

### **What are PSYC 1020H / 1030H Web?**

These are two separate halves of Trent's introduction to psychology course presented on the web. The PSYC 1020H course broadly covers the cognitive, methodological, and physiological aspects of psychology. Meanwhile, the PSYC 1030H course deals with developmental, health, personality, and social aspects of psychology.

These web-based courses are provided through the distance education (DE) division of Trent (Julian Blackburn College). *Each course can be completed in a timeframe of 13 weeks during the Fall / Winter terms, or in a six week time frame during the summer terms.*

### **Do I have to take the two halves in any particular order?**

As of September 2010, students are able to complete the two halves *in any order they choose*.

### **Can I take other psychology courses as I complete 1020 / 1030?**

If you wish to take additional PSYC courses or to major in PSYC, you are required to earn a minimum grade of 60% (C-) in BOTH PSYC1020H Web and PSYC1030H Web. For example, if you earned a grade of 56% in PSYC 1020H and a grade of 71% in PSYC 1030H you would not be eligible for upper year courses. You would need to re-take PSYC 1020H and achieve a 60+ *or greater* in this course before being allowed to move on. Once these prerequisites have been met you will be eligible for PSYC 2000-level courses.

### **Are there texts for this course? How do I get a hold of these?**

Yes, there are texts for the PSYC 1020H / 1030H courses. The same texts are used in both halves. Currently, the main text is:

Weiten, W., & McCann, D. (2010). *Psychology: Themes and variations* (2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian ed.). Toronto: Thomson/Nelson.

STUDENTS ARE ALSO OBLIGATED TO PURCHASE THE PSYKTREK 3.0 CD-ROM: (PsykTrek 3.0: A Multimedia Introduction to Psychology by Wayne Weiten (CD ROM).

It is also recommended that students purchase:

Mitchell, M.L., Jolley, J.M., & O'Shea, R.P. (2010). *Writing for psychology* (3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian ed.). Toronto: Thomson/Wadsworth.

The Weiten & McCaan text & CD-ROM as well as the Mitchell, Jolley & O'Shea text can be purchased at the Trent Peterborough bookstore. The texts *may* also be available in Trent Oshawa. However, the Oshawa campus does not have a bookstore – as a consequence texts will be available for a very limited time. Thus, it is best to call and verify. Alternatively, students *may* be able to purchase the text and CD-ROM from an on-line book seller; if this route is taken students should allow ample time for shipping.

### **How is PSYC 1020H / 1030H web organized?**

The *majority* of the course is completed using on-line (internet) resources through Trent's Information technology services—myLearningSystem (WebCT) @

<http://www.trentu.ca/admin/it/webct/>.

This web course is organized into a set of “modules”. Each module is concerned with a specific aspect or related group of topics in psychology (e.g., principles of learning). Each module has a variety of components that are designed with the goal of generating learning, understanding, and application of knowledge in a particular area of psychology. Thus, students are asked to complete a number of components associated with each module (e.g., discussions, PsykTrek simulations, assignments, questionnaires, a quiz). Please note that each module is available for a *limited time*.

### **How is work completed and submitted?**

Assigned work (Discussions, Labs, PsykTrek assignment, simulations, and quizzes) is provided to students on line (via WebCT). The majority of assigned work is completed and submitted via the “assignment drop-box” found on the WebCT site. Some work will be submitted directly to the teaching assistant.

### **How are exams completed?**

The term test is completed on-line, through the WebCT site.

The final exam is different: The final exam is a “live” [face-to-face] final. *That is, you will be obligated to travel to either the Oshawa or Peterborough campus of Trent University to complete the final exam during the (scheduled) final exam period.*

**How do I complete the final if I'm in another country or province, or in Ontario but more than 200 kilometers from Trent?**

Arrangements will be made to set up a proctored final exam for you **closer to your location**. For your part, you will complete and submit an *Online Course Final Exam Site Declaration Form* informing Trent that you will not be writing the final exam in Oshawa or Peterborough.

**What is covered on the exams?**

The information covered on exams will be a mix of text and module materials. The term test and final exam will assess different text chapters and modules (as outlined in the course syllabus). Students respond to a set of questions involving various formats (e.g., multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, mix-and-match).

**How do I communicate with the professor?**

The professor and TA can be reached through Trent email or through office phone.

**I have some other questions or I need more information: Who should I contact?**

Further information can be found by:

- navigating to the Psychology department's website: <http://www.trentu.ca/psychology>;
- Emailing [psychology@trentu.ca](mailto:psychology@trentu.ca);
- Or by contacting Professor Jeff Adams: [jadams@trentu.ca](mailto:jadams@trentu.ca)