist of 10 multiple choice questions, and you will have 10 minutes to complete each quiz once it begins. You will receive marks for the best 8 of 9 quizzes that you complete. Your best bet is, of course, to do them all. This will allow the best chance for high marks on eight of the nine, and will help you to absorb the material for the exams. The worst strategy is to skip the first one and plan on doing the last eight. The eight-out-of-nine system is designed to give students flexibility in case they have some weeks where personal or other circumstances keep them from completing the quizzes on time. If you discard your flexibility early in the semester and then something comes up later, you find yourself with no other option than to accept a low (or zero) mark on a quiz.
• You have the opportunity to miss one quiz and still obtain full marks for the Quiz component. This is in place to provide you with an “extra” Quiz that you can miss in case of illness or personal emergency. Because the “extra” quiz is there for this reason, there is no opportunity to do make-up quizzes for illness or other reasons, as the “extra” quiz is the make-up quiz.

iClicker RATIONALE AND GUIDELINES

We will base a small percentage of your final mark (4%) on your in-class participation and performance with the iClicker Personal Response System. PSYC 100 utilizes the iClicker Personal Response System as a means of encouraging you to attend lectures and to participate in problem solving exercises, to participate in surveys and mini-tests that serve to increase your ongoing engagement and involvement with the course, and to provide you with immediate feedback regarding your understanding of the class material.

Many recent studies have shown that such personal response systems generally increase students’ engagement and participation in university classes, and thereby provide an incentive for students to keep up with the course material and to attend the lectures.

• You should bring your iClicker to every lecture starting on May 15 (sooner if possible to make sure it is working in class) as that is when we will start recording responses for grades.
• You will receive 0.1% for each correct answer you provide. Therefore, to earn full marks you will need to answer 40 iClicker questions correctly. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 50 questions overall [~4-5 questions per day], but only the top 40 questions will count toward your mark.
• As there will be more questions than maximum points, this allows you to not participate for up to three classes (due to illness, sports competitions, low batteries or missing clickers, technical
malfunction, etc.) and still receive your maximum clicker points. For this reason, there is not an opportunity to “make up” or prorate clicker points if you do not participate in class.

• **It is an academic infraction to use or bring another student’s clicker to class, or to lend your clicker to another student.** This will be treated similarly to other academic infractions (such as cheating on an exam) and will be subject to university disciplinary procedures. Please remember that the clickers provide you with an opportunity to enhance your in-class learning, and it is expected you will cooperate in making the system work to help you and your colleagues learn.

Updated iClicker records will generally be posted to the CourseSpaces Website (Grade link) within two days of a lecture. We hope to have your final clicker totals posted on the CourseSpaces Grade link shortly before Exam 4. If you have a question about your clicker points, you should deal with it prior to Exam 4 as the final grades are calculated after Exam 4, and your clicker totals as posted will be used to calculate your final grades.

It is important that you check your clicker record by May 16th to make sure that you have at least one clicker point posted, and you are receiving correct credit for you clicker participation. Please note, only students who have a posted record on CourseSpaces of at least one clicker point by Friday, May 25 will be eligible to receive any clicker points for the term. Students who do not have any posted clicker points by Friday, May 25 will receive 0 on their final clicker total (out of 4%) regardless of clicker activity after that date. This deadline is in place to ensure that any clicker registration issues are rectified early in the term, and to encourage student to begin their clicker participation as early as possible.

If you have questions about your clicker points, please contact the Course Instructor

**iClicker Registration**

**Note:** More detailed information on iClicker registration and other issues is provided at [http://elearning.uvic.ca/iclicker/students](http://elearning.uvic.ca/iclicker/students)

iClickers are a relatively new technology and technical problems do sometimes arise. However, YOU are responsible for resolving these issues in order to receive course points. The resources to solve your clicker problems are available! Start by following these steps:

1. Go to [http://www.uvic.ca/iclickerreg](http://www.uvic.ca/iclickerreg) – sign in with your NetLink credentials and you should be taken directly to the iClicker registration page; or

2. Log into the UVic portal ([http://www.uvic.ca/](http://www.uvic.ca/)) and click on: My page > Student Services > iClicker

**Notes:**

• iClicker serial numbers do not contain letter O’s, only number 0’s.

• Do not register your clicker at the iclicker.com web site, as UVic instructors will only synchronize their iclicker rosters with the university’s own registration system at [uvic.ca/iclickerreg](http://www.uvic.ca/iclickerreg).

