



PSK 102

Introduction to Psychology II

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Course Overview

"Psychology has long past, yet its real history is short." - Hermann Ebbinghaus

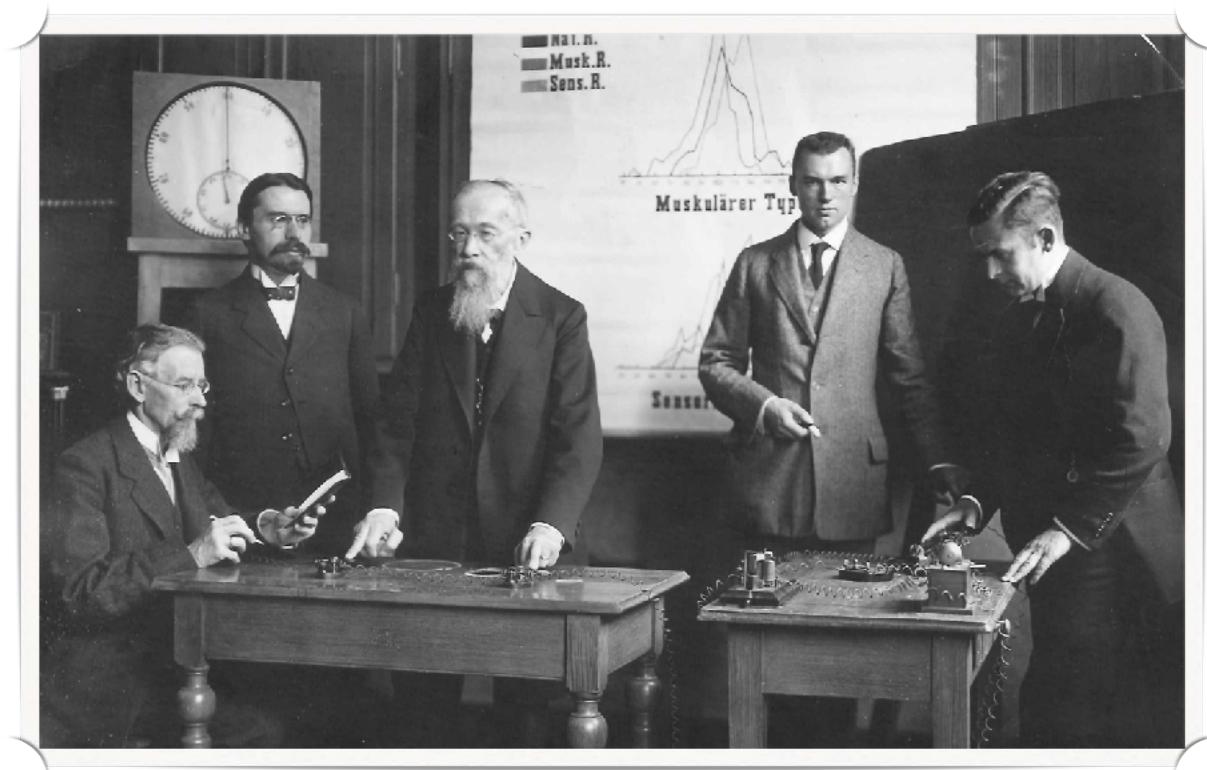
We cannot state a specific year when people talked about the psychology of things around themselves. It appears that, as Ebbinghaus said, although psychology has a short written story, its past had begun with the evolution of the first human being. In this course, students will learn how to look at different perspectives of psychology to solve the problems within each view. The primary topics include testing psychological research hypotheses and the theories of the mind-body relationship. This course includes research methods, personality, clinical psychology, developmental psychology, gender, and so on. Students will be asked to use their critical thinking skills to understand and analyze the problems around them. In other words, they will gain practice for asking rational questions about human nature.

At the end of this course students will be able to;

1. Think both as a scientist and psychologist,
2. Differentiate between the different psychological approaches and analyze psychological issues from the perspective of these different approaches,
3. Follow through the several steps of assessment in investigating a particular psychological research hypothesis,
4. Accumulate knowledge on the theories and research regarding the normal and abnormal functioning of the brain, the senses, and the mind, and develop habits of critical inquiry on related issues.

Course Format

Students are expected to read each week's reading(s) before class and contribute to class discussion. Each student is expected to come to class prepared to summarize the readings' key points and participate in their debate.



Wundt's Laboratory (1879)

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Grading

- I. **Mid Term Exam (40% of your total grade):** A multiple-choice exam includes all topics discussed in class sessions. Exam date will be announced later.
- II. **Final Exam (40% of your total grade):** A multiple-choice comprehensive final exam includes all topics discussed in class sessions. Exam date will be announced later.
- III. **Participation (20% of your total grade):** Your participation is a combination of both class and OYS performance.



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Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Main Topic	Sub Topic
1	Psychological Disorders	What is normal?
2	Personality I	What is your personality? (Part I)
3	Personality II	What is your personality? (Part II)
4	Gender, Sex, and Sexuality	Are women from Venus, and men from Mars?
5	Gender, Sex, and Sexuality	Are there abnormal sexual behaviors?
6	Emotion	How do you feel?
7	Social Influence	Do other people can affect us?
8	MIDTERM EXAM	
9	Aggression and Group Behavior	How could you be an extremist?
10	Attraction and Close Relationships	Is beauty in the eye of the beholder?
11	Human Development	Who is an adolescence and who is an adult?
12	Thinking and Reasoning	Are you a creative individual?
13	Therapies and Health Psychology	How can we feel well?
14	Summarize of the Semester	What have you learned (so far)?

The course schedule is subject to change, therefore, please check out course's website and your related Moodle (OYS) account to get information about any possible changes:
<http://www.kokdemir.info/courses/psk102>.



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Readings

Main Reading Material

Students may be asked to read and comment on some articles and chapters about each week's topic. For related articles, please check out the course's website. Other main reading materials are listed below.

- ▶ Kokdemir, D. (n.d.). *Introduction to psychology II (v.1.0)*. Noba. Retrieved September 21, 2020, from <http://noba.to/m38d26fx>.
- ▶ King, L. (2017). *The Science of psychology: An appreciative view (4th ed.)*. New York: McGraw Hill.

Suggested Journals

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Journal of Experimental Social Psychology

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Psychological Bulletin

Psychological Review

Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes

Social Cognition

Behavioral Neuroscience

Decision

European Psychologist

Journal of Neuroscience, Psychology, and Economics

Türk Psikoloji Dergisi

Türk Psikoloji Yazları

Other Social Psychology Resources

Here you can find valuable social psychology resources.

- ▶ Türk Psikologlar Derneği (<https://www.psikolog.org.tr>)
- ▶ American Psychological Association (<https://www.apa.org/>)

