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1. Information about the Course			
FACULTY	Science		
SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENT	Psychology		
COURSE CODE	GENS9002		
COURSE NAME	Psychology of the body and the mind		
SEMESTER	Semester 2	YEAR	2012
UNITS OF CREDIT	6	LEVEL OF COURSE	
ASSUMED KNOWLEDGE, PREREQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITES	None		
SUMMARY OF THE COURSE	This course will begin with an introduction to the physiological basis of behaviour. The biological approach will continue through consideration of basic questions in perception, conditioning and learning, and motivation and emotion. These will lead to a discussion of abnormal behaviour and of the question of what it is that makes us uniquely human.		

2. Staff Contact Details				
<p>The Course Administrator should always be your first 'port-of-call' for information and advice about Psychology of the body and the mind. The easiest and most time-efficient way to make contact with a Course Administrator is by e-mail at the address below. You should expect to receive a response to your query within 24 hours.</p> <p>firstyearadmin@psy.unsw.edu.au</p> <p>If you feel you need to meet with the Course Administrator in person, please email the course administrator to make an appointment. If necessary, you will be referred to the Course Co-ordinator and/or relevant School or University personnel for additional assistance.</p> <p>Contact details for the Course Administrators and Course Co-ordinator are provided below.</p>				
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3. Course Timetable (Course timetables are subject to change without notice. Students are advised to check regularly for updates on the Blackboard course site.)

Component	Class #	Day	Time	Location
Lecture	4219	Monday	12:00 - 13:00	Clancy Auditorium
		Wednesday	14:00 - 15:00	Clancy Auditorium
		Thursday	12:00 -13:00	Clancy Auditorium
Lecture	4220	Monday	18:00 - 19:00	Mathews A
		Wednesday	18:00 - 19:00	Mathews A
		Thursday	18:00 - 19:00	Mathews A
Tutorial	5677	Monday	13:00-14:00	Mat307 (Weeks 5, 6, and 9-13) Mat422 (Weeks 4 and 7)
Tutorial	5682	Monday	17:00-18:00	Mat125 (Weeks 5, 6, and 9-13) Mat422 (Weeks 4 and 7)
Tutorial	5678	Wednesday	15:00-16:00	Mat104 (Weeks 5, 6, and 9-13) Mat422 (Weeks 4 and 7)
Tutorial	5679	Thursday	13:00-14:00	Mat307 (Weeks 5, 6, and 9-13) Mat422 (Weeks 4 and 7)

4. Aims of the Course

Human beings comprise two entities that are often considered quite separately: a “body” and a “mind”. GENS9002, Psychology of the mind and body, addresses the relationship between these entities. In doing so, the course avoids any speculative writings about the body and the mind. Instead, it aims to demonstrate how scientific psychology approaches both ends of the body/mind continuum. At the “body” end, the course examines those aspects which clearly relate most closely to the functioning of the mind, including: brain structure and processes; sensory systems; perception; learning; and cognition. It will also examine some of what is known about the close relationships between body functioning and emotion, motivation, addiction, phobias and so on, areas which are often assumed to be a function only of the “mind”. Finally, the course will address what can go wrong - the area of abnormal psychology - and how the functioning of the body, as studied earlier, closely relates to this area.

5. Student Learning Outcomes

GENS9002 introduces the content and methods of psychology as a basic science, with an emphasis on the physiological bases of behaviour. By the end of this course, you will be able to:

Appreciate diverse but complementary theoretical and experimental approaches to major psychological issues	The following areas will be explored: memory and cognition; perception; abnormal psychology; psychobiology and animal learning.
Recognise and appreciate the role of the scientific method in psychology	GENS9002 will present not only the outcomes of research, but highlight also the importance of research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis and interpretation, as well as provide some insight into how the research process works.
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 methodology, including research design and interpretation of results; as well as compare and contrast competing theoretical perspectives. Problem solving and reflective learning skills will be encouraged.
Use psychological information in an ethical manner	The course will emphasise the need to ensure that acknowledgement and respect is given to the work, ideas and intellectual property of others, through appropriate referencing and citation in written work.
Communicate effectively within a psychology context	A key element of the GENS9002 course is writing components of a psychological research report, using American Psychological Association (APA) structure and formatting conventions. In this context you will engage critically with information, including: sourcing relevant literature; integrating theoretical and empirical information; and synthesising logical arguments and drawing conclusions.
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.
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.

