



1. General Course Information

1.1 Course Details

Course Code:	1002PSY
Course Name:	Introductory Individual & Social Psychology
Trimester:	Trimester 1, 2021
Program:	Diploma of Social and Psychological Science
Credit Points:	10
Course Coordinator:	Tony Hurd
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Course Description

This course provides an introductory-level overview of several fields within psychology. It focuses on developmental and social processes and their relationships to individual differences in behaviour. It also provides a broad introduction to the areas of developmental, personality, abnormal and social psychology.

1002PSY is one of two introductory psychology courses. It complements the companion first-year course, 1001PSY Introductory Cognitive and Biological Psychology, and provides the foundation for later, more specialised psychology courses.

Assumed Knowledge

No pre- or co-requisite knowledge

1.2 Teaching Team

Your teacher can be contacted via the email system on the portal.

Name	Email
Tony Hurd	tony.hurd@staff.griffithcollege.edu.au

1.3 Staff Consultation

Your teacher is available each week for consultation outside of normal class times. Times that your lecturer/tutor will be available for consultation will be given in the first week of lectures. A list of times will be published on the Griffith College Portal on the course site.

1.4 Timetable

Your timetable is available on the Griffith College Portal at Class Timetable in Student and Services.

1.5 Technical Specifications

All students must have access to a computer or suitable mobile device.

2. Aims, Outcomes & Generic Skills

2.1 Course Aims

Introductory Individual and Social Psychology (1002PSY) aims to develop in students a critical understanding of several major fields of contemporary psychology including developmental, abnormal, health and social psychology. Students completing this course will acquire conceptual, analytic and problem-solving skills relevant to these fields of psychology, as well as generic competencies in research, communication and data interpretation.



2.2 Learning Outcomes

After successfully completing this course you should be able to:

1. Describe and evaluate the evidence for key foundational themes and theories in psychological research.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of personality and developmental psychology theory.
3. Acquire the ability to carry out and communicate research that promotes psychological well-being.
4. Develop skills in critical analysis and be able to apply these skills to social psychology theories.



2.3 Generic Skills and Capabilities

For further details on the Generic Skills please refer to the Graduate Generic Skills and Capabilities policy.

Griffith College aims to develop graduates who have an open and critical approach to learning and a capacity for lifelong learning. Through engagement in their studies, students are provided with opportunities to begin the development of these and other generic skills.

Studies in this course will give you opportunities to begin to develop the following skills:

Generic Skills and Capabilities		Taught	Practised	Assessed
Acquisition of discipline knowledge and skills with critical judgement		✓	✓	✓
Communication and collaboration		✓	✓	✓
Self-directed and active learning		✓	✓	✓
Creative and future thinking		✓	✓	✓
Social responsibility and ethical awareness		✓	✓	
Cultural competence and awareness in a culturally diverse environment		✓	✓	



3. Learning Resources

3.1 Required Learning Resources

Burton, L., Westen, D., & Kowalski, R. (2019). Psychology (5th Australian & New Zealand Edition). Wiley.

Available online through Griffith Library – (Requires student s number login): [Psychology Online](#)

3.2 Recommended Learning Resources

Redbook: Writing for Psychology and the Behavioural Sciences

<https://redbook.org.au>

Relevant readings may also be placed in the 1002PSY My Study modules on the Griffith College Portal throughout the trimester. You are also encouraged to find, and bring in for discussion, your own readings relevant to the learning content topics that interest you.

3.3 College Support Services and Learning Resources

The College provides many facilities and support services to assist students in their studies. Links to information about College support resources that are available to students are included below for easy reference.

[Digital Library](#) – Databases to which Griffith College students have access to through the Griffith Library Databases.

MyStudy – there is a dedicated website for this course via MyStudy on the Griffith College Portal.

[Academic Integrity Tutorial](#) - this tutorial helps students to understand what academic integrity is and why it matters. You will be able to identify types of breaches of academic integrity, understand what skills you will need in order to maintain academic integrity, and learn about the processes of referencing styles.

Services and Support provides a range of services to support students throughout their studies including academic advice and assignment help from Student Learning Advisors, and personal and welfare support from Student Counsellors.

[Jobs and Employment](#) in the Student Hub can assist students with career direction, resume and interview preparation, job search tips, and more.

[IT Support](#) provides details of accessing support, information on s numbers and internet access and computer lab rules.

