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1. Information about the Course			
FACULTY	Science		
SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT	Psychology		
COURSE CODE	PSYC1001		
COURSE NAME	Psychology 1A		
SEMESTER	Semester 1	YEAR	2018
UNITS OF CREDIT	6	LEVEL OF COURSE	1
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE, PREREQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES	None		
SUMMARY OF THE COURSE	<p>This course introduces the content and methods of psychology as a basic science, with emphasis on the social bases of behaviour. After an initial review of the historical foundations for the scientific study of human behaviour, several specific topics related to the social aspects of human behaviour are discussed. Specific topics covered in this course include: development, theories of personality, theories of consciousness, and social influences on behaviour. In addition, training in the methods of psychological inquiry and in the critical evaluation of research. This course outline should be read in conjunction with the UNSW Undergraduate Handbook for the appropriate program of study.</p>		

2. Staff Involved in the Course			
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<b>3. Course Timetable</b>				
<b>Component</b>	<b>Class Number</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Lecture A</b>	<b>3804</b>	Monday	10:00-11:00	Clancy Auditorium
		Wednesday	14:00-15:00	Clancy Auditorium
		Thursday	13:00-14:00	Clancy Auditorium
<b>Lecture B</b>	<b>3805</b>	Monday	19:00-20:00	Mathews Theatre A
		Wednesday	19:00-20:00	Mathews Theatre A
		Thursday	19:00-20:00	Mathews Theatre A
<b>Web Lecture</b>	<b>3857</b>	Online		
Tutorial	3806	Friday	09:00-10:00	Fri 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Fri 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3808	Friday	11:00-12:00	Fri 11 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Fri 11 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3809	Friday	12:00-13:00	Fri 12 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Fri 12 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3811	Friday	14:00-15:00	Fri 14 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Fri 14 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3812	Friday	15:00-16:00	Fri 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Fri 15 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3813	Thursday	09:00-10:00	Thu 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Thu 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 228)
Tutorial	3814	Thursday	10:00-11:00	Thu 10 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Thu 10 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3815	Thursday	11:00-12:00	Thu 11 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Thu 11 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3816	Thursday	12:00-13:00	Thu 12 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Thu 12 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 303)
Tutorial	3817	Thursday	14:00-15:00	Thu 14 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Thu 14 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 228)
Tutorial	3818	Thursday	15:00-16:00	Thu 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Thu 15 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3819	Thursday	16:00-17:00	Thu 16 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Thu 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 309)
Tutorial	3821	Thursday	17:00-18:00	Thu 17 (w4,6,13, Mat 209); Thu 17 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 104)
Tutorial	3822	Monday	09:00-10:00	Mon 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3824	Monday	11:00-12:00	Mon 11 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 11 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3825	Monday	12:00-13:00	Mon 12 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 12 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3827	Monday	13:00-14:00	Mon 13 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 13 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3828	Monday	13:00-14:00	Mon 13 (w4,6,13, Mat 209); Mon 13 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 108)
Tutorial	3829	Monday	14:00-15:00	Mon 14 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 14 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3831	Monday	15:00-16:00	Mon 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 15 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3832	Monday	15:00-16:00	Mon 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209); Mon 15 (w3,5,7-8,11-12 Mat 228); Mon 15 (w9-10, Mat 309)
Tutorial	3833	Monday	16:00-17:00	Mon 16 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 303)
Tutorial	3834	Monday	17:00-18:00	Mon 17 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Mon 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3835	Tuesday	09:00-10:00	Tue 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Tue 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3836	Tuesday	09:00-10:00	Tue 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209);Tue 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 303)
Tutorial	3837	Tuesday	10:00-11:00	Tue 10 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Tue 10 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3838	Tuesday	11:00-12:00	Tue 11 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Tue 11 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3839	Tuesday	12:00-13:00	Tue 12 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Tue 12 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3840	Tuesday	13:00-14:00	Tue 13 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A);Tue 13 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3841	Tuesday	14:00-15:00	Tue 14 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Tue 14 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3842	Tuesday	15:00-16:00	Tue 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Tue 15 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3843	Tuesday	16:00-17:00	Tue 16 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Tue 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3845	Tuesday	17:00-18:00	Tue 17 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Tue 17 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3846	Wednesday	09:00-10:00	Wed 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3847	Wednesday	09:00-10:00	Wed 09 (w4,6,13, Mat 209); Wed 09 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 228)
Tutorial	3848	Wednesday	10:00-11:00	Wed 10 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 10 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3849	Wednesday	11:00-12:00	Wed 11 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 11 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3850	Wednesday	12:00-13:00	Wed 12 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 12 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3851	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	Wed 13 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 13 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3852	Wednesday	13:00-14:00	Wed 13 (w4,6,13, Mat 209); Wed 13 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 227)
Tutorial	3853	Wednesday	15:00-16:00	Wed 15 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 15 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3854	Wednesday	16:00-17:00	Wed 16 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)
Tutorial	3856	Wednesday	17:00-18:00	Wed 17 (w4,6,13, Mat 209A); Wed 16 (w3,5,7-12, Mat 302)

