

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Division of Social Science
SOSC1960 Discovering Mind and Behavior (L1 & L2)
Summer Semester, 2022

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Lecture Time: Tue, Thu 10:00-12:50pm (HKT)

Venue: RTO zoom

Course Description

This course introduces the fundamental scientific knowledge about human thinking and behavior processes, and illustrates the relevance of this knowledge to the betterment of human performance and well-being in a wide variety of settings in the society.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

Upon completion of this course, students are expected to:

1. recognize some fundamental scientific concepts about human mind and behavior;
2. analyze human performance and wellbeing in various social settings with reference to these concepts; AND
3. explain how scientific research on human mind and behavior is conducted.

Recommended Reading Resources

Noba Project. (2022). *Discovering Psychology: A Brief Text*. <http://noba.to/3fzdhpnj>

Assessment Scheme	Weighting
Quizzes	
Quiz 1	30%
Quiz 2	30%
Assignment 1 & 2	30%
Research Experience	10%

1. Quizzes (30% + 30%, Total 60%)

- Two quizzes will be administered to test your understanding of course materials. Quizzes are multiple-choice questions only and non-cumulative. Each quiz counts for 30% and covers all materials in lectures and required readings (the relevant chapters will appear on the last page of the lecture handouts).
- Supplementary readings are also listed in the lecture note but they will NOT be included in the quizzes. These readings are useful for a deeper understanding in the course contents.
- Quiz 1 is scheduled on **July 14** and covers topics from **Week 1 to 3**. Quiz 2 is scheduled on **August 4** and covers topics from **Week 4 to 7**.
- Arrive on time for the quizzes as no additional time will be given for students arriving late.
- No make-up quizzes will be given to students who are absent from the examination unless students can provide validated medical reasons. You should notify the teaching team (through email) about your absence by attaching your official medical certificate *within 24 hours of the original exam date* if you wish to arrange for a make-up exam. All make-up quizzes will ONLY be in the form of essay questions.

2. Assignment 1 & 2 (15% x 2)

- Task: You are required to complete two assignments. The first assignment is about Learning and the second one is about Health Psychology. For each assignment, you have to write a maximum of 500 words to demonstrate your understanding of the topic.
- The guidelines for the assignments will be uploaded on Canvas in due course. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Deadline: **Assignment 1 is due on July 8, 2022** and **Assignment 2 is due on July 29, 2022**.

3. Research Experience (10%)

- The science of human mind and behavior advances through empirical research.
- There are many opportunities for you to observe how such research is conducted. You can choose to complete either of the following:
- *Research Study*: Complete a real research study online as a participant and learn firsthand how it is conducted. Write a thought piece (within 200 to 300 words) about your experience.
- *Research Exercise*: Watch a video about a research study. Write a thought piece (within 200 to 300 words) about it.

Academic Integrity

You should observe the University's policies regarding academic integrity (<https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/resource-library/regulations-student-conduct-and-academic-integrity>). Academic dishonesty such as plagiarism and cheating would result in a reduction of scores or even a failing grade in the course. We will investigate every suspected case of plagiarism and report the confirmed case to the Division of Social Science for further review or action. Make sure you understand academic honesty.

Course Communication Platform

All lecture materials and announcements will be posted on CANVAS. Be sure to check CANVAS frequently for any updated news.

Some Other Notes

- **Interaction in class** – I believe interactions (both verbal and non-verbal) between the lecturer and the students (and among students) are one of the key ingredients to an optimal learning experience. Your active participation in class discussion or activities will not only enhance your learning, but also motivate the teaching team to do better! Stay behind the class and share with me your thoughts about the course contents.
- **Lecture slides** – Lecture slides will be posted to CANVAS before each class, but the contents will be a bit different from the displayed slides as I hope to encourage you to take your own notes. Note-taking facilitates your reflection and assimilation of the lecture contents.
- **Penalties** – Score deduction applies to any assignments over the word limit. Details can be found in the assignment guidelines.
- **Late submission** – For any group assignment, the group leader will do the submission. Submissions received less than 5 hours after the deadline will not be penalized. No submissions will be accepted after 5pm HKT on the due date.
- **Communication** – Please expect that your emails will be responded to during weekdays 10am to 6pm HKT.
- **Your feedback** – Your opinions about the course are very valuable to help me improve the course. Feel free to drop by to talk to me. A course evaluation will also be held at the end of the course.

Teaching Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Relevant Chapters from Recommended Reading
1	June 21	Discovering Psychology	-
	June 23	Psychology and Science	1 & 2
2	June 28	Psychology of Learning Writing Workshop	7
	June 30	Memory	8
3	July 5	Sensation and Perception	4 & 5
	July 7	Consciousness and Sleep	6
4	July 12	Developmental Psychology	10 & 11
	July 14	Quiz 1 (covers from Week 1 to Week 3) Research Experience	
5	July 19	Personality Psychology	12 & 13
	July 21	Social Psychology	14-18
6	July 26	Health Psychology	23 & 24
	July 28	Abnormal Psychology	19-21
7	August 2	Treatment of Psychological Disorders Epilogue	22
	August 4	Quiz 2 (covers from Week 4 to Week 7)	

Important Dates

Date	Task
July 14	Quiz 1 Research Experience
July 8	Assignment 1 (Learning)
July 29	Assignment 2 (Health Psychology)
August 4	Quiz 2