3.4 Other Information about your Learning

Attendance

You are expected to actively engage in all learning experiences and learning activities which underpin the learning content in this course. You are expected to engage with the learning content and learning activities outside of timetabled class times. This requires you to be an active agent of your learning. You are expected to bring all necessary learning resources to class such as the required textbook and /or Workbook. In addition, you are encouraged to BYOD (bring your own device) to class such as a laptop or tablet. This is not a requirement as computer lab facilities are available on campus, however, the use of such devices in the classroom is encouraged with appropriate and considerate use principles being a priority.

Preparation and Participation in Learning

In order to enhance your learning, you need to prepare before participating in the learning experiences. Absorb the learning content and complete the learning activities that are provided online before you attend the scheduled learning experiences. Make sure you complete the learning activities set each week, they are designed to support your learning. Active participation in your learning will enhance your success. Ask questions when something is unclear or when you want to bring some issue to your lecturer or tutor's attention; respond to questions to test your knowledge and engage in discussion to help yourself and others learn.

Consultation Sessions

Teachers offer extra time each week to assist students outside the classroom. This is known as 'consultation time.' You may seek assistance from your teacher on email or in person according to how the teacher has explained this to the class. Attendance during consultation time is optional but you are encouraged to use this extra help to improve your learning outcomes.

Course Learning Materials

Learning materials are made available to you in MyStudy on the Griffith College Portal. The learning materials are arranged in Modules. In each Module you will find the learning content, learning activities and learning experiences. Actively working your way through these course learning materials together with your lecturer or tutor will prepare you to succeed when completing the evidence of learning (assessment).

Self-Directed Learning

You will be expected to learn independently. This means you must organise and engage with the course learning content even when you are not specifically asked to do so by your teacher. The weekly guide will be helpful to organise your learning. This involves revising the weekly course learning material and completing the learning activities. It also means you will need to find additional information to evidence your learning (assessment) beyond that given to you, and to construct your own response to a question or topic. All of this requires careful planning of your time. Expect to spend, on average, at least 10 hours per week including class time for each of your courses.

Program Progression

You are reminded that satisfactory Program Progression requires that attendance in classes is maintained at equal to or greater than 80%, and that GPA is maintained at equal to or greater than 3.5 [please see Griffith College Policy Library - [Program Progression Policy](#) - for more information].






Teacher and Course Evaluation

Your feedback is respected and valued by your lecturers and tutors. You are encouraged to provide your thoughts on the course and teaching, both positive and critical, directly to your teacher or by completing course and lecturer evaluations via Griffith College's evaluation tool whenever these are available.



4. Learning Content, Learning Activities and Learning Experiences

4.1 Modules for Learning and Weekly Learning Content, Learning Activities and Learning Experience

	Learning Content 	Learning experiences 	Learning activities 	Evidence of learning 	Learning outcome 
Module 1: Psychology Foundations (History, Research & Measurement)					
1	<u>Introduction to Psychology (History of Psychology, Understanding Research Methods)</u> Learning Content recording Textbook readings & exercises (CH 1-2)	Overview of Learning experiences, practical program & assessment. Guided tour of portal site	View online media (TedTalk/YouTube) Complete Quiz	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	1
2	<u>Measurement & Intelligence</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 9) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: What is Psychology Prac 1A: Data collection (In class research)	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	1

	Pick journal article (list on portal) for 5% assignment				
Module 2: Psychology & the Self (Personality & Developmental Psychology)					
3	<u>Personality</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 11) Learning Content recording Read & begin answering questions on journal article for 5% assignment	Discussion & experiences: Intelligence Prac 1B: Results & discussion Assignment: introduction	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities Prac 1B: Preparation (Read & interpret results sheet)	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	2
4	<u>Developmental Psychology</u> <u>Physical & Cognitive Development</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 12) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Personality Assignment: Writing Essays in Psychology Discussion	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities	Formative experiences quiz (not graded) Journal article (5%) report due this week	2
5	<u>Developmental Psychology</u> <u>Social Development</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 13) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Physical & Cognitive Development	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	2
6	Revision for Mid-Trimester Exam	Exam preparation questions & discussion Discussion & experiences: Social & Moral Development	Practice Mid-Trimester Exam (Moodle Quiz)	Mid Trimester Exam (25%) Multiple Choice Quiz	1, 2
Module 3: Individual Psychology & Well-Being (Motivation, Emotion, Health, & Psychological Disorders)					
7	<u>Emotion & Motivation</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 10) Learning Content recording	Assignment: APA writing & referencing style Assignment: Structuring & formatting for Essay Prac 2A: Data collection	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	3
8	<u>Introduction to Health Psychology (Health, Stress & Coping)</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 14) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Emotion & Motivation Prac 2B: Results & discussion Assignment: Additional help & tips	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities Prac 2B: Preparation (Read & interpret results sheet) Submit draft assignment for review & feedback	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	3

9	<u>Psychological Disorders</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 15) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Health, Stress & Coping Assignment: Essay examples Assignment: additional help	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities Submit draft assignment for review & feedback	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	3
Module 4: Psychology & the Social World (Attitudes, Social Cognition, & Interpersonal Processes)					
10	<u>Social Psychology (Attitudes & Social Cognition)</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 17) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Psychological Disorders Prac 3A: Data collection	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	4
11	<u>Social Psychology (Interpersonal Processes)</u> Textbook readings & exercises (CH 18) Learning Content recording	Discussion & experiences: Attitudes & Social Cognition Prac 3B: Results & discussion	View online media Complete Quiz Prepare for in-class discussion & activities Prac 3B: Preparation (Read & interpret results sheet)	Formative experiences quiz (not graded)	4
12	Revision for Final Exam	Discussion & experiences: Interpersonal Processes Final exam preparation Questions & discussion	Practice Final Exam	Practice Final Exam	3, 4



5. Evidence of Learning (Assessment Plan)

5.1 Evidence of Learning Summary

	 Evidence of learning	 Weighting	 Learning outcome	 Due Date
1	Research Analysis	5%	1	Week 4
2	Mid-Trimester Examination	20%	1, 2	Week 6
3	Assignment - Essay	30%	3	Week 10
4	Final Examination	45%	4	Examination Period

5.2 Evidence of Learning Task Detail

1. Research Analysis (500 words).

Rationale: A crucial skill for psychology students is being able to understand and critically evaluate published psychological research. The research analysis is designed to introduce students to the skills of identifying and evaluating hypotheses, focal variables, participants, results and limitations in order to prepare students for the Research Report assessment task.

Assessment details: The assignment will require students to read a research article in the area of individual and social psychology, and describe the research question, method, and results. A list of articles to choose from will be published on the 1002PSY My Study portal page. Details will be provided on the 1002PSY My Study course site on the Griffith College portal. The writing must be in appropriate academic style, using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation and be referenced in accordance with APA 7th edition.

Marking criteria: The written description will be marked against established criteria which will be published on the 1002PSY MyStudy course site. Marks will be awarded based on the clarity, accuracy, and depth of thought with which the student addresses the questions.

Submission: Online submission to 1002PSY My Study Link on Portal.

2. Mid-trimester Examination.

Rationale: The mid-trimester examination is intended to assess student's knowledge and understanding of core concepts and theories related to individual and social psychology covered in the first five weeks of the trimester.

Assessment details: The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions, based on lecture material and the required readings from Burton et al., (2019).

Marking criteria: This exam will be marked following a strict marking guide and will undergo a full moderation process.

3. Assignment – Essay (1500 Words Max).

Rationale: This research report provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your understanding of theoretical and practical issues involved in providing peer reviewed evidence to support an argument or claim, as well as your written communication skills.

Assessment details: This essay, will be based on a piece of research conducted in tutorials and written in APA style, include an introduction, main part developing the arguments, a conclusion, and use correct spelling, grammar and punctuation and be referenced in accordance with APA 7th edition. Essays should be neatly presented, clearly expressed and fully documented. They should reflect appropriate levels of research of the relevant literature, and a capacity to interpret, and communicate about, psychological data and ideas. They should include both critical analysis of existing literature and developing a coherent argument. Evidence of original thinking will also be rewarded. Further details regarding the report will be provided to students during the trimester in tutorial classes and on the course site in MyStudy at Griffith College.

Marking criteria: Marks for the essay will be awarded for evidence that you have mastered the requirements of psychology essay writing, as specified in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition) with each section being marked against established criteria which will be published on the 1002PSY MyStudy course site.

Submission: Online submission to 1002PSY My Study Link on Portal.

4. Final Examination

Rationale: The final examination is intended to assess students' knowledge and understanding of core concepts and theories related to individual and social psychology covered throughout the trimester.

Assessment details: The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions and short essay questions based around key themes in the course based on lecture material and the required readings from Burton et al., (2019).

Marking criteria: This exam will be marked following a strict marking guide and will undergo a full moderation process. Marks will be awarded for evidence that you have understood, and can apply and evaluate, the content presented in lectures, tutorials, and the required readings from the textbook.

5.3 Late Submission

An evidence of learning (assessment) item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension from the Course Coordinator, will be penalised. The standard penalty is the reduction of the mark allocated to the assessment item by 5% of the maximum mark applicable for the assessment item, for each working day or part working day that the item is late. Evidence of learning items submitted more than five working days after the due date are awarded zero marks.

Please refer to the Griffith College website - Policy Library > [Assessment Policy](#) for guidelines and penalties for late submission.

5.4 Other Information about Evidence of Learning

Retention of Originals

You must be able to produce a copy of all work submitted if so requested. Copies should be retained until after the release of final results for the course.

Requests for extension

To apply for an extension of time for an evidence of learning item, you must submit an [Application for Extension of Assignment](#) form to your teacher at least 24 hours before the date the assignment is due. Grounds for extensions are usually: serious illness, accident, disability, bereavement or other compassionate circumstances and must be able to be substantiated with relevant documentation [e.g. [Griffith College Student Medical Certificate](#)]. Please refer to the Griffith College website - [Policy Library](#) - for guidelines regarding extensions and deferred assessment.

Return of Evidence of Learning Items

1. Marks awarded for in-trimester evidence of learning items, except those being moderated externally with Griffith University, will be available on the Student Portal within fourteen [14] days of the due date. This does not apply to the final evidence of learning item in this course (marks for this item will be provided with the final course result).
2. Students will be advised of their final grade through the Student Portal. Students can review their final exam papers after student grades have been published. Review of final exam papers will not be permitted after the final date to enrol.
3. Marks for **all** evidence of learning items including the final exam (if applicable) will be recorded in the Moodle Course Site and made available to students through the Moodle Course Site.

The sum of your marks of evidence of learning items in this course does not necessarily imply your final grade for the course. Standard grade cut off scores can be varied for particular courses, so you need to wait for the official release of grades to be sure of your grade for this course.

6. Policies & Guidelines

Griffith College assessment-related policies can be found in the [Griffith College Policy Library](#) which include the following policies:

[Assessment Policy](#), [Special Consideration](#), [Deferred Assessment](#), [Alternate Exam Sitings](#), [Medical Certificates](#), [Academic Integrity](#), [Finalisation of Results](#), [Review of Marks](#), [Moderation of Assessment](#), [Turn-it-in Software Use](#). These policies can be accessed within the [Policy Library](#)

Academic Integrity Griffith College is committed to maintaining high academic standards to protect the value of its qualifications. Academic integrity means acting with the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility in learning, teaching and research. It is important for students, teachers, researchers and all staff to act in an honest way, be responsible for their actions, and show fairness in every part of their work. Academic integrity is important for an individual's and the College's reputation.

All staff and students of the College are responsible for academic integrity. As a student, you are expected to conduct your studies honestly, ethically and in accordance with accepted standards of academic conduct. Any form of academic conduct that is contrary to these standards is considered a breach of academic integrity and is unacceptable.

Some students deliberately breach academic integrity standards with intent to deceive. This conscious, pre-meditated form of cheating is considered to be one of the most serious forms of fraudulent academic behaviour, for

which the College has zero tolerance and for which penalties, including exclusion from the College, will be applied.

However, Griffith College also recognises many students breach academic integrity standards without intent to deceive. In these cases, students may be required to undertake additional educational activities to remediate their behaviour and may also be provided appropriate advice by academic staff.

As you undertake your studies at Griffith College, your lecturers, tutors and academic advisors will provide you with guidance to understand and maintain academic integrity; however, it is also your responsibility to seek out guidance if and when you are unsure about appropriate academic conduct.

In the case of an allegation of a breach of academic integrity being made against a student he or she may request the guidance and support of a Griffith College Student Learning Advisor or Student Counsellor.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the Griffith College Academic Integrity Policy; this policy provides an overview of some of the behaviours that are considered breaches of academic integrity, as well as the penalties and processes involved when a breach is identified.

For further information please refer to the Griffith College website - Policy Library > Academic Integrity Policy

Reasonable Adjustments for Assessment – The Disability Services policy

The Disability Services The [Disability Services policy](#) (accessed within the [Policy Library](#)) outlines the principles and processes that guide the College in making reasonable adjustments to assessment for students with disabilities while maintaining academic robustness of its programs.

Risk Assessment Statement

There are no out of the ordinary risks associated with this course.

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