**Psychology 1A: Course timetable - 2018**

Week	Dates	Lecture 1 Mon 10am or Mon 7pm	Lecture 2 Weds 2pm or Weds 7pm	Lecture 3 Thurs 1pm or Thurs 7pm	Textbook*	Tutorial**	Assessment (pg. 11-16) (S) = set; (D) = due; (R) = return
1	26 Feb - 2 March	Introduction / Administration Dr David White	Clinical Perspectives Scientia Prof. Richard Bryant	Psych. Perspectives Prof. Simon Killcross	1		
2	5 - 9 March	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	10		Research Skills Assessment (RSA): ILS for Psychology (S)
3	12 - 16 March	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	Developmental Psychology Dr Jenny Richmond	10	Intro Tutorial	RSA: Psychology in the media (S)
4	19- 23 March	Social Psychology Scientia Prof. Joe Forgas	Social Psychology Scientia Prof. Joe Forgas	Social Psychology Scientia Prof. Joe Forgas	13	Writing skills (Lab)	
5	26 - 29 March	Social Psychology Dr Lisa Williams	Social Psychology Dr Lisa Williams	Social Psychology Dr Lisa Williams	13	Developmental	<b>RSA: ILS for Psychology (D)</b> RSA: Building a rationale (S)
BREAK	30 March - 8 April	-	-	-			
6	9 - 13 April	Social Psychology Dr Lisa Williams	Consciousness A/Prof. Joel Pearson	Consciousness A/Prof. Joel Pearson	13/ 5	<b>Mid-semester exam (Lab)</b>	<b>Mid-Semester Exam</b>
7	16 - 20 April	Consciousness A/Prof. Joel Pearson	Emotion & Motivation Prof. Eddie Harmon-Jones	Emotion & Motivation Prof. Eddie Harmon-Jones	5 / 11	Social	<b>RSA: Psychology in the media (D)</b>
8	23 - 27 April	Emotion & Motivation Prof. Eddie Harmon-Jones	Emotion & Motivation Prof. Eddie Harmon-Jones	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	11 / 15	Consciousness	
9	30 April – 4 May	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	15	Emotion and Motivation	RSA: Psychology in the media (R)
10	7 - 11 May	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	Personality A/Prof. Tom Denson	Health Psychology Prof. Lenny Vartanian	15 / 12	Personality	<b>RSA: Building a rationale (D)</b>
11	14 - 18 May	Health Psychology Dr. Kate Faasse	Health Psychology Dr. Kate Faasse	Cultural Psychology A/Prof. Jacky Cranney	12 / 14	Health	
12	21 - 25 May	Cultural Psychology A/Prof. Jacky Cranney	Cultural Psychology A/Prof. Jacky Cranney	Review / Exam Details Dr David White	14	Cultural	
13	28 May - 1 June					Review (Lab)	<b>Research Participation Deadline</b> RSA: Building a rationale (R)
Study Period	2 - 7 June						
Exam Period	8 - 25 June						<b>Final Examination</b>
Supplementary Exam	14 - 21 July						

\* The suggested textbook reading for each week from Lilienfeld et al. (2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition).

\*\*Tutorials in weeks 4, 6 and 13 (marked with 'Lab') will be held in computer labs (MAT209, MAT209A) – see page 4.

#### 4. Aims of the Course

This course introduces the content and methods of psychology as a basic science, with emphasis on the social bases of behaviour. After an initial review of the historical foundations for the scientific study of human behaviour, several specific topics related to the social aspects of human behaviour are discussed. Specific topics covered in this course include: development, theories of personality, theories of consciousness, and social influences on behaviour. In addition, training in the methods of psychological inquiry is also provided.

#### 5. Student Learning Outcomes

Psychology 1A (PSYC1001) introduces the content and methods of psychology as a basic science, with an emphasis on the social bases of behaviour. By the end of this course, you will be able to:

1. Appreciate diverse but complementary theoretical and experimental approaches to major psychological issues	The following areas will be explored: clinical psychology; cross-cultural differences and approaches in psychology; psychological development of the individual; how human beings interact and influence each other in social situations; individual differences and their measurement; normal and altered states of consciousness; emotion and motivation; and the impact of psychological factors on physical health.
2. Recognise and appreciate the role of the scientific method in psychology	Psychology 1A will present not only the outcomes of research, but will also highlight the importance of research methods in psychology, including research design and data interpretation. It will also provide insight into how the research process works and training on how a logical rationale for new experimental work is constructed.
3. Think more critically about the information presented throughout this course	This includes an ability to identify and question assertions that arise from myths, stereotypes and other untested assumptions; critically evaluate research designs and scientific results; compare and contrast competing theoretical perspectives. Problem solving and reflective learning skills will be encouraged throughout.
4. Use psychological information in an ethical manner	The course will emphasise the need to ensure that acknowledgement is given to the work, ideas and intellectual property of others, through appropriate referencing and citation in written work.
5. Communicate effectively within a psychology context	In several assignments you will be required to communicate the aims, methods and results of psychological research. You will engage critically with information, including sourcing relevant literature; integrating theoretical and empirical information; and synthesising logical arguments and drawing conclusions.
6. Better understand the application of psychological theories and principles to everyday life	The practical implications of key theoretical perspectives will be emphasised to give you an insight into the value and usefulness of psychology to society.
7. Plan targeted information searches	Information literacy will be emphasised, such that you will learn to recognise the need for information, and be able to locate, evaluate and apply relevant information effectively.

## 6. Graduate Attributes

The student learning outcomes (SLOs) outlined in Section 5 provide focal points to demonstrate and measure students' progress towards attainment of six distinct psychology Graduate Attributes (GAs) as indexed by Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC), i.e., the capacities or attributes that undergraduate students of psychology can develop during their time at university. The table below shows how Psychology 1A provides education in, and assessment of, the GAs. Level refers to level of knowledge, skill and attitude acquisition where 1 = introductory; 2 = intermediate; and 3 = final.

<b>GA 1: Core knowledge and understanding</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
History and philosophy of psychology	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	2 lectures (+ relevant textbook readings)
Individual differences in capacity and behaviour, testing and assessment and personality	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	6 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings)
Health psychology	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	3 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings) + 1 tutorial
Lifespan developmental psychology	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	6 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings) + 1 tutorial
Social psychology	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	7 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings)
Normal and altered states of consciousness	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	3 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings)
Emotion and Motivation	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	4 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings)
Intercultural diversity and indigenous psychology	1	Mid-semester and/or final examination (MCQ)	3 lectures + 1 tutorial (+ relevant textbook readings)
<b>GA 2: Research methods in psychology</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
Describe the basic characteristics of the science of psychology	1	Mid-semester and final examination; Research Skills Assessment ( <i>ILS; Psyc. in the media; Building a rationale</i> )	Reference to methodology throughout lecture and tutorial content.
Describe, apply and evaluate the different research methods used by psychologists	1	Mid-semester and final examination; Research Skills Assessment ( <i>ILS; Psyc. in the media; Building a rationale</i> ); Completion of research participation (Sona).	Reference to methodology throughout lecture and tutorial content. Participation in School approved research (Sona).