GENS9002 – Psychology of the body and the mind: Course timetable - 2012

Week	Dates	Lectures	Lecturer	Textbook*	Practical**	Assessment
1	16 – 20 July	Introduction Memory & Cognition	Helen Archibald Dr. Kristy Martire	- 7 & 8		
2	23-27 July	Memory & Cognition	Dr. Kristy Martire	7 & 8		
3	30 July – 3 August	Memory & Cognition Perception	Dr. Kristy Martire Dr. Scott McDonald	7 & 8 4		
4	6 – 10 August	Perception	Dr. Scott McDonald	4	(Lab) Experiment	
5	13 – 17 August	Perception	Dr. Scott McDonald	4	Memory and Cognition Perception	
6	20-24 August	Abnormal Psychology	Dr. Tom Whitford	15 & 16	How to Write a Research Report	Report Discussion Distributed
7	27-31 August	Abnormal Psychology	Dr. Tom Whitford	15 & 16	(Lab) Mid-Semester Exam	Mid-Semester Exam Group Presentation Distributed
Break	3 – 7 September	-	-	-		
8	10-14 September	Abnormal Psychology Animal Learning	Dr. Tom Whitford Prof. Rick Richardson	15 & 16 6	Group Presentation 1	Group Presentation 2
9	17 – 21 September	Animal Learning	Prof. Rick Richardson	6	Group Presentation 2	Group Presentation 3
10	24-28 September	Animal Learning Psychobiology	Prof. Rick Richardson Dr. Lee Hogarth	6 3	Group Presentation 3	Report Discussion due Group Presentation 4
11	1 – 5 October	Psychobiology	Dr. Lee Hogarth	3	Abnormal Psychology	
12	8 – 12 October	Psychobiology	Dr. Lee Hogarth	3	Group Presentation 4	Group Presentation 4
13	15-19 October	Psychobiology Conclusion	Dr. Lee Hogarth Dr. Joel Pearson	3 -	Group Presentation 5	Group Presentation 5
-	23 October					Report Discussion Returned RPS due
Exam Period	26 October – 13 November					Final Exam
Deferred Exam	26 – 30 November					Final Exam

* The required textbook reading for each week from Burton et al. (2012).

** All practicals held in weeks 4 and 7 (marked with 'Lab') will be held in Mat422.

6. Graduate Attributes			
Research, inquiry and analytical thinking abilities	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Technical competence and discipline specific knowledge. Ability to construct new concepts or create new understanding through the process of critical analysis, problem solving, research and inquiry.	1	Mid-semester and final examination (MCQ) Research report; Group presentation Completion of research participation summaries	Lectures (+ relevant textbook readings) and practicals; methodology lectures (+ relevant textbook readings), reference to methodology throughout content lectures and practicals 2 practicals devoted to conduct and discussion of an experiment and introduction to psychology report writing. Group work to design a study which builds on the research report including hypothesis development, design of a method and ethical consideration Participation in School-approved research
Capability and motivation for intellectual development	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Capacity for creativity, critical evaluation and entrepreneurship. Ability to take responsibility for and demonstrate commitment to their own learning, motivated by curiosity and an appreciation of the value of learning.	1	Research report; Group presentation	2 practicals devoted to the conduct of an experiment and explaining report writing Group work throughout practicals with group presentation assessed
Ethical, Social and Professional Understanding	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Ability to critically reflect upon broad ethical principles and codes of conduct in order to behave consistently with a personal respect and commitment to ethical practice and social responsibility. Understanding of responsibility to contribute to the community. Respect and value social, multicultural, cultural and personal diversity.	1	Research report; Group presentation	1 practical on referencing and avoiding plagiarism 1 practical discussion about ethics in research and group presentation to include any ethical issues with proposed research
Communication	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Effective and appropriate communication in both professional (intra and inter disciplinary) and social (local and international) contexts	1	Research report; Group presentation	2 practicals devoted to the conduct of an experiment and explaining report writing Group work throughout practicals with group presentation assessed
Teamwork, collaborative and management skills	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Ability to recognise opportunities and contribute positively to collaborative scientific research, and to perceive the potential value of ideas towards practical applications. Demonstrate a capacity for self management,	1	Group presentation	Group work throughout practicals with group presentation assessed

teamwork, leadership and decision making based on open-mindedness, objectivity and reasoned analysis in order to achieve common goals and further the learning of themselves and others.			
Information literacy	Level	Form/s of Assessment	Learning and Teaching Strategies
Ability to make appropriate and effective use of information and information technology relevant to their discipline	1	Research report	2 practicals devoted to the conduct of an experiment and explaining report writing

