Course Objectives:

To familiarize the student with:

1. the University and LAS college requirements
2. the Psychology department curriculum and requirements
3. the Psychology advising procedures, degree audits and registration procedures
4. the Psychology faculty and type of research done at ISU

Course Requirements:

In order to receive a satisfactory grade, you must:

1. **Attend and participate in ALL classes.** Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period. Because many of the classes involve guest speakers, late arrival may result in loss of the day’s points. Leaving early or before dismissal may also result in a loss of the day’s points or a loss of credit for attendance of Psych 201 lectures.

   If you must miss a class due to an emergency or illness, you must notify the Psych Advising office **PRIOR** to the class meeting time to be excused.
   (Advising office main phone: 515.294.1642 or e-mail psychadv@iastate.edu)

2. Complete **ALL** assignments

Course Materials:

1. Department of Psychology 2008-2009 Undergraduate Program booklet (hot pink cover)
3. New Student Orientation Handbook (Recommended)
4. ISU Psych web page: [http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/](http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/), especially the Undergraduate Program section
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##### Wednesday at 3:10

| Week 1 | **Speaker:** LAS Career Service representative  
| January 14th | **Topic:** Course Overview and General Procedures |
| Week 2 | **Introduction:** Dr. Veronica Dark, Director of Undergraduate Studies  
| January 21st | **Speaker:** Study Abroad representative (last 5-10 minutes of class)  
| | **Topic:** ISU/LAS/Psych resources  
| | **Assignment Due:** E-mail assignment |
| Week 3 | **Speaker:** Dr. Stephanie Madon, graduate program chair  
| January 28th | **Topic:** Discussion of Psych 491 and 492 and graduate school overview  
| | [REMEMBER TO GO TO THE CAREER FAIR BEFORE OR AFTER CLASS] |
| Week 4 | **Topic:** ISU/LAS/Psych requirements and degree audits  
| February 4th | Bring Psych Booklet (hot pink cover) and ISU Catalog to class  
| | **Assignment Due:** 2 proofs of attendance of LAS Career Fair |
| Week 5 | **Topic:** “Workday” (in class) for Graduation Plan (students must have created at least a rough draft by the end of class, Ashley and/or Susan will be available for Q&A as well) |
| February 11th | **Assignment Due:** Graduation Plan |
| Week 6 | **Topic:** Final wrap-up, questions and answers, evaluations |
| February 18th | **Assignment Due:** Faculty adviser signature |
| Week 7 | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
| March 4th | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
| Week 8 | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
| March 11th | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
| Week 9 | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
| March 25th | **Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (TBA) |
Assignment Information
Psych 111

All students will be required to do the following assignments to satisfactorily pass this portion of the class.

Assignments  
Due Week 2:  Respond to a question given in class by reading the Psych Undergrad Weekly Bulletin sent out via ISU e-mail. Send the answer to the January 21st psychadv@iastate.edu e-mail from your ISU e-mail account.

Read the Psych 111 syllabus.

Assignment  Read the Undergraduate Program booklet (hot pink cover).

Due Week 4:  Attend the Business & LAS Spring Career Fair, January 28th from 1-6pm February 4th at Hilton Coliseum. You must collect at least two items (brochures, etc.) from the fair, write your name on them legibly, and bring them to class.

Assignment  Develop a graduation plan. This must include specific courses for a Due Week 6: minor or double major, not just ‘elective’. The advisers will look over the February 18th plans, make comments and return them Week 7. This plan must be typed and submitted on the Psych template which is available at http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/index.php?id=31 (along with the

Assignment  Introduction to your Faculty Adviser. Your faculty adviser’s name is Due Week 7: listed in the red binder in the Psych Advising Office. Office hours and February 25th and contact information are available in the binder, on the wall outside of W022 and W112 Lago, and on the ISU Psych web page. The yellow half-sheet must be completed and signed by the faculty adviser and returned to the Psych Advising Office before you can receive your Registration Access Number (RAN).
Spring Semester Dates and Deadlines

January 16th  ♦  Last day to process a schedule change (add, drop, or section change) without a fee and signatures of instructor and adviser.
               ♦  Last day to drop or add a course “for free” via AccessPlus by 5 pm

January 19th  ♦  Martin Luther King, Jr. observation - NO CLASSES!

January 29th  ♦  Study Abroad Fair, Memorial Union, Campanile Room, 12 - 3pm

February 13th ♦  Last day to drop a first-half semester course

January 28th  ♦  Business & LAS Spring Career Fair, Hilton Coliseum, 1 - 6pm

February 25th ♦  Finalized Schedule of Classes for Summer and Fall 2009 will be available on-line at http://classes.iastate.edu/

February 24th ♦  Last day to drop Psych 111 (10 week course)

March 6th    ♦  First-half courses end

March 9th    ♦  Second-half semester courses begin (example: Lib 160)

March 16-20th ♦  Spring Break

March 24th  ♦  First day of registration for Summer and Fall 2009 for seniors. Freshmen will register mid-April.

March 27th  ♦  Last day to drop a full semester course or withdraw without extenuating circumstances

April 17th  ♦  Last day to drop a second-half course.

May 4-8th  ♦  FINAL EXAM WEEK

A complete listing of dates is available at http://www.iastate.edu/~registrar/calendar/cal-spring09.shtml