

**American University of Beirut
Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Psychology**

History & Systems of Psychology (PSYC 280); Fall Semester 2019

Learning Outcomes:

This course is designed to introduce the student to the history and philosophy of psychology. The main course objectives include: (1) to gain an understanding of how human behavior has been conceptualized throughout history (PLO: 1, 5); (2) to understand the antecedents and present approaches of the major schools of thought in psychology (PLO: 1, 5); (3) to engage in discussion regarding the philosophical issues facing a science of the human mind and behavior (PLO: 1, 4c); and (4) to sharpen critical thinking skills with respect to human behavior (PLO: 2). By the end of this course (5) the student should demonstrate these skills in speech and writing (PLO: 6).

Location:

Room: Nicely 415

Time: TR 11:00 - 12:15

Text:

Dietrich, A. (2007). *Introduction to Consciousness*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Hunt, M. (1993). *The Story of Psychology*. New York: Anchor Books.

Skinner, B. F. (1948). *Walden Two*. Prentice Hall.

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Attendance Policy:

Regular class attendance is expected. Attendance will be taken at the start of each session. Students are to be in class 1 minute prior to class time. Students who come late will be considered absent. According to FAS guidelines (*Undergraduate Catalogue 2018, p. 155*), if a student accumulates more than 1/5 absences of the total sessions before the last day of withdrawal, s/he can be dropped the course. Students who cannot be dropped for excessive absence will receive a grade of 40. For the purpose of determining the final grade, 3 absences for any reason will be allowed without question. For each additional “cut”, 1 point will be deducted from the final grade. Absences (or coming late) on the day of a test will result in a grade of 0! Make-up test will only be given in case of documented illness or serious family emergencies. No other excuse will be counted! Cell phones are not to be seen or heard.

Academic Integrity:

The *Student Code of Conduct* in the *AUB Student Handbook* applies to this course and will be strictly enforced. All of your work must be your own. Writing that is copied from published sources (unless quoted and attributed), even if slightly modified, will be considered plagiarism and grounds for a failing grade on the exam or in the course. Academic misconduct also includes cheating, in-class disruption, and dishonesty. Misconduct is vigorously prosecuted and AUB has a zero tolerance policy. All incidences with credible evidence will be automatically forwarded to the FAS Student Affairs Committee.

Non-Discrimination:

AUB is committed to facilitating a campus free of all forms of discrimination including sex/gender-based harassment prohibited by Title IX. The University's non-discrimination policy applies to, and protects, all students, faculty, and staff. If you think you have experienced discrimination or harassment, including sexual misconduct, we encourage you to tell someone promptly. If you speak to a faculty or staff member about an issue such as harassment, sexual violence, or discrimination, the information will be kept as private as possible, however, faculty and designated staff are required to bring it to the attention of the University's Title IX Coordinator. Faculty can refer you to fully confidential resources, and you can find information and contacts at www.aub.edu.lb/titleix <https://www.aub.edu.lb/titleix>. To report an incident, contact the University's Title IX Coordinator at 01-350000 ext. 2514, or titleix@aub.edu.lb. An anonymous report may be submitted online via EthicsPoint at www.aub.ethicspoint.com.

Disability:

AUB strives to make learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers due to a disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), you are encouraged to contact the Accessible Education Office for reasonable accommodation: accessibility@aub.edu.lb; +961-1-350000, x3246; West Hall, 314'. You should also be aware that you can always contact the Counseling Center in the Office of Student Affairs (Ext. 3196).

Grading:

The final grade will be determined in a straightforward manner and is based on three tests and a final exam. Each of these 4 scores will count the same towards the final grade. There will be no additional or extra credit available. Grading will be based according to standard scale.

Course Outline and Reading Assignments:

(Note: This schedule is tentative and exam dates can change)

Week 1	The Greeks	Hunt Chapter 1
Week 2	The Scholars	Hunt Chapter 2
Week 3	Protopsychoanalysts	Hunt Chapter 3
Week 4	Test 1 (Th 19.9.2019)	
Week 5	Philosophy of Science	Selected Reading
Week 6	Physicalists	Hunt Chapter 4
Week 7	Wundt and James	Hunt Chapters 5, 6
Week 8	Test 2 (Tue 15.10.2019)	
Week 8	Freud	Hunt Chapter 7
Week 9	Freud	Hunt Chapter 7
Week 10	Behaviorism	Hunt Chapter 9
Week 11	Cognitive Revolution	Hunt Chapter 16
	Test 3 (Th 7.11.2019)	
Week 12	Consciousness	Dietrich Chapter 1
Week 13	Consciousness	Dietrich Chapter 3
Week 14	Consciousness	Dietrich Chapter 6

Final Exam