7. Rationale for the 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 of the body and the mind covers the following topics: memory and cognition; perception; abnormal psychology; psychobiology and animal learning. Each topic will be given by a different lecturer, so that you will have the benefit of their specialised interests and knowledge. It will be common to find a lecturer presenting several different theories about the same body of data. You will, we hope, find this diversity a source of excitement and challenge, as there should be something of interest for everybody curious about how the mind works.

8. Course Components

GENS9002 Psychology of the body and the mind is a 6 UOC course. It consists of three main components.

- a lecture component – 3 one-hour lectures per week (see Section 8.1)
- a tutorial component – approximately 1 one-hour practical 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 and evening lectures as long as you attend an 'A', 'B' and 'C' lecture each week.

	Lecture A	Lecture B	Lecture C
Day	Monday 12-1pm Clancy Auditorium	Wednesday 2-3pm Clancy Auditorium	Thursday 12-1pm Clancy Auditorium
Evening	Monday 6-7pm Mathews A	Wednesday 6-7pm Mathews A	Thursday 6-7pm Mathews A

Textbook

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

Burton, L., Westen, D., & Kowalski, R. (2012). *Psychology. Australian and New Zealand Edition*. (3rd ed.) John Wiley & Sons Australia: Milton QLD.

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. In addition, the mid-semester exam is focussed primarily on textbook, rather than lecture material.

Lecture Schedule

The lecture topics, lecturers and relevant required reading from the textbook for 2012 are presented Psychology of the body and mind: Course timetable – 2012 (p.4). 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. It is, therefore, very important for you to attend the lectures. Should you miss one through sickness you can make use of the Lectopia recording (also known as the iLecture system) taken of the lecture that is available on Blackboard. Lectures will not be available as podcasts but can be streamed via Lectopia on Blackboard. Lecture notes will also be made available on Blackboard either before or shortly after the lecture.

Please note, Lectopia is an optional service we are providing you. We do not advise the regular use of Lectopia recordings as substitutes for attending lectures, particularly as background noise or technical difficulties may result in poor recording. Moreover, technical difficulties sometimes cause the loss of recordings. Thus, some lectures may not be recorded at all. Therefore, it is your responsibility to attend as many lectures as possible. You are responsible for all lecture content.

As the lectures are held in large theatres with many people present, we urge you to consider your fellow students. 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. This interference cannot be overcome by simply turning up the volume of the speaker system.

Note also, 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. Practical Component

Description

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

Times and locations

Practical classes are held in Weeks 4-13 inclusive. Practical classes are held in the Mathews 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, Mat 314, 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 practical class.

Practical Changes

You should have already enrolled in a practical class when you enrolled in the course. Any permanent practical changes must be made using myUNSW by 5pm Sunday 22nd July 2012. If you encounter significant difficulty changing practicals on myUNSW before this date, please contact a Course Administrator. After this date, **no permanent practical changes will be possible. Furthermore, if you attempt to change practicals on my UNSW after this date, you will un-enrol yourself from the course and not be permitted to re-enter!**

You **must** attend the practical in which you are enrolled for the duration of session, and cannot arrange with a tutor to change practicals.

To change a practical time on MyUNSW:

1. Go to myUNSW.edu.au and click on 'My Student Profile'
2. Click on 'Update Enrolment'
3. Under Action, click on the SWAP button (NOT the DROP button)
4. Continue
5. Add the details for the course you want to swap practicals in e.g. PSYC1011, Semester 2 2012
6. Continue
7. This will give you a list of ALL of the available practicals that you can swap into. If the time you are after does not appear on the list, then it is NOT available i.e. the practical is full. It is only possible to swap into a practical in which there are vacancies. Please do not ask the Course Co-ordinator or

Course Administrators to swap you into a practical that is already full. This IS NOT possible.