**Additional Information:**

• iClicker Purchase/Byback Inquiries: Please contact the UVIC Bookstore: [http://www.uvicbookstore.ca/](http://www.uvicbookstore.ca/); phone 250 721-8313; email textbook@uvic.ca

• iClicker Usage and Troubleshooting Inquiries: Please view the link [http://elearning.uvic.ca/iclicker/students](http://elearning.uvic.ca/iclicker/students). For additional questions, contact the UVIC Computer Helpdesk: [helpdesk@uvic.ca](mailto:helpdesk@uvic.ca) Telephone: 250-721-7687. In Person: Clearihue A004 or McPherson Library
iClicker Frequently Asked Questions

• I use my iClicker remote for multiple classes with different professors. Do I have to register online for each individual class?
  • No. You only need to register once online for your registration information to apply to all of the classes in which you are using iClicker.

• I registered my iClicker remote last year (or last term). Do I have to register it again?
  • Yes. The registration database is cleared automatically at the end of each semester, so you should register your clicker at the beginning of each semester. If you cannot remember if you have registered or not, just go ahead and register. Re-registration will just overwrite the existing registration information associated with your clicker.

• Should I purchase iClicker 1 or iClicker 2? Can I use either in PSYC 100?
  • You can use either iClicker 1 or iClicker 2 in PSYC 100, although we recommend that you purchase iClicker 2 if you are purchasing a new iClicker. iClicker 2 (but not iClicker 1) can be sold back to the UVIC bookstore just as with textbooks.

• What is the cost of registering my iClicker?
  • There is no cost. After purchasing your iClicker, it is yours to use in as many classes as required without any additional costs or recurring registration fees.

• Can I use a used iClicker? How do I register a used iClicker?
  • You can use either a used iClicker 1 or iClicker 2. You register a used iClicker remote in the exact same manner as a new iClicker remote (instructions above). You need not do anything special or different in order to register a used remote.

• How do I un-register my remote?
  • There is no need to un-register your remote, even if you will no longer be using it. Registration does not alter the iClicker remote in any way, and the registration database is cleared automatically at the end of each semester.

• I lost my iClicker and had to buy a new one. What do I do?
  • Email your old serial number to the instructor. Let them know who you are and that you will be registering a new iClicker serial number on a certain date. Then, register your new iClicker just like you did your old one.

• I can’t read the serial number on the back of my iClicker. What do I do?
  • Take your iClicker to the Help Desk (Clearihue Building, room A004) and they can run a program which will display your serial number.

• Are there zeroes or the letter “O” on my serial number?
  • Those are zeroes.

• I registered online but my professor says I have not registered yet?
  • This could be caused by two possible factors.
    1. Have you voted in class with your remote yet? If you have not voted with your iClicker remote, then your professor’s gradebook will not recognize your registration.
    2. You may have entered the incorrect iClicker remote ID. Re-register online using the correct information and the incorrect registration will simply be ignored.
PSYCHOLOGY 100A — BONUS POINTS/EXTRA CREDIT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

I. Introduction

An important component of this course is for you to learn about research in psychology. Faculty and advanced students in the Department of Psychology will be conducting research throughout the year, performing studies exploring processes such as social interaction, perception, memory, problem solving, and communication. We encourage you to participate in this research, and as part of this encouragement, we have arranged for you to earn extra credit toward your course mark by participating in approved research. By participating in such research projects you will experience first-hand how psychological research is done. Once your participation in a study is complete, you will receive a full description of the purpose of the research. In most projects, your participation involves having your responses recorded or measured as you perform a task or complete a questionnaire. A Departmental committee has reviewed and approved all of the projects that are available to you for bonus points. The aim of these research projects is not to evaluate your personal abilities, but to explore various features of human behaviour and discover how they change under different conditions. Researchers will protect your confidentiality. Your performance (i.e., the responses you make) will have no effect on your marks.

You will receive 0.5 point for each 15 minutes (or part thereof) of participation, up to a maximum of 10 points. You may participate in as many projects as you wish, but you will receive no more than 10 points per term, and you may not carry over points from one term to another. Note that while we have set 10 points to be a maximum, the opportunity to earn all 10 points may not be available, as this depends on the number of research projects requiring participants. You may participate in any given project only once. The last day for participation in experiments for extra credit is June 6, 2018.