Design and conduct basic studies to address psychological questions; frame research questions; undertake literature searches; critically analyse theoretical and empirical studies; formulate testable hypotheses; operationalize variables; choose an appropriate methodology; make valid and reliable measurements; analyse data and interpret results; and write research reports	1	Training in literature search and the critical evaluation of current research will be achieved through the Research Skills Assessment ( <i>ILS; Psyc. in the media</i> ), and training in the formulation of testable hypotheses ( <i>Building a rationale</i> ).  Further training on conducting research work is provided in PSYC1111 and in L2 and L3 courses.	One tutorial devoted to writing skills and an introduction to report writing in the Building a rationale assignment.
<b>GA 3: Critical thinking skills</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
Apply knowledge of the scientific method in thinking about problems relating to behaviour and mental processes	1	RSA: Building a rationale assignment	Addressed in class discussion throughout tutorials
Question claims that arise from myth, stereotype, pseudoscience or untested assumptions	1	RSA: Psychology in the media assignment	Specific tutorials, e.g., fundamental attribution error and more broadly in lectures
Recognise and defend against the major fallacies of human thinking	1	Mid-semester and Final examination	Specific tutorials, e.g., fundamental attribution error, and more broadly in lectures
<b>GA 4: Values, research and professional ethics</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
Use information in an ethical manner (e.g., acknowledge and respect work and intellectual property rights of others through appropriate citations in oral and written communication)	1	All written assignments.	Introductory lecture, tutorial and course outline information on referencing and avoiding plagiarism
<b>GA 5: Communication skills</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
Write a standard research report using American Psychological Association (APA) structure and formatting conventions	1	Research Skills Assessment (ILS and Building a rationale) provides an introduction to research report writing. Further training is provided in PSYC1111 and in L2 and L3 courses.	One tutorial devoted to writing skills and an introduction to report writing in the Building a rationale assignment. Requirement that students complete on-line ILS exercises on researching and referencing in psychology



Demonstrate effective oral communication skills in various formats (e.g., debate, group discussion, presentation) and for various purposes	1	Oral communication is not formally assessed.	Encouraged throughout tutorials
<b>GA 6: Learning and application of psychology</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Form/s of Assessment</b>	<b>Learning and Teaching Strategies</b>
Describe major areas of applied psychology (e.g., clinical, organisational)	1	Mid-semester and final examination	A focus on applied psychological research and related phenomena throughout lectures and tutorials.

## 7. Rationale for the Inclusion of Content and Teaching Approach

The aim of the lectures is to give you the opportunity to learn about the content, issues, and theories in the major topic areas of modern psychology. Psychology 1A covers the following topics: Psychological and clinical perspectives; Psychological development of the individual; How human beings interact and influence each other in social situations; Normal and altered states of consciousness; Personality, individual differences and their measurement; Emotion and motivation; The impact of psychological factors on physical health; Cultural psychology. Each topic will be given by one or two different lecturers, so that you will have the benefit of their different specialised interests and knowledge. In addition, it will be common to find a lecturer presenting several different theories about the same body of data. We hope you will find this diversity both challenging and exciting. It reflects the dynamic nature of scientific understanding in psychology, and means there should be something of interest to every psychology student who is curious about how the mind works.

## 8. Course Components

PSYC1001 Psychology 1A is a 6 UOC course. It consists of three main components.

- a lecture component – 3 one-hour lectures per week or Web Lecture (see Section 8.1)
- a tutorial component – 1 one-hour tutorial per week (see Section 8.2)

A summary of each of these components is provided in the following sections.

### 8.1. Lecture Component

#### Lecture times and locations

Lectures are held in daytime and evening slots on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. You may come to any combination of day (A) and evening (B) lectures as long as you attend lecture 1, 2 and 3 each week.

	Lecture 1	Lecture 2	Lecture 3
<b>Day (A)</b>	Monday 10-11am Clancy Auditorium	Wednesday 2-3pm Clancy Auditorium	Thursday 1-2pm Clancy Auditorium
<b>Evening (B)</b>	Monday 7-8pm Mathews Theatre A	Wednesday 7-8pm Mathews Theatre A	Thursday 7-8pm Mathews Theatre A
<b>Web Lecture</b>	Online recording	Online recording	Online recording

#### Textbook

The textbook for this year, available from the University Bookshop, is:

**Lilienfeld et al. (2015). *Psychology: from inquiry to understanding*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) Pearson Australia: Melbourne, VIC.**

The fact that each topic in the lecture course is given by a different lecturer will tend to highlight differences in approach and methods. The best way to gain an understanding of links between different areas of psychology is to make proper use of the textbook. While the textbook should be referred to as a source of information on specific questions, it is intended to perform an even more useful role if treated simply as intrinsically interesting

material. If you regularly read the textbook you are likely to develop a broad appreciation of the methods and content of psychology.

The textbook is available at the University Bookshop. The Lilienfeld text is the only required reading for this course, but students may find the other material useful, especially if considering taking Psychology in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. The same textbook will be used for PSYC1011 in Semester 2, 2018.

### **Lecture Schedule**

The lecture topics, lecturers and relevant required reading from the textbook for 2018 are presented in the **Psychology 1A: Course timetable – 2018 (p.5)**. It is a good idea to keep this timetable handy and refer to it often.

### **Attendance at lectures**

For the content areas covered in this course, the primary source of information is the lectures. That is, the textbook supplements the lectures rather than the lectures supplementing the textbook.

If you have chosen to enrol in the web-based lecture (Class No. 3857), you are required to listen to all Echo360 lecture recordings made available on Moodle following each lecture. Lectures are streamed via Echo360 on Moodle and will not be available as podcasts. Lecture notes will also be available on Moodle either before or shortly after the lecture.

You are reminded that, at the moment, we cannot guarantee that Echo360 lectures will always work. Background noise or technical difficulties may result in poor recording. Moreover, technical difficulties can sometimes lead to lectures not being recorded at all. If a lecture fails to record properly on Echo360, it is still your responsibility to catch up on the lecture material.

For those enrolled in morning or evening lecture streams, lecture attendance is very important. Should you miss one through sickness, you can make use of Echo360 lecture recordings as well. All the above caveats apply. As the lectures are held in large theatres with many people present, we urge you to consider your fellow students.

Lecture content is typically delivered as an oral and visual presentation by the lecturer. There will, at times, be opportunity for student feedback and interaction, as and when the lecturer feels it is beneficial. Please note: even a relatively small number of students having quiet conversations during the lectures can produce enough background noise to interfere with the clarity of the amplified lecture to a serious extent. It is also extremely distracting for the lecturer and discourteous to fellow students. You must refrain from such activity. **Interfering with the capacity of fellow students to learn in lectures will result in you being asked to leave a lecture.** Repeated interference will be viewed as academic misconduct.