Attendance

Attendance at practicals is a **compulsory** part of the course and that practical content is examinable. In addition, as some of the practicals involve group assessments, you must attend your scheduled practical time, so as not to disadvantage your group. Additionally it is the University policy that students who attend less than 80% of their possible classes may be refused final assessment.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled practical in a given week for medical reasons, contact your tutor and the Course Administrators immediately by e-mail at firstyearadmin@psy.unsw.edu.au and you will be assigned to a make-up practical. There are strict University regulations on class sizes, so it is **not** permissible to simply attend an alternative practical, without first getting approval. You should give the tutor a note to sign, which you must then take to your own tutor the next week.

You should not attend alternative practicals 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 practical that is affected by a public holiday, you must attend another practical that week. Arrange this in advance. If you are enrolled in a Friday practical and cannot attend university due to illness, a replacement practical is not possible.

Tutors

As the lectures are held in very large classes, the practical groups play 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. You will be notified of times set aside by your tutor for student consultation during each week.

Many tutors are recent graduates of this University who are now completing a PhD and have been through Psychology 1B. 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 Blackboard. Keep in mind that the first-year lectures represent only a part of the lecturer's responsibilities, and it is not possible for them to be freely available for all inquiries.

Practical schedule

A broad summary of the topic areas that will be covered in practicals is presented in **GENS9002 – Psychology of the body and the Mind: Course Timetable 2012**

9. Course 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 practical session per week.
- Participation in practical group presentation, including group work that is conducted in and out of practical class time.
- Completion of a research report discussion.
- Participation in the mid-semester examination.
- Participation in a final examination at the end of semester

In addition, you may complete an OPTIONAL research participation for bonus credit (see section 10).

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 a poor performance in one section 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' which will normally result in an automatic failure in the course, regardless of performance. As with most University courses, when calculating your final mark for this course the raw components are combined and the combined mark is then scaled in order to remove the effects of differences in marking standards from year to year and of differences in the level of difficulty of assessments which inevitably occur from year to year.

Research report (20%): An experiment will be conducted in tutorials in Week 4 that will be discussed in Week 6. Also in Week 6, you will be given information about the purpose and format of the report that you will **submit by 4pm on the day of your practical in Week 10**. Please note that the written report should be your own individual work, and should not be a collaborative effort, for which you would be penalised for plagiarism.

Group work and tutorial presentation (20%): For this piece of assessment, you will work in groups to demonstrate a basic psychological issue/concept to the other students in your practical class. Initially, guidance on the topic of this presentation will be provided by your tutor. You will be allocated a presentation topic in week 7 from one of the following areas:

- Memory and cognition
- Abnormal psychology
- Motivation
- Emotion
- Learning and thinking

Detailed information about the material you are required to cover in your presentation will be distributed to you two weeks prior to the date of your presentation. This ensures that all groups are provided the same amount of time to prepare for the presentation.

The presentation will take up 45 minutes of class time, and be conducted during your practical time in weeks 8 – 13 (excluding week 11). The demonstration component should take between 15-20 minutes, so you should try to get together with your group to practice this beforehand. After the demonstration, you should present additional information concerning the topic, including a literature search of relevant references, and a discussion of the real-world relevance of the issue/concept. During this part of the activity, other members of the practical class will be invited to ask your group questions about the material presented.

This presentation will be assessed on the following:

- **Coverage of allocated content.** It is vital that the *required* exercises are covered thoroughly as some of this material is examinable. Groups failing to cover all *required* material will be penalised. You will be provided with some additional *optional* content to cover – this material is of secondary importance.
- **Organisation and preparation.** Although a maximum of 45 minutes can be devoted to each set of activities, it is important that the group prepares the presentation in advance, and has time to discuss relevant issues raised by the other members of the practical. Groups who appear disorganised and ill prepared will receive poorer marks than those groups who are well organised.
- **Originality of ideas and clarity of expression.**
- **Inclusion of additional source materials** (e.g., research data, newspaper articles). This material must be clearly discussed and relevant.
- **Use of presentation materials** (especially overhead transparencies) which help to illustrate and enliven the presentation. Other materials (e.g., models, samples etc.) may be used. Your tutor may ask you to temporarily submit these materials to her so that she can more comprehensively assess your presentation.
- **Question/Discussion generation.** Each group should endeavour to generate questions and discussion from the class during the remaining 5 minutes of the class. You will be marked according to the way you initiate, direct and respond to questions and discussion topics.
- Information is only valuable if it can be effectively communicated. Therefore you will be assessed not only on the content but also on the style and manner of your presentation. You should therefore prepare your presentation well enough so that you can speak freely rather than reading from notes.