II. How to Create an Account

If you already created an account for the Psychology Research Participation System at the Sona web site at any time since September 2007, please do not create another account. Use your existing account. As a reminder, your User ID is simply the first part of your UVic email address, and you can go to the Sona site (see web address below) to request that your password be sent to you if you have forgotten it.

If you do not yet have an account, then follow these steps:

1. To use the system, you must have a UVic email address (i.e., one ending in “@uvic.ca”). For help on this, go to the Computer Help Desk in Clearihue A004 (located in the section of that building nearest the Library).
2. Test your UVic email address by emailing yourself to make sure it works. If it does not work, go to Clearihue A004 for help.
3. Go to the Sign-Up Home page (http://uvic.sona-systems.com/) and look for “New Participant?” on the left side of the screen. Click on “Request an account here.” Complete the form and then click “Register Account.” It is essential that you enter a valid UVic email address (ending in @uvic.ca): Do not use other email accounts provided by other sources (e.g., hotmail) when registering your account.
4. You will receive an email at your UVic email address with your User ID and password for the Sona sign-up system (note that your Sona system password will be different from your e-mail password). Now you have an account and can use the system. Your User ID will be the first part of your UVic email address (the part before “@uvic.ca”), and your password will be a long string of digits that will not be easy to remember. Write down this password and see option 3 (My Profile) in the next section for information on how to change your password to one that will be easier to remember.
III. How to Use the System

Go to the Sign-Up Home page (http://uvic.sona-systems.com/). Enter your User ID and password and click “Log In.” Be sure to use your User ID and password for the web-based experiment sign-up system and not your password for your UVic email account.

When you use your account for the first time at the beginning of the term, you will be asked to select the course or courses to which your bonus points should be assigned. Select PSYC 100A or PSYC 100B (or, if you are taking both PSYC 100A and 100B concurrently, then select both courses) as the course(s) to which bonus points are to be applied.

The first time you use the system you will have to complete a brief questionnaire (pre-test) that all students must complete before participating in any experiments. You will have to complete this questionnaire only once. If you already completed the questionnaire last term, you will not have to complete it again. The questionnaire will prompt you to provide basic demographic data (e.g., age, gender) that are used in some studies to describe individual differences among participants. After completing the questionnaire, you can proceed as follows.

You now have 3 options:

1. Experiment Sign-Up
   Use this option to view available experiments and to sign up for participation. Details are provided in section IV.

2. My Schedule and Credits
   Use this option to view information about appointments you have already made to participate in experiments, to cancel appointments, and to review your credit points.

3. My Profile
   Use this option to change your password or your contact information, or to add a secondary email address to which reminders, etc. will be sent. It is advisable to include your telephone number as part of your profile in case an experimenter has to cancel a session for which you have signed up. The experimenter can then attempt to contact you by telephone as well as by email to inform you of the cancellation.

IV. How to Sign Up to Participate in Research Studies

Click Experiment Sign-Up and a list of available experiments will appear. To find out more about a particular experiment click on the title of that experiment. Most experiments will involve a single session at a specific time and place. To sign up for such an experiment, click on “Time Slots Available” and choose a time.

Other experiments might involve two or more sessions (appointments) at different specific times, perhaps separated by specified time intervals (e.g., two days or one week). An experiment of this kind will appear in the system with a different, but related, experiment name for each of the sessions (e.g., Banjo1, Banjo2). You can earn full credit for these multiple-session experiments by completing all sessions. Participation in the first session of a multiple-session experiment is a prerequisite for signing up for the subsequent sessions of that experiment.

Finally, some available experiments may be web-based, and for these, you can complete them on line by visiting a specified web site at your convenience. In such cases, the web address for the experiment will be listed. Note, however, that you will not receive bonus points for completing online studies, though you may find them worthwhile anyway. Some studies that offer credit include a web-based activity component and participation in these studies will generate the stated amount of credit for you.

Notes:
- Some studies have more than one page of sign-up times.
- Only studies that have available time slots are displayed. Early in the semester, when many students are already seeking opportunities to participate, it is common for there to be no studies
displayed (because all time slots have already been filled). Keep checking the web site frequently to find available time slots.