## **8.2. Tutorial Component**

### **Description**

The tutorial component has two main roles. Firstly, as the classes are relatively small they represent an opportunity for you to engage with your tutor and other students in a more interactive form of learning than is possible in the large-class lectures. Secondly, they also perform an essential role in showing you how psychology is put into action. This second role takes place through the conduct of simplified experiments and other demonstrations, taking place within the tutorial class. There will also be group discussions and videos. Although the tutorials consist mainly of material related to the lecture component, many tutorials will also contain independent research-related material.

### **Times and locations**

Tutorial classes are held in Weeks 3-13 inclusive. Tutorials are held in the Mathews Building (the main School of Psychology building), which is across the plaza from the Clancy Auditorium in which the lectures are held. Rooms in the Mathews Building are numbered according to their level (floor). For example, Mat302, is on level 3 of the Mathews Building. It is important that you check your enrolment information on myUNSW to see the time and location of your tutorial class.

### **Tutorial Changes**

You should have already enrolled in a tutorial class when you enrolled in the course. **Any permanent tutorial changes must be made using myUNSW by 11:59pm on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018.** If you encounter significant difficulty changing tutorials on myUNSW *before* this date, please contact the Course Administrator. After this date, **no permanent tutorial changes will be possible. Furthermore, if you attempt to change your tutorial on my UNSW after this date, you will un-enrol yourself from the course and you may not be permitted to re-enrol!**

Please note: You **must attend the tutorial in which you are enrolled for the duration of the session**; you are not allowed to arrange with a tutor to change tutorial.

### **Attendance**

Attendance at tutorials is a necessary part of the course and tutorial content is examinable. Attendance at face to face tutorials is essential in accordance with UNSW Assessment Implementation Procedure. Additionally, it is the University policy that **students who attend less than 80% of their possible classes may be refused final assessment or may not be issued with a final grade for the course.**

If you are unable to attend your scheduled tutorial in a given week for medical reasons, contact your tutor and the Course Administrator immediately by e-mail at [psychology@unsw.edu.au](mailto:psychology@unsw.edu.au) and you may be assigned to a different tutorial. There are strict University regulations on class sizes due to health and safety considerations, so it is **not** permissible to simply attend an alternative tutorial, without first getting approval. Once approved, you should inform the tutor of the alternative class about your attendance on the day, as well as inform your own tutor by email.

You should not attend alternative tutorials other than in exceptional circumstances and with approval, as it could significantly impact your assessment. There is, however, one exception: if you are enrolled in a tutorial that is affected by a public holiday, you must attend another tutorial that week. Ensure that you arrange this in advance. If you are enrolled in a Friday tutorial and cannot attend university due to illness, a replacement tutorial is not possible. Ensure that you submit a medical certificate to your tutor so that your attendance is explained on your record. Where possible, material from the tutorial will be published on Moodle for revision purposes.

### **Tutors**

As the lectures are held in very large classes, the tutorial plays an important role in providing greater interaction both with other students and with members of the School of Psychology. Your tutor represents the most personal contact you will have with the School of Psychology.

Many tutors are recent graduates of this University who are now completing a PhD and many tutors will have been through Psychology 1A at UNSW (or similar). Thus, they are well aware of the difficulties you will encounter. Although they are not specialists in all areas of the course, they will be able to help you with most of your problems. Before seeking assistance, try to define your area of difficulty with some precision. Locate the relevant sections in your notes and textbook, and bring these with you to your tutor. If the problem requires specialised knowledge, your tutor may have to consult the lecturer for you, or, in some cases, may ask you to consult the lecturer personally or through the discussion forums on Moodle.

Please be patient when seeking advice from lecturers. Keep in mind that the first-year lectures represent only a small part of a lecturer's responsibilities, and it is not possible for them to be freely available for all immediate enquiries. Always ask your question with a sufficiently detailed email and an appropriate title (e.g., "PSYC1001 Lecture 7 query"). Should you have any difficulty in obtaining the information you require (after some time), at this point contact the Course Coordinator.

### **Tutorial schedule**

A broad summary of the topic areas that will be covered in tutorials is presented in **Psychology 1A: Course timetable – 2018** on page 5 of this course outline.

## 9. Assessment

### 9.1. Course Requirements

The basic requirements of this course are as follows:

- Attendance at three one-hour lectures per week.
- Attendance at and contribution to a one-hour tutorial session per week.
- Participation in practical exercises.
- Completion of the Information literacy skills (ILS) for Psychology exercises
- Completion of the Psychology in the media assignment
- Completion of the Building a rationale assignment
- Completion of 6 (or more) hours of research participation
- Participation in the mid-semester examination
- Participation in a final examination at the end of semester

### 9.2 Description of Assessments

Course assessments are designed to emphasise the different course objectives. Successful completion of these assessments is therefore indicative of a grasp of relevant key objectives. Your final mark is determined by your performance on all aspects of the course over the whole semester. It is therefore possible to compensate for poor performance on one assessment by achieving a much better standard in the other sections.

Unless specifically identified as being voluntary, all class work set during a course must be completed. Failure to do so will be recorded as 'unsatisfactory class work'. Because the assignments are designed to assess key student learning outcomes of the course, as stipulated by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC), failure to complete one of these may result in performance below that required for accreditation, and you may be refused admission to other Psychology courses.

You are reminded that a pass mark in PSYC1001, PSYC1011 and PSYC1111 is required for admission to second year in psychology at this University. A summary of the major assessments for PSYC1001, and their contribution to your final mark for the course, is provided below. These assessments have been designed and implemented in accordance with the UNSW Assessment Policy.

#### **1. Research Skills Assessment (RSA; total 31%)**

Coursework assignments are part of a continuous summative assessment that will develop knowledge of how scientific methods are used to advance knowledge in psychology. Students' will develop their ability to acquire and interpret information, think critically about research methods, develop theoretical and conceptual basis for research designs and communicate research.

The Research Skills Assessment (RSA) contains three assignments that are set at different times during the semester (see Course Timetable, page 5). Further details and marking criteria for each assignment will be provided to students closer to the release date for each assignment:

#### ***Information literacy skills (ILS) for Psychology (5%)***

This will provide an insight into the role of the scientific method in psychology, and focus on the development of communication and information literacy skills, as well as critical thinking skills. Further details on this assignment will be released in Week 2 on Moodle. This is an online assignment and will need to be **completed by Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> March (Week 5)**.