Mid-Semester Exam (10%): This will allow you to test your understanding of the content covered in the first 6 weeks of the course. The test will be held in practicals in week 7 and all questions will be multiple choice. All topic areas covered in the first six weeks are potentially examinable. Questions will be primarily drawn from textbook material. Please see the course timetable for the relevant textbook chapters.

Research participation (4% optional bonus credit): See Section 10 of this course outline.

Final examination (50%): This exam is held during the University examination period in October and November (Friday 26 October to Tuesday 13 November, 2012) 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 practicals.

50% of the total marks for this course 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, from a report component written in one’s own time, to a formal examination. Thus, 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 - Hardcopy

Unless directed otherwise, all written work (including assignments, reports and the like) is to be handed in to the Psychology Office on the 10th floor of the Matthews Building (Room 1011) by 4:00pm on the day it is due or earlier. Assignments will be collected from the drop box daily by Administrative staff and date-stamped with the date of submission and taken as formal evidence of submission.

All reports must have the School's Assignment Submission Form firmly attached to the front. This form can be downloaded from the School's website

<http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/students/current/files/Cover%20Sheet.pdf>, or picked up from the School Office on Level 10. Make sure you write your tutor’s name on the cover page. This will ensure your assignment goes to the correct tutor for marking. If you are not sure what your tutor’s name is, ask the Administration staff to show you the list of practical times at the Level 10 desk. Do not hand a report to the tutor at the post office, the food court or in the lift.

Submission - Online

You must also submit your work online prior to submitting it to the School Office. If you fail to do this, and your assignment is lost, there will be nothing to prove that you handed the assignment in on time. You must upload an electronic version into the Blackboard course modules. There will be more specific instructions given with each assignment. If you fail to do this, no responsibility will be taken for lost assignments.

You should also keep the marked report when it is returned, so that if any problem arises in the School records, you will be able to produce the report.

Collection of Marked Assessments

Your half research report will be available for collection from Monday 22nd October, from the School of Psychology General Office.

Feedback about your group presentation will be provided in week 13 tutorials.

It is strongly suggested that you collect your work once marked, 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 tutors.

9.4. Feedback on Assessments

Marking of Assessments

Your report will be marked by your tutor. All of the tutors are experienced markers, and will have the same general approach to the content of each report, determined by discussion and consultation at regular tutors’ meetings.

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 pay a fee, and 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 are returned. If you have not handed in a report by the time others are returned an alternative essay will be set, if appropriate, but note that the deduction for lateness will still apply from the time the original report was due. Even if you are heavily penalised for lateness, you will at least be avoiding an automatic failure.

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 (note that 6% will be deducted for a weekend). The date stamp on your hard copy will be that used in determining whether or not a report is overdue, not when the report was submitted online. Late submissions may not receive detailed feedback.

To apply for an extension you should submit an application through Student Central, 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 should miss an official University examination or assessment deadline, or if you feel your performance, either during semester or in an examination, has been adversely affected by sickness or any other reason, you should inform the University Registrar and ask for special consideration in the determination of your standing. Such requests should be made not later than three working days after the due date of the assessment.

Please read the university instructions for completing an application for special consideration at <https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/atoz/SpecialConsideration.html>. Applications for special consideration MUST be submitted through MyUNSW. Attaching documents to assignments, handing medical certificates to tutors or leaving them with the school office will not be accepted.

