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 2010-2011 Undergraduate Program booklet (salmon cover)
2. ISU General Catalog 2009-2011: [http://www.public.iastate.edu/~catalog/](http://www.public.iastate.edu/~catalog/)
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
Orientation to Psychology, Psych 111

Wednesday at 3:10

Week 1: Topic: Course Overview and General Procedures
January 12: Introduction: Dr. Veronica Dark, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Week 2: Topic: ISU/LAS/Psych resources
January 19: Speaker: Kim Caponi, LAS Career Services
Assignment Due: E-mail assignment

Week 3: Topic: ISU/LAS/Psych requirements and degree audits
January 26: Bring Psych Booklet (salmon cover) and Laptop*

Week 4: Topic: “Workday” (in class) for Graduation Plan
February 2: Bring Psych Booklet (salmon cover) and Laptop*
(students must have created at least a rough draft by the end of class; Zack and/or Susan will be available for Q&A as well)

[REMEMBER TO GO TO THE CAREER FAIR FEB. 9TH (Noon to 6 PM)]

Week 5: Topic: Registration and degree audits
February 9: Assignment Due: Graduation Plan

Week 6: Topic: Discussion of Psych 491 and 492 and graduate school overview
February 16: Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Madon, graduate program chair
Assignment Due: 2 proofs of attendance of LAS Career Fair

Week 7: Topic: Final wrap-up, questions and answers, evaluations
February 23: Assignment Due: Faculty adviser signature

Week 8: March 2
Speaker: Cognitive Psychology Faculty Members

Week 9: March 9
Speaker: Counseling Psychology Faculty Member

Week 10: March 23
Speaker: Social Psychology Faculty Member

*We will discuss the first day whether to bring laptops to class or arrange for a computer lab.
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 19th psychadv@iastate.edu e-mail from your ISU e-mail account.

Read the Psych 111 syllabus.

Read the Undergraduate Program booklet (salmon cover).

Assignment
Due Week 5: Develop a graduation plan. This must include specific courses for a minor or double major, not just ‘elective’. The advisers will look over the 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 Graduation Plan Checklist).

Due Week 6: Attend the Business & LAS Spring Career Fair, February 9th from 12-6pm 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.

Due Week 7: Introduction to your Faculty Adviser. Your faculty adviser’s name is listed in the red binder in the Psych Advising Office. Office hours 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 orange assignment 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 14  ♦  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 17  ♦  Martin Luther King, Jr. observation - NO CLASSES!

January 19  ♦  The 10,000 Hours Show Volunteer Fair, MU Campanile Room, 5 – 9
                                  ♦  ClubFest II, MU Great Hall, 5