#### ***Psychology in the media (10%)***

The aim of this assignment is to draw your attention to the differences between scientific research reports and media focused outputs. You will practice skills in critical evaluation and conduct an effective literature search for relevant articles. The assignment will consist of answering a series of questions that will lead you to contrast the style of reporting in a media article with that of a scientific report. The assignment will be released in Week 3 on Moodle. You should upload your completed assignment to the appropriate Turnitin

link on the Moodle Course site **by 4pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 (Week 7)**. You must also email a copy to your tutor before the deadline. See Section 9.3 for advice on submission of assignments.

### ***Building a rationale (16%)***

Writing research reports in any area of science is an essential skill that reflects your ability to synthesise empirical (research-based) material and report your conclusions clearly and concisely. It is an exercise that requires a considerable level of both theoretical and conceptual understanding and critical analysis.

This written assignment focuses on the presentation of a short, coherent literature review and the careful development of a rationale for future experimentation. This exercise is designed to allow you to become familiar with the first step in the formal reporting style of psychological research, including the basic elements of effective and efficient scientific communication, and to further develop your information literacy skills.

You will research the theoretical background to a provided topic area and write a short literature review based on your reading of a few papers. You will then be required to build a convincing and logical rationale for further experimentation. You need to think carefully and creatively about the research that has been conducted. What are the remaining questions in this field? What were some of the problems with the previous experiments? How might these questions be answered in a future experiment?

This is an individual (as opposed to a group) exercise, which means that each student will submit an assignment that they have prepared on their own. This assignment will be released on the Moodle course in Week 5. Detailed information regarding the content and format of the “Building a rationale” assignment will also be given in tutorials in Week 5. The assignment must be submitted (via the Turnitin link on Moodle and also emailed to your tutor) **by 4pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May (Week 10)**. See Section 9.3 for advice on submission of assignments.

#### **You should note the following:**

1. Failure to submit any assessment task may be regarded as a failure to complete the course.
2. All assignments you submit must be your own, independent work. The work you submit in the assignment will be based on your reading and on material given in lectures and tutorial classes, but it should not be simply a restatement of any material that has been provided. Although it is often useful to discuss with other students the structure or requirements of an assignment, or work completed as part of a tutorial, **you should be very careful when preparing your report to ensure that it represents your own work**. The similarity of student submissions is checked very carefully; in the event that similarity is detected, both students will be investigated for academic misconduct.

### **2. Research participation (4% + an optional 4% bonus)**

See Section 10 of this course outline.

### **3. Mid-Semester Exam (15%)**

This will allow you to test your understanding of the course content covered in the first 4 weeks of the course. The exam will be **held in tutorials in Week 6 (computer labs)** and all questions will be multiple choice. The mid-semester exam will include questions based on the lecture material, the tutorial material and the textbook readings. Topics that will be covered in the exam include Psychological Perspectives (Killcross), Clinical Perspectives (Bryant), Developmental Psychology (Richmond), and Social Psychology (Forgas only). Further details will be provided in a Moodle announcement nearer the time.

### **4. Final examination (50%)**

This exam is held during the University examination period in June (Friday 8 June – Monday 25 June 2018) and is designed to promote an understanding of diverse theoretical and empirical approaches, across a broad range of psychological issues. Questions on the final examination will be based on material covered in lectures and tutorials.

As shown above, 50% of the total marks for Psychology 1A are determined before the end-of-semester examination. The assessment is, therefore, essentially of the continuous, rather than “one-shot exam” type. The assessment also takes a number of forms and is therefore designed such that no student should be too heavily penalised by a “bad day” or a weakness in one particular form of assessment.

### 9.3 Submission and Collection of Assessments

#### Submission

Unless directed otherwise, all written work (including assignments, reports and the like) must be BOTH (1) uploaded to the appropriate Turnitin link on the Moodle Course site, AND ALSO, (2) emailed to your tutor. Your assignment will not be considered officially submitted until it has been both uploaded to Moodle and emailed to your tutor. **Do not leave it to the last minute** – online submissions are susceptible to a number of computer malfunctions. Barring a system-wide failure of the Moodle or Turnitin systems, it is **your responsibility** to allow sufficient time to submit your assignment.

**(1) Online Submission via Turnitin:** You should upload your assignment via the appropriate Turnitin link on the Moodle website. The exact title and location of the Turnitin link for a given assignment will be provided when the assignment is distributed. After submitting your assignment via the Turnitin link, you should save a copy/screenshot of the electronic receipt (e.g., “print screen”); you may be asked to produce it at a later date. The official date and time of submission will be taken as the date and time at which the assignment was uploaded to Turnitin.

**(2) Emailing the Assignment to your Tutor:** You must email your tutor a copy of your assignment within 1 hour of submitting it to Turnitin. This emailed version will be used as a backup in case there are any problems with the Turnitin version. The version of the assignment you email to your tutor must be identical to the version you submitted to Turnitin. You must email your assignment from your official UNSW email account. Be sure to attach your assignment to the email, as either a Word or PDF file. Be sure to keep a copy of your email for your own records - you may be asked to produce it at a later date. You must include the following information in the body of the email to your tutor.

***Course ID (PSYC1001); Assignment Title; Student Name; Student zID; Tutor's Name; Tutorial Time;***

Make sure that you include the Declaration of Originality section, as your assignment will not be accepted without it. The names and email addresses of all tutors are listed in Section 2.

***Declaration of Originality:*** I declare that: (1) This assessment item is entirely my own original work, except where I have acknowledged use of source material such as books, journal articles, other published material, the Internet, and the work of other student/s or any other person/s. (2) This assessment item has not been submitted for assessment for academic credit in this, or any other course, at UNSW or elsewhere. I understand that: (1) The assessor of this assessment item may, for the purpose of assessing this item, reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University. (2) The assessor may communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the assessment item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).

#### Collection of Marked Assessments

The marks and comments for your written assignments will be available for viewing in the weeks following the deadline. Details are given in the timetable on page 5. Once marks are posted you will be advised via an announcement on Moodle (i.e., the News Feed).