In general to be considered for special consideration, you need to demonstrate that your attendance or performance has been affected by circumstances which are unexpected and beyond your control. Students are expected to give priority to their University study and any absence must be clearly beyond your control. Remember, work, travel or other course commitments do not constitute appropriate reasons for a request for special consideration. You will need to provide medical certificates or other documents which clearly indicate you were unable to be present. Furthermore the documentation must include the dates that you were seen by the professional/authority providing the official documentation, and the date of the illness or misadventure or the dates of the period of time of the illness or misadventure.

Deferred and further assessments

Students who are absent from an official examination through illness or other acceptable circumstances may be granted a deferred examination. The deferred examination for Psychology 1B will take place some-time between Monday 26th and Friday 30th November, 2012, for Semester 2. If you are unable to attend the official examination, you must contact either Dr Joel Pearson or the Course Administrator to arrange to sit the deferred examination, as well as submitting any relevant documentation (e.g., application for special consideration). It is your responsibility to contact the School for the location of the exam.

Students can attend the final examination only once, either in the regularly scheduled or deferred examination period. As students will not be permitted to attend both the regularly scheduled and deferred examinations, it is advisable not to attend the exam as originally scheduled if sick on that day. Instead, they should ensure the appropriate medical certificate to support their case for a deferred medical exam. In such a case, a formal application for special consideration must be submitted online within three working days of the exam.

If you apply to do the deferred examination, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are available to sit the

deferred exam at the scheduled time. To meet University deadlines for finalising marks, the School cannot provide assessment later than this date. Those students who suspect that they may have to sit for a deferred exam should keep themselves available, as otherwise they risk automatic failure. Additional examinations will not be set under any circumstances.

Deferred and further assessment exams may be given to those students who were absent from the final examination through illness or misadventure. Under no circumstance will a student who has not completed all assessment tasks for the course except the final exam be allowed to sit for the further assessment exam.

Students who are granted deferred or further assessment will be notified through their student email address only (this is the official University means of communication). This assessment can be expected to be of the same degree of difficulty as the original. However, the exam may take a different form from the original. For example where the original exam contained multiple-choice questions, the alternative exam may contain short answer questions or it may be an oral examination instead of a written one.

Student Equity and Disability Unit (SEADU)

The Student Equity and Disabilities Unit (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 difficulties, or believe that you are disadvantaged because of your circumstances, we encourage you to contact SEADU early in your university career and 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 give 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 have the option of participating in psychological research within the School for up to 6 points throughout the semester, for which you will earn a bonus 4% course credit. 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 also find out about theories and areas of investigation that are beyond those you study in the course. Finally, you will be contributing to the advancement of psychological science. Clearly, the study of human behaviour cannot progress without humans to observe.

Every researcher is under the general supervision of an Ethics committee, and is required to satisfy certain conditions (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 1B to sign-up to participate in research projects of their choice. You can access Sona through Blackboard.

You must be registered on Sona to receive research participation credit. A batch registration occurs at the start of the semester, however, if you enrol after Week 1, or if you encounter any difficulties logging on to Sona, please contact sona@psy.unsw.edu.au. If you were enrolled in GENS9001 in session 1 2012, you will be able to access the system from 16th July 2012 using the credentials you were given in session 1. More information about Sona will be provided in the first lecture and in tutorials. 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 midnight on Friday 19th October, 2012. All researchers will assign credit by 5pm of Monday 22nd October, 2012. Any issues regarding outstanding credit must be resolved between you and the researcher by Tuesday 23rd October 2012.

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 because 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.

When you attend, 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 if you wish and this will not jeopardise your relationship with the researchers, the course or the university generally.

Assessment of Research Participation

In order to receive credit for your participation, once your participation in the research concludes, you must have the researcher complete their details and sign a Research Participation Summary (RPS). You can obtain a copy at the end of this course outline or at the School of Psychology Office on Level 10 of Mathews Building. Researchers must record the study number and sign this form. This signed form then becomes your record of participation. You must ensure that your Sona record matches the paper record of participation.

If the researcher does not give you adequate information to answer these questions, contact Dr. Lisa Williams (l.williams@unsw.edu.au) within 2 working days, as failure to complete this form will jeopardise the credit you will receive for participation.

Submitting your Research Participation Records and Research Participation Summary

You may submit your research participation summary to the Level 10 School of Psychology Office during semester (i.e. as early as week 2), up until Tuesday 23rd October 2012. You will need to obtain a stamped receipt for your submission from the Office Staff. It is in your best interest not to wait until the end of semester to submit your Research Participation forms, but to do earlier in the semester.