- Some studies have restrictions on who may participate. You will not get points if you sign up for a study for which you do not meet these restricted criteria.
- Some studies entail more than a single session (even though for such studies you may be able to register only for the first session).
- When you make an appointment, make sure that you record the time, place, project name, and project telephone number as a reminder. Since the course TA’s and instructors do not have the specific information as to where and when the research studies are scheduled, you have to keep track of your own appointments.
- Please do not sign up unless you are confident that you can and will keep the appointment.
- You may not sign up for a project that you have already done (even in a previous term).
- If you used the Sona system in a previous semester, your Sona account will have been reset to zero (even though you may have residual bonus points left from the previous semester).
- If you are taking PSYC 100A and 100B concurrently, you may earn up to 10 bonus points for each course. If you earn fewer than the full 10 points in each course, you have the option of reallocating bonus points earned from 100B to 100A or vice versa (up until the last day for participation, specified above). You can assign credits earned in an experiment to one or the other course (not both) and you can change these assignments across courses up until the end of the term (December 2). Go to the Frequently Asked Questions section after you log on for details. Credits earned during a particular term must be applied to a course being taken in that term.

V. Rules for Using the System and Participating in Experiments

Under no circumstances may you sign up someone else to participate in a study.

Be Patient! Do not click more than once when you are signing up. Students sometimes click, sign up, get impatient waiting for the system to confirm the appointment, sign-up again, and then receive a message saying they may not sign up (because the system registered that they had signed up moments earlier). The point is that they have indeed already signed up for the experiment, but they think they have not and therefore miss their appointment and get penalized as a no-show. Be careful about this.

What to do before going to your session. Check your email before going to the session (i.e., up to 24 hours in advance) to find out whether there have been any changes, such as a change of place or, in rare cases, cancellation of the study by the researcher. Just as students may cancel 24 hours in advance, so also may researchers (although in fact they rarely do). You are allowed to sign up for a session up to 24 hours in advance of the session's scheduled start time. If you wish to cancel a session, you must do so at least 24 hours before its scheduled start time.

Show Up On Time. Do not be late for your appointment! If you fail to show up on time, your bonus points will be reduced by the number of points for the session for which you had signed up. If you are late even by just a few minutes, the experimenter might no longer have sufficient time for you to participate (e.g., when doing so would conflict with other sessions in a very tight schedule); in such a case not only will you not receive credit but you will actually lose points as per the no-show policy. Also, note that if you are penalized three times for failure to show up on time, we will terminate your participation privileges for the remainder of the term. Out of respect for researchers who are expecting you and for other students who are seeking participation opportunities, it is very important to be responsible about showing up on time.

You can make up deducted points. Simply participate in more studies. However, if because of deducted points you do end up with a final negative balance of bonus points, this will not affect your mark. (i.e., the points will not be deducted from your exam marks).

Suppose you have to cancel your appointment. Return to the sign-in website, find the session for which you scheduled yourself, and then select "cancel." Note that this procedure has to be carried out at least 24
hours before your appointment; otherwise you will be treated as a "no-show", and points will be deducted — except in the case of a documented emergency. In the case of such an emergency you should contact the research contact person listed on the website for the study for which you had signed up. If that is not possible, contact the Research Participation Coordinator (p100res@uvic.ca). Be sure to specify the project name, your name, and the date and time of the appointment.

**Suppose you change your mind about participating once the experiment has started.** If you begin a project and decide part way through it that you do not wish to complete it (e.g., you feel ill or you find the study disagreeable in some way), you are free to terminate your participation. If this occurs, simply inform the researcher that you do not wish to continue participating (you do not even have to specify why you want to stop). In such a case, you will receive credit for the amount of time you actually participated.

**Suppose you show up for your appointment and no one is there.** Use the telephone number associated with the experiment in question (the telephone number is on the web site page for that experiment), and report what happened. If you cannot contact anyone at the telephone number, send an email message to the Research Participation Coordinator (p100res@uvic.ca) explaining what happened. Be sure to include the name of the experiment in this message. If the researcher was at fault, you will receive credit for the session and you will still be able to sign up for that experiment at a later time.

**Save your receipt.** When the experiment is completed, the researcher will enter your credited bonus points electronically. The researcher will also complete and sign a receipt specifying the number of bonus points you have earned. Save this receipt in case questions arise as to the amount of credit you have accumulated.