Your tutors will often provide extremely useful feedback on your work. In particular, your tutors will often point specific areas in which you have made mistakes, which will provide you with essential feedback on your work. It is strongly suggested that you save your marked assignments and read over the comments, so that you can learn and benefit from the comments provided. Those of you who intend on taking psychology courses in later years will be expected to write numerous reports, and you are more likely to improve in this skill by reflecting on and incorporating the feedback provided by your tutor.

## 9.4 Feedback on Assessments

### Marking of Assessments

Your assignments will be marked by one of the Psychology 1A tutors. All of the tutors are experienced markers, and will have the same approach to marking the content of each report, determined by discussion and consultation at regular tutors' meetings. Students will receive marks/feedback within 10 working days of the due date.

### Re-marks

If you are dissatisfied with the feedback that you receive for your written work, you must contact your tutor, who will arrange a time to discuss this in person. After meeting with your tutor, if you are still dissatisfied, you may apply for reassessment by completing a form available from UNSW Student Central. You are required to give reasons to justify your request and you will need to pay a fee. Where insufficient reasons are given, the Assessment Executive Committee of the Faculty or Board may decline to take action. Please note that marks may be increased or decreased as a consequence of a re-mark. The application form must be submitted no later than 15 working days after the return of the piece of work.

You must keep all marked work that is returned to you in case it is needed for re-marking.

## 9.5 Extensions

It is the School's policy not to provide extensions for written work unless there is a medical certificate accompanying a specific request, or exceptional compassionate grounds. Pressure of other academic or non-academic work will not qualify you for an extension. If you are experiencing difficulties in meeting the deadlines, please talk to your tutor or Course Administrator before the piece of work is due.

Failure to meet the submission deadlines will be penalised. It is the School's policy never to accept reports after others have been returned (i.e., once feedback on the assignment has been released to other students).

For reports submitted late without acceptable reason, but submitted before other marked reports are returned, a penalty of 2% will be deducted for each day it is overdue (including weekend days). **A 'day', in this context, refers to 24 hours;** thus if an assignment is due on Friday at 4pm and you submit it on Saturday at 5pm, you will be penalized 4% for being 2 days late (i.e., 25 hours late).

If a course assignment is handed in over 10 working days late then this will result in the student failing that assignment.

The date/time stamp on the Turnitin copy will be used to determine whether or not a report is overdue. Late submissions may not receive detailed feedback.

To apply for an extension you should submit an application through MyUNSW, see detailed instructions for 'special consideration' in Section 9.6 of this course outline. Please take note that you will need to attach third party supporting documentation to your application, and documentation dated after the submission date may not be accepted.

## 9.6 Special Consideration

If you find that unexpected short-term illness, misadventure, or other circumstances beyond your control may prevent you from completing a course requirement or attending classes, or may significantly affect your performance in assessable work, you can apply for Special Consideration.

Students enrolled in a School of Psychology course should make a Special Consideration application regarding an assessment task regardless of the weighting given to this assessment task. Note that

applications for Special Consideration will not be considered unless there is evidence of these circumstances lasting for more than three consecutive days or a total of five days or more within the teaching period.

Work commitments are not considered a justification. Students cannot claim consideration for conditions or circumstances that are the consequences of their own actions or inactions.

An absence or inability to complete an assessment task within the required time must be supported by a medical certificate or other document that clearly indicates that the student was unable to comply. A student absent from an examination, or who attends an examination and wants to request special consideration, is normally required to provide a medical certificate dated the same day as the examination.

Students wishing to apply for Special Consideration should do so as soon as practicable after the problem occurs, and, at the latest, within three working days of the assessment or the period covered by the supporting documentation. All applications must be made via Online Services in myUNSW. Log into myUNSW and go to My Student Profile tab > My Student Services > Online Services > Special Consideration. You will need to submit original documents to UNSW Student Central, in person, to support your online application.

If your application is on the grounds of unexpected short-term illness, the original documents should include a Professional Authority form, which has been completed by a medical practitioner. For further information and to download the Professional Authority form, go to:

<https://student.unsw.edu.au/sites/all/files/uploads/group47/forms/ProfessionalAuthority.pdf>

## **9.7 Supplementary Assessment and Exams**

### **Supplementary Assessment**

A supplementary assessment is an additional assessment that may be provided to a student who, due to extenuating special circumstances, failed or was unable to complete an initial assessment. The form of supplementary assessment need not be identical to the original assessment but will assess the same learning outcomes.

If Special Consideration is approved, a supplementary assessment will be offered to any student who fails an assessment task, in accordance with the UNSW Assessment Implementation Procedure. The mark awarded for the assessment task will be based solely on the supplementary assessment.

For students in the final semester of their program and who have failed an assessment task, one supplementary assessment will be offered in cases where passing the task would result in passing the course and completing the program. For such cases, in the absence of Special Consideration, the mark awarded for the supplementary assessment will be capped at 50% of the value of the assessment task.

A supplementary exam is one type of supplementary assessment. For further information regarding supplementary exams, see "Supplementary Exams" below.

### **Supplementary Exams**

A supplementary exam may be given to students who:

- (a) Are absent from the initial exam due to unexpected short-term illness, misadventure, or circumstances beyond their control and successfully apply for Special Consideration;
- (b) Fail the initial exam and successfully apply for Special Consideration for this exam; or
- (c) Are in the final semester of their program and fail the initial sitting of the final exam for a course, a pass mark for which would enable successful completion of their degree program.

Where students sit a supplementary exam under circumstances (c) above, the maximum mark for the exam awarded will be 50% of the value of the exam. The final mark for the course will be capped at 50% as well.

**Supplementary exam opportunity for each course will be offered only once.** Supplementary exams will be conducted:

- In the case of exams other than final exams, at a time specified in by the Course Coordinator; and
- In the case of final exams, from Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 through Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 for Semester 1.

Students who are granted a supplementary exam will be notified through their student email address only.



Students granted a supplementary exam can expect the exam to be of the same degree of difficulty as the original. Supplementary exam materials may be in a different format from the original (e.g., short answer instead of multiple choice questions, and oral exam instead of written exam). In addition, the original and supplementary exam materials may also differ in the specific content, although, overall, both will be sampled from the same relevant course material. Alternative examinations will be subject to approval and implemented in accordance with [UNSW Assessment Implementation Procedure](#).