The assessment of research participation is based on the completion and submission of your RPS. If you do not submit your RPS to the Level 10 Office by Tuesday 23rd October 2012, you will risk not being awarded credit for research participation, regardless of your online Sona record. Late submission of these records will not be accepted.

Credit for Participation

You will receive 4% course credit once you complete the optional 6 points and submit your RPS. Please note that your final point balance will incorporate both hours you completed AND any penalties for failure to attend.

Research Feedback

Once the research is over, researchers have a responsibility to debrief you about the study, and we encourage you to question the researcher. No details of any individuals who took part in the study will be published; students will be anonymous members of the sample tested.

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. 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, there is a Research Participation Complaint Form that you can obtain from the Psychology Office (Mathews Level 10). Your comments will be forwarded to the course coordinator and will remain completely confidential. Alternatively, you may contact the Course Co-ordinator, Dr. Joel Pearson directly if you wish.

11. Expected Resources for Students

11.1. Blackboard

All course details and information will be posted on the Blackboard Course Module (<http://ms-blackboard.telt.unsw.edu.au>). **You should check this 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 Blackboard PSYC1011 site.

11.2. Psychology 1 Toolkit

You should also download and print the Psychology 1 Toolkit, available on Blackboard. This provides information about Blackboard, Sona, research report writing, information literacy, collaborative learning, and more.

11.3. EndNote X5

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.

12. Course Evaluation & Development

We regularly gather student evaluative feedback on the course and continual improvements are made to the course based in part on such feedback. The forms of feedback include UNSW's Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) process, focus groups and custom-made written feedback forms. Student feedback is taken seriously and changes to the course are made in accordance with it. We thank you in advance for your participation in this process. You will have an opportunity in the final practical to complete the CATEI forms.

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 also 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 to not plagiarise. Information is available on their website: www.lc.unsw.edu.au/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://elise.library.unsw.edu.au>.

- **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: <http://telt.unsw.edu.au/turnitin>.

What if plagiarism is found in my work?

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student's work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in a honours thesis) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here www.unsw.edu.au/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

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 maths 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 led 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)

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

14.1. School of Psychology Student Guide

The *School of Psychology Student Guide*, available at

http://www.psy.unsw.edu.au/students/current/files/Student_Guide.pdf, 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*.

14.2. Withdrawing from the Course

If you wish to withdraw from the course without incurring a HECS debt, you must withdraw before the HECS census date of **Friday 31 August 2012**. The last day to withdraw without academic penalty is **Sunday 2 September 2012**.

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/enrolment/EnrolmentDates.html>

To withdraw from a course after both the census date and the *withdraw without academic penalty* date have passed you need special permission. Complete a '*Special Permission to Withdraw from a course without Penalty*' form which can be downloaded from myUNSW:

<https://my.unsw.edu.au/student/academiclife/SpecialPermissiontoWithdrawWithoutFailure.pdf>

A copy can also be obtained from Student Central. You will need to:

1. Provide supporting documentation.
2. Have the form signed by the course co-ordinator, Dr Joel Pearson, Mathews 505
3. Have the form signed by the program authority (Bachelor of Psychology/Bachelor of Psychological Science, Dr Branka Spehar Mathews 715) Science students will need to see the Science Student Centre in the Robert Webster Building, Room 128.
4. Once this is complete you will need to lodge the form in person to Student Central.



**RESEARCH PARTICIPATION RECORD
COVER SHEET
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY**

All details for both sections to be completed by student in block letters

SURNAME: _____ OTHER NAME(S): _____ STUDENT ID: _____

Course ID: **PSYC** _____ or **GENS** _____ (please note it is not required for GENS students to submit this material, but they may do so if they wish)

Course Name: _____

Your Tutor: _____ Your Tutorial Time: _____

Signed:

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION RECORDS FOR FIRST YEAR PSYCHOLOGY

SURNAME: _____ OTHER NAME(S): _____ STUDENT ID: _____

Course ID: **PSYC** _____ or **GENS** _____ (please note it is not required for GENS students to submit this material, but they may do so if they wish)

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