



**Psychology 1031 Syllabus**  
**Online Course**  
Introduction to Psychology and Neuroscience I:  
From Neuron to Person

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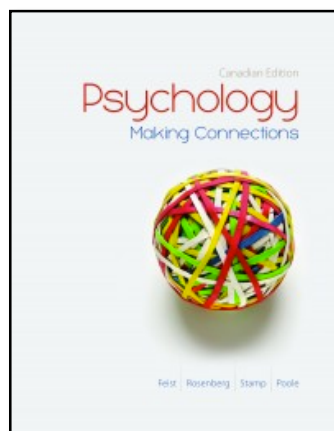
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**TEXT**

Psychology: *Making Connections*, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Ed. Feist, Rosenberg, Stamp, & Poole  
Available in hardcover or as an **ebook** (*recommended*)

\*Please note: The companion website, called Connect, is included in the price of either version of the text and contains useful resources for reviewing material for quizzes and exams. You must register for Connect using the access code (**provided on BbL**), but once registered, you can access the site through Blackboard Learn (BbL).



## GRADING SCHEME

**UNIT 1 Exam:** 20%

**UNIT 2 Exam:** 20%

**UNIT 3 Exam:** 20%

**Labs:** 20% (4% each, 6 labs, drop lowest)

**Quizzes:** 15% (3% each, 6 quizzes, drop lowest)

**Discussion participation:** 5%

## IMPORTANT DATES

**UNIT 1:** Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Lessons 1-5

Includes Chapters 1-3, Tricky Topics, Videos, and Discussions

**EXAM 1 date: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

**UNIT 2:** Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

Lessons 6-9

Includes chapters 4 & 5, Tricky Topics, Videos, and Discussions

**EXAM 2 date: Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>**

**UNIT 3:** Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>-Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>

Lessons 10-13

Includes chapters 6-7, Tricky Topics, Videos, and Discussions

**EXAM 3 date: Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>**

## QUIZZES

### **WHAT?**

Short evaluations designed to assess knowledge based on material from lectures and discussion material. There will be **two (2) quizzes** per UNIT.

Out of the 6 quizzes, your lowest quiz will be dropped.

**Each quiz is worth 3% for a total of 15% of your final grade.**

### **WHERE?**

Quizzes be online (open book) on Blackboard Learn (BbL)

### **WHEN?**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Quiz</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	1	Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00am	Jan. 8 <sup>th</sup>	11:59pm
	2		6:00am	Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:59pm
2	3	Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00am	Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:59pm
	4		6:00am	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	11:59pm
3	5	Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00am	Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:59pm
	6		6:00am	Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:59pm

## **LABS**

### **WHAT?**

Interactive and thought-provoking activities designed to complement lecture material.  
Out of the 6 labs, your lowest lab will be dropped.

**Each lab is worth 4% for a total of 20% of your final grade**

*(\*Late labs are deducted 5% per day)*

### **WHERE?**

Links and instructions will be posted on the course space on Blackboard Learn (BbL).

### **WHEN?**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1	1	Critical thinking	Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>
	2	Ethogram	Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>
2	3	Neuroanatomy	Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>
	4	Cocaine	Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>
3	5	Memory	Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>
	6	Learning	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup>

## **DISCUSSION PARTICIPATION**

### **WHAT?**

**Have Your Say!** Online forum to discuss topics and share ideas to take the material beyond what is presented in the text.

**Discussion participation is worth 5% toward your final grade.**

Out of the 13 discussions you must participate in 10, each worth 0.5%.

**Deadlines for discussions are in the Course Calendar posted on BbL.**

*Some material from the discussions will be included on exams.*

### **WHERE?**

On BbL discussion board links.

### **WHEN?**

Participation is required before the end of each lesson and material will be covered on the quizzes or exams.

## **BONUS POINTS**

**WHAT?** You may earn up to **three (3)** “bonus” percentage points in PSYO 1031 by participating in designated research projects in the course/Psychology & Neuroscience Department. Some of these studies are in-person while others are online. Availability is not guaranteed and is subject to vary from year to year.

These points are added to your final mark at the **end of the term**.