### 9.8 Disability Services

The UNSW Disability Services (previously known as SEADU) is committed to ensuring that every student's experience of the University of New South Wales is free from discrimination and harassment. They provide a range of services, support and advice to help students overcome barriers that could prevent them from having a successful university education. If you have any type of chronic or reoccurring physical or mental health difficulty, or believe that you are disadvantaged because of your circumstances, we encourage you to contact SEADU at the earliest opportunity in your university career so that they may be able to provide advice or assistance to help with your studies. Please be aware that SEADU is committed to a policy of confidentiality; information you disclose to them will not be released outside of SEADU without your written consent. For more information see <http://www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au/>

## 10. Research Participation

You will be able to participate in psychological research within the School for up to 12 points throughout the semester, 6 of which are compulsory (4%) and up to 6 optional (up to 4% bonus). Points are earned at a rate of 1 point per hour of research participation. By participating in on-going research you learn first-hand about the ways in which research in psychology is conducted, and can appreciate the application of the concepts that you encounter in lectures and tutorials. You will also find out about theories and areas of investigation that are beyond those you study in the course, giving you an insight into the research that academics are conducted in the School of Psychology. **In this sense, you are very much contributing to the advancement of psychological science.** Clearly, the study of human behaviour cannot progress without humans to observe and we ask that you act in a responsible way to ensure your research participation provides useful data to researchers within our school.

Every researcher is under the general supervision of an Ethics committee, and is therefore required to satisfy certain conditions that ensure ethical practice during an experiment (e.g., to provide information regarding the nature and aims of the study). There is no compulsion to participate in any particular study and it is quite in order to decline to participate after an explanation of what is involved has been given.

### Sona

Sona is a web-based facility that provides information to students about approved research projects as they become available. It also enables students enrolled in Psychology 1A to sign-up to participate in research projects of their choice. You can access Sona through Moodle.

You must be registered on Sona to receive research participation credit. A batch registration occurs at the start of the semester, **and you must log on in Week 2 to activate your account.** If you enrol after Week 1, or if you encounter any difficulties logging on to Sona, please contact [sona@psy.unsw.edu.au](mailto:sona@psy.unsw.edu.au). More information about Sona can be accessed in the Sona Student guide, available on Moodle. Remember it is your responsibility to ensure that you can access Sona.

### Signing up to Participate

It is a good idea to complete your research participation requirement early, as fewer studies may be available towards the end of the semester. **You must complete all participation by 5pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018.** All researchers will assign credit by 5pm of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Any issues regarding outstanding credit must be resolved between you and the researcher by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If you are unable to resolve this issue, contact [sona@psy.unsw.edu.au](mailto:sona@psy.unsw.edu.au).

Only sign up for a study if you are sure you can attend on time. If you sign up and then do not attend without a reasonable excuse, 0.5 points will be deducted from your participation balance. This is because a failure to attend causes considerable inconvenience and cost to researchers. If you are going to miss, or have missed a study for which you have signed up, you should contact the researcher as soon as possible,

and you may be able to reschedule. It is at the researcher's discretion whether penalties are applied or rescinded.

When you attend an experiment, the researcher will explain as much as is possible about the study and will give you an opportunity to withdraw if you wish. Keep in mind that you may withdraw at any time during the study and this will not jeopardise your relationship with the researchers, PSYC1001, or the university in general.

### **Research Debriefing Discussion**

In order to receive credit for your participation, you must discuss the experiment that you have completed with the researcher. They will debrief you on the study and provide you with a handout detailing your discussion. You should keep the handout for future reference. This is also an opportunity for you to ask any additional questions that you may have. No details of any individuals who took part in the study will be published; students will be anonymous members of the sample tested. If the researcher does not give you an adequate debrief of the study, contact Dr Damien Mannion ([d.mannion@unsw.edu.au](mailto:d.mannion@unsw.edu.au)).

### **Credit for Participation**

You will receive 4% course credit once you complete the required 6 points of participation. Please note that your final point balance will incorporate both studies that you have completed AND any penalties for failure to attend. In addition, you may choose to complete additional research participation for bonus credit. Up to 6 additional points can earn you a maximum 4% course credit (e.g., 3 additional points = 2% course credit).

Many students wait until the final weeks of teaching to complete their research participation. **We strongly advise against this strategy as there will be limited research opportunities available.** Try to space out your participation across the course of the semester to ensure you have access to more available studies.

As your final credit for research participation will be derived from Sona records, you are responsible for ensuring that your Sona point balance shows all research that you have participated in. If any discrepancy arises, you must email [sona@psy.unsw.edu.au](mailto:sona@psy.unsw.edu.au) no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

### **Prescreening Questionnaire**

When you log in to the Sona system, you will be invited to complete a prescreening survey. These questionnaires are important to researchers to help them identify potential participants for future research. That means that if you choose to complete a questionnaire within the prescreening survey, in some cases this will determine which studies are and are not available for you to sign up for. Whether or not you take the prescreening survey, you will still be able to sign up for a variety of studies that do not have any specific selection criteria. In fact, the vast majority of studies do not have any specific selection criteria, and whether or not you choose to complete the prescreening survey will not affect your ability to complete the required number of credit hours. In exchange for completing one or more questionnaires in the prescreening survey, you will earn 1 Sona point (equivalent to 1 hour participation time).

It is important to note that completion of any or all of the prescreening surveys is entirely optional. Choosing to decline to participate in the prescreening surveys will not jeopardise your relationship with the School of Psychology or UNSW. If you decline to take the prescreening survey at first, you will be able to access the survey at a later time.

### **Deception**

Usually the initial description of the study will be accurate. However, on occasion the researcher may find it necessary to mislead you as to the true purpose of the study. Such deception can occur in one of two ways. The researcher may simply omit important information, or the researcher may actually misrepresent the true nature of the study. These types of deception will only occur when there is no other way to obtain meaningful data given the rationale for the experiment. All elements of deception will have been approved by the applicable ethics committee. At the end of a study involving deception, the researcher is obliged to describe the deception and to explain why it was necessary.

### **Confidentiality**

Only the researcher and the researcher's supervisor have access to information that specifically identifies you with the data you provided. Although data collected from you may be reported on an individual or group basis in a publication, you can assume anonymity and confidentiality.

## Complaints

If you have any complaints, you can obtain a Research Participation Complaint Form from the Psychology Office (Mathews Level 15). Your comments will be forwarded to the course coordinator and will remain completely confidential. Alternatively, you may contact the course coordinator directly if you wish.