**Post-Experiment Questionnaire.** Attached to your receipt will be an optional, anonymous questionnaire that invites you to evaluate your experience in the project. Do not put your name on the questionnaire. If you wish to turn it in, detach it from your receipt and turn it in anonymously to the mailbox beside the Psychology 100 office (Cornett A250). We very much look forward to and appreciate receiving these questionnaires to help us improve the research experience for you.

**Debriefing.** At the end of each experiment, the experimenter will provide you with an explanation of the purpose of the research in which you have just taken part (a debriefing). This debriefing serves an opportunity for you to learn more about research in the discipline of psychology. Take full advantage of it: ask questions, satisfy your curiosity, and try to come away with a better understanding of the process of studying human behavior.

**Check the credit balance of your bonus points at any time.** Visit the sign-in web site (http://uvic.sona-systems.com/). Type in your User ID and password, click on “My Schedule & Credits”, and your balance will appear. For some experiments, it might take a day or two for the credit points to be entered into the system. If you have any questions about your credit balance, please bring these to the attention of the Research Participation Coordinator (p100res@uvic.ca). Do this prior to Exam 4, because we submit the final marks very soon after Exam 4 and require time to process your research bonus points in preparing to calculate your final mark.

**Availability of experiments.** This will vary over the course of the term. Typically, more experiments become available for your participation as the term progresses and researchers complete the preparations for their studies. If at times you are unable to find an available time slot, be patient and check the system frequently for new opportunities.

**Sona Smart Phone App.** You can now check and sign up for Research Participation studies using your smart phone. Search for “Sona” in iTunes or Google App stores.

**Additional concerns about the Research Participation System.** Please contact the Research Participation Coordinator, Dr. Tanaka (p100res@uvic.ca).

More information about the Experiment Sign-up system is available on the web. In particular, once you sign into your account, you can go to the Frequently Asked Questions section, which has the answers to many commonly asked questions.
GUIDELINES FOR THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

Learning involves a commitment on the part of both instructors and students to create the best possible conditions for a creative and productive educational environment. University classes — even large ones — can be absorbing and challenging when lecturers are knowledgeable and stimulating and when students are interested and attentive. In PSYC 100, we try to make our lectures as interesting as we can. To make the lecture experience as effective as possible, however, we need the cooperation of students to help create the best possible learning environment. We provide the following guidelines to facilitate this process and to allow you to use class time to your greatest learning advantage.

Guidelines on Behaviour during Class

Please turn off cell phones, pagers or other electronic communications devices during university classes. You should not be operating cell phones, answering email, texting, web surfing, facebooking, etc., during lectures.

You should not be talking or engaging in any other disruptive activity in class while the instructor is speaking. When, at the beginning of the class, the instructor starts speaking, please stop talking rather than continuing your conversations.

Students who talk, move about and engage in other extraneous activities detract from the learning environment for other students. We expect students to be quiet and attentive during lectures. Please do not engage in activities such as talking, newspaper reading, texting, checking email or other distracting activities not focused on processing the lecture material.

Most students realize the importance of not talking while the instructor is conducting the class, or while other students are making comments in class. Indeed, some students have complained about such disruptive behaviour interfering with their learning environment.

Students who are talking, emailing, websurfing, etc. during the class are engaging in disruptive, rude or inappropriate behaviour. If an instructor (your classroom instructor or any other) asks you to leave the classroom during a lecture (either verbally or non-verbally), please do so. If you do not comply with these requests, such lack of cooperation in complying with an instructor’s request may be subject to disciplinary procedures. You will be given an opportunity to discuss your behaviour with respect to the class environment guidelines after the class.

PSYC 100 students have traditionally been very helpful in contributing to a respectful and productive environment in PSYC 100 classes, and we appreciate your cooperation in continuing this tradition.