**WHERE?** Go to:

[http://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/psychology\\_neuroscience/research/credit-point-information.html](http://www.dal.ca/faculty/science/psychology_neuroscience/research/credit-point-information.html)

Click to register or sign-up (top of page) and log on as a new participant

You need to log in the first time to get a password – **this is NOT the password you use for my.dal**

## **LETTER GRADING**

<b>A+</b>	90-100	<b>B+</b>	77-79	<b>C+</b>	65-69	<b>D</b>	50-54
<b>A</b>	85-89	<b>B</b>	73-76	<b>C</b>	60-64		
<b>A-</b>	80-84	<b>B-</b>	70-72	<b>C-</b>	55-59	<b>F</b>	0-49

**\*Note:** In order to enroll in any higher-level psychology courses (2000 and above) you **must receive a grade of B- or better in each of PSYO1031 (OR PSYO1011/21) and PSYO 1032 (OR PSYO1012/1022).**

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

1. **Numerical grades are converted to letter grades for your official transcript (see above).**
2. **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WRITE A TEST**, you MUST contact Dr. Stevens as soon as possible. Make-up tests will only be considered in the case of medical or family emergencies – A FORMAL NOTE FOR THE DAY OF ABSENCE IS **REQUIRED**. If you miss a test without proper documentation (e.g., Dr.'s note) you will receive a mark of **zero (0)**. You may email a scanned copy of the doctor's note directly to Dr. Stevens.
3. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES**. A missed quiz is worth zero (0); out of the six (6) quizzes, your lowest mark will be dropped.
4. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP LABS**. A missed lab is worth zero (0); out of the six (6) labs, your lowest mark will be dropped.
5. **ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES** are available to students near the Dalhousie campus with temporary or permanent disabilities who wish to explore the possibility of accommodations for test writing. Interested students are encouraged to contact Accessibility services by **phone** at **494-2836** or **email: [access@dal.ca](mailto:access@dal.ca)**
6. **Studying for success:** A variety of study skill programs are available for students near the Dalhousie campus. Both group workshops and one-on-one coaching are offered. **Website:** <http://sfs.studentservices.dal.ca> **Email:** [sfs@dal.ca](mailto:sfs@dal.ca) **Phone:** 494-3077
7. **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Cheating will NOT BE TOLERATED. During tests, cell phones and other electronic media (e.g., tablets, iPods, etc.) are to be **turned OFF** and left in backpacks/purses.  
**\*Note:** Individuals caught using devices after a test has been initiated, will not be permitted to complete their test and **will receive a mark of 0**.
8. **PLAGIARISM:** Dalhousie University defines plagiarism as the submission or presentation of the work of another as if it were one's own. It is considered a **serious academic offence** that may lead to the assignment of a failing grade, suspension, or expulsion from the University. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you familiarize yourself with the policies surrounding plagiarism at Dalhousie. Please visit **[plagiarism.dal.ca](http://plagiarism.dal.ca)** in addition to completing the **Academic Integrity Module**.

## COURSE CONTENT

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Lesson</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<b>1</b>	1	Welcome, Orientation	--	Syllabus quiz
	2	What is Psychology?	Chapter 1	Quiz 1
	3	Methods and Basic Statistics	Chapter 2	Lab 1
	4	Biology of Behaviour I: Genes & Behaviour; Introduction to the Nervous System	Chapter 3	Quiz 2
	5	Biology of Behaviour II: Nervous System and the Brain	Chapter 3	Lab 2
<b>2</b>	6	Sensation & Perception I: Vision	Chapter 4	Quiz 3
	7	Sensation & Perception II: Olfaction, Audition, Gustation, Touch, & Pain	Chapter 4	Lab 3
	8	States of Consciousness: Attention	Chapter 5	Quiz 4
	9	States of Consciousness: Drugs & Hypnosis	Chapter 5	Lab 4
<b>3</b>	10	Memory I: Encoding & Storage	Chapter 6	Quiz 5
	11	Memory II: Recall & Forgetting	Chapter 6	Lab 5
	12	Learning I: Classical & Operant Conditioning	Chapter 7	Quiz 6
	13	Learning II: Cognitive & Ecological Perspectives	Chapter 7	Lab 6