## Alternative Assignment

If you have an objection to participating as a subject in any research, you should talk to the Course Coordinator by the end of Week 7. The Course Coordinator will arrange an alternative assignment for you to complete in order to obtain the required research participation marks (4%).

## 11. Expected Resources for Students

### 11.1. Moodle

All course details and information will be posted on the Moodle Course Module:

<http://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au>

**The Moodle page is the online website resource for PSYC1001. You should check the Moodle site regularly for important information and updates.**

Studies needing participants for optional research participation will also be advertised on Sona, which can be accessed via the Moodle PSYC1001 site.

### 11.2. EndNote X5 and Mendeley

A free copy of **EndNote X5**, an automatic referencing program that can be installed with Microsoft Word, can be obtained from UNSW IT Services. It could be useful for you to acquire a copy of End Note, and attend a library course on using it, as mastering this program will save you a considerable amount of time in organising and formatting citations throughout your entire time at University. EndNote can be downloaded from the URL: <http://www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/software/endnote.html>. When you obtain a copy, ensure that you configure it to produce APA style citations, which is not the default mode.

An alternative is provided by **Mendeley**, which allows you to build a library of PDF articles to share across devices (PC, Mac or iPad). It allows you to organise documents by subject, add reading notes directly to PDFs, and provides some referencing capabilities for integration with Microsoft Word. It can be downloaded for free from [www.mendeley.com](http://www.mendeley.com)

## 12. Course Evaluation & Development

Courses are periodically reviewed and students' feedback is used to improve them. Feedback is gathered using various means including UNSW's myExperience digital survey.

## 13. Plagiarism & Academic Integrity

### What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's thoughts or work as your own. It can take many forms, from not having appropriate academic referencing to deliberate cheating.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

**Copying:** using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This also applies to images, art and design projects, as well as presentations where someone presents another's ideas or words without credit.

**Inappropriate paraphrasing:** changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit. It also applies to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without referencing and a student's own analysis to bring the material together.

**Collusion:** working with others but passing off the work as a person's individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another

person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

**Duplication:** submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

#### **Where can I find out more information?**

In many cases plagiarism is the result of inexperience about academic conventions. The University has resources and information to assist you to avoid plagiarism. The first place you can look is the section about referencing and plagiarism in each Course Guide, as this will include information specific to the discipline the course is from. There are also other sources of assistance at UNSW:

#### **How can the Learning Centre help me?**

The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity, and how not to plagiarise. Information is available on their website: <http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/academic-integrity-plagiarism>. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.

#### **How can Elise help me?**

ELISE (Enabling Library & Information Skills for Everyone) is an online tutorial to help you understand how to find and use information for your assignments or research. It will help you to search databases, identify good quality information and write assignments. It will also help you understand plagiarism and how to avoid it. All undergraduate students have to review the ELISE tutorial in their first semester and complete the quiz, but any student can review it to improve their knowledge:

<http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise>.

#### **What is Turnitin?**

Turnitin is a checking database, which reviews your work and compares it to an international collection of books, journals, Internet pages and other student's assignments. The database checks referencing and whether you have copied something from another student, resource, or off the Internet. Sometimes students submit their work into Turnitin when they hand it in, but academics can also use it to check a student's work when they are marking it. You can find out more about Turnitin here:

<https://teaching.unsw.edu.au/elearning>.

#### **What if plagiarism is found in my work?**

The way that plagiarism is handled depends on the severity of the case. In relatively minor cases, a member of staff (coordinator, tutor, etc.) may offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to utilise online resources, or attend the Learning Centre. However, if the level of plagiarism is deemed to warrant investigation under the Student Misconduct Procedures, the case will be handled via consultation with the Student Ethics Officer in the School. Such cases can range from poor paraphrasing and inappropriate use of sources throughout an assignment, to stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work. All substantiated investigations under the Student Misconduct Procedure result in your name being placed on a Register at the university. Prior entries in this register result in any future case of plagiarism being handled with a higher severity.

Penalties for substantiated cases under the Student Misconduct Procedure can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (such as paying someone to do your work) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here:

<https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf>

You are urged to make yourself knowledgeable about the Student Misconduct Procedures as well as what constitutes plagiarism at UNSW. Claiming that you weren't aware of these is not a defence against having plagiarised.

#### **Examples of plagiarism**

##### **Using the internet appropriately**

A first year student handed in an assignment where she had copied from a website. Her lecturer realised she didn't understand you have to reference websites in the same way you reference books and journal

articles. The lecturer explained how to reference and sent her to a workshop at the Learning Centre to help her improve her skills.

#### **Working together on a math assignment**

A group of Mathematics students worked together on an assignment when they had been told this was not allowed. All questions where the students had worked together were given zero, and this lead to some student failing the assessment.

#### **No referencing in an assessment**

A third year student submitted a major assessment that included material from a journal article published in Canada. When his essay was submitted into Turnitin, it let the academic know that the student didn't reference the material. The student was given zero for the essay, and because it was worth 50 per cent he failed the course.

#### **Copying design work**

A final year design student used images of someone else's designs in her work and he said the designs were his own. The matter was formally investigated by his Faculty and he was found to have committed academic misconduct and failed the course.

#### **Further information and assistance**

If you would like further information or assistance with avoiding plagiarism, you can contact the Learning Centre. The Learning Centre at The University of New South Wales has two locations:

##### **UNSW Learning Centre**

Lower Ground Floor, North Wing, Chancellery Building

(C22 Kensington Campus – near Student Central)

<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/>

**Phone:** 9385 2060

**Email:** learningcentre@unsw.edu.au

##### **Opening Hours:**

Monday to Thursday: 9am - 5pm and

Friday: 9am - 2.30pm

##### **COFA Campus Learning Centre**

**Email:** cofalearningcentre@unsw.edu.au

**Phone:** 9385 0739

#### **14. Administrative Matters**

The School of Psychology Student Guide, available on <http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/current-students/student-guide>, contains School policies and procedures relevant for all students enrolled in undergraduate or Masters psychology courses, such as:

- Attendance requirements;
- Assignment submissions and returns;
- Assessments;
- Special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- Student Code of Conduct;
- Student complaints and grievances;
- Student Equity and Disability Unit; and
- Occupational Health & Safety.

Students should familiarise themselves with the information contained in this Guide.