- We expect you to be on time for classes, and to remain for the entire class. If you are late for a class, please enter by the rear door and quietly find a seat in the rear half of the classroom.
- Attending classes and taking useful notes from them are skills that we expect you to master as part of your university education. If you have trouble taking notes or getting all the information from lectures that you would like to get, please consider one (or all) of the following options:
  - Prior to the lecture, download and print the lecture notes that are provided by the instructor, and bring those with you to class to provide an outline for your note-taking
  - Tape-record the lecture and augment your notes from the recording later.
  - Form partnerships with other students to share notes after the lecture.
  - If you do not know anyone else in the course, contact your section Instructor for help in forming lecture partnerships with other students.
  - Go to the Learning Skills Program ([http://www.coun.uvic.ca/learn/index.html](http://www.coun.uvic.ca/learn/index.html)) (Counselling Services, Campus Services Bldg. Room 135) for help in developing note-taking skills.
  - If you are a non-native English speaker and you are having language-related difficulties with lecture material, please contact the English Language Centre ([http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/ele/](http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/ele/)) for advice.
• Lecture notes will be posted to the CourseSpaces website shortly before class. If you wish to receive copies of the lecture notes, please download them from CourseSpaces.
• PSYC 100 instructors try to accommodate a range of learning styles and situations. Please realize, however, that the lecturer cannot slow down the lecture, or keep slides on the projector, to suit everyone’s note-taking speed. Slower note-takers should institute the procedures suggested above and review the lecture notes posted to the course web site.
• Please note that those of us involved in teaching the course are trying to make this course as interesting, productive and pleasant as possible. We have designed the guidelines listed here to make your learning environment as comfortable and professional as possible, and to make best use of limited classroom time.

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF EMAIL TO CONTACT PSYC 100 INSTRUCTORS AND TA’S

The PSYC 100 instructors and TA’s really do want to hear from you! In a very large course like PSYC 100, however, email “overload” can cause problems. Although email can be a very useful mode of communication for certain specific purposes, it can be problematic in large classes.

Whenever you email the instructor or the TA, please start your subject line with “Psyc 100A:” followed by a relevant topic line. With hundreds of emails from multiple classes, your instructor and TA will not always be aware of which class you are in, so please let us know.

Unrestricted or indiscriminate use of email to pose questions and ask for information can overwhelm the limited resources that TA’s and instructors have to answer such emailed requests. In order to deal with such problems, please follow these guidelines:

When not to use email:

✘ To request information about a specific mark (assignment, exam, final mark or bonus points). We post this information on the course web site and expect you to access your marks there.
✘ To ask instructors to send information via email about material in missed classes. (Summary lecture notes are posted to the Web).
✘ To request information about why you received a particular mark. Please go to the TA office during office hours with such questions. These kinds of questions usually require a direct interpersonal interaction that is not effectively carried out via email.
✘ To ask for advice on improving your study techniques. This also requires a direct interpersonal interaction. See the section on “Preparing for Exams” in this course outline.

When to feel free to use email:

✔ To notify the Instructor that you will have to miss an exam for documented medical or family emergency reasons.
✔ To ask a simple, short question e.g. “When is the time and place of the make-up exam?”
✔ To make a comment about course material that you might think of after class, e.g., “I was thinking about that case of dissociative identity disorder that you described in class, and I wondered if …” We are very happy to receive and respond to such comments.
✔ To make a comment about something that you liked or about something that you think could improve the course. In the latter case, please be aware that specific, constructive comments are much more useful to us than general ones.

These guidelines are based on the understanding that PSYC 100 at UVIC is not a distance education course. We expect you to be present, to attend classes, to ask questions or make comments both during and after classes, and to visit the TA’s and instructors during their office hours if you have additional questions. (Coming to see us in office hours is a friendlier, more humane way to learn, anyway — we would much rather see you in person than electronically!)
ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

Checking the Total of Your Research Bonus Points Prior to the Last Exam (Exam 4)
• Please make sure that you have been correctly credited with all your research participation bonus points (as well as from your Web Assignments, if you had submitted them) before writing Exam 4. We cannot change bonus point totals after we have submitted the final marks.

Checking That You Have Completed All Work
• You have to have written all three exams to receive a passing mark in the course. If you have not completed all three exams, or have a valid excuse for missing an exam, you will receive an N mark in the course (failure due to non-completion of course requirements.) Note, however, that because the research participation and the Web Assignments are not required components of the course, you will not receive an N mark based on non-participation in the research pool or the Web Assignments.

Checking Your Performance Early in the Course
• If you do poorly on the first exam, treat this result as an early warning signal that you might not be prepared to make the ongoing commitment that success in this course requires. In this case you should consider the possibility that you might be better off taking the course on another occasion.

University of Victoria’s Policy
• The University of Victoria is committed to promoting, providing and protecting a positive and supportive and safe learning and working environment for all its members.
IMPORTANT COURSE POLICY INFORMATION
Summer 2018

Prerequisites
Students who remain in courses for which they do not have the prerequisites do so at their own risk. Students who complete courses without prerequisites ARE NOT exempt from having to complete the prerequisite course(s) if such courses are required for the degree program.

Program Requirements
For more information see pages 310-313 of the UVic Calendar May 2018.

Registration Status
Students are responsible for verifying their registration status. Registration status may be verified using My Page, View Schedule. Course adds and drops will not be processed after the deadlines set out in the current UVic Calendar.

Commitment to Inclusivity and Diversity
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In the Event of Illness, Accident or Family Affliction
(See UVic Calendar, May 2018, p. 50)

What to do if you miss the final exam scheduled on the last day of classes
Apply at Records Services for a “Request for Academic Concession”, normally within 10 working days of the date of the exam. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation (for example, a deferred exam). Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student’s academic record.

OR, you can download the Request for Academic Concession form here:
http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/assets/docs/record-forms/rac.pdf

What to do if you miss an exam other than one scheduled on the last day of classes
Do not apply at Records Services for a “Request for Academic Concession”. Instead submit documentation of the illness, accident or family affliction directly to your course instructor (or designated teaching assistant).

What to do if you require additional time to complete course requirements
Apply at Records Services for a “Request for Academic Concession”, normally within 10 working days of the end of the course. Records Services will forward the form to the instructor. If the concession is granted, the instructor will determine how to deal with the situation (for example, a deferred exam). Where a concession is not applied for or where such application is denied, an N grade will be entered on the student’s academic record.

OR, you can download the Request for Academic Concession form here:
http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/assets/docs/record-forms/rac.pdf
Policy on Academic Integrity including Plagiarism and Cheating

The Department of Psychology fully endorses and intends to enforce rigorously the Senate Policy on Academic Integrity (http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2018-05/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html, p. 45-47, UVic Calendar May 2018). It is of utmost importance that students who do their work honestly be protected from those who do not. Because this policy is in place to ensure that students carry out and benefit from the learning activities assigned in each course, it is expected that students will cooperate in its implementation.

The offences defined by the policy can be summarized briefly as follows:

1. **Plagiarism.** You must make sure that the work you submit is your work and not someone else’s. There are proper procedures for citing the works of others. The student is responsible for being aware of and using these procedures.

2. **Unauthorized Use of an Editor.** The use of an editor is prohibited unless the instructor grants explicit written authorization.

3. **Multiple Submission.** Only under exceptional circumstances may a work submitted to fulfill an academic requirement be used to satisfy another similar requirement. The student is responsible for clarifying this with the instructor(s) involved.

4. **Falsifying Materials Subject to Academic Evaluation.** This includes falsification of data, use of commercially prepared essays, using information from the Internet without proper citation, citing sources from which material is not actually obtained, etc.

5. **Cheating on Assignments, Tests, and Examinations.** You may not copy the work of others in or out of class; you may not give your work to others for the purpose of copying; you may not use unauthorized material or equipment during examinations or tests; and you may not impersonate or allow yourself to be impersonated by another at an examination. The Department of Psychology has a policy of not making old examinations available for study purposes. Therefore, use of old exams without the express written permission of the instructor constitutes cheating by the user, and abetting of cheating by the person who provided the exam.

6. **Being an Accessory to Offences.** This means that helping another student to cheat (for instance, by showing or communicating to them answers to an assignment, or by allowing them to view answers on an exam) is an academic offence.

Instructors are expected to make every effort to prevent cheating and plagiarism. This may include the assignment of seating for examinations, asking students to move during examinations, requests to see student identification cards, and other measures as appropriate. Instructors also have available to them a variety of tools and procedures to check for Internet and electronic media-based cheating. In instances of suspected or actual plagiarism or cheating, instructors, following prescribed procedures, are authorized to take steps consistent with the degree of the offence. These measures will range from a zero on the test or assignment or a failing grade for the course, probation within a program to temporary or even permanent suspension from the University.

Rights of Appeal are described in the Policy on Academic Integrity in the University calendar (on p. 45-47, May 2018).

The definitive source for information on Academic Integrity is the University Calendar (p. 45-47 in May 2018) (http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-05/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html)

Other useful resources on Plagiarism and Cheating include:

1. The Study Solutions Office: https://www.uvic.ca/services/counselling/success/study/index.php
2. The Ombudsperson’s office: http://www.uvss.uvic.ca/ombudsperson/pubsguides/plagiarism.pdf
3. UVic Library Resources: http://www.uvic.ca/library/research/citation/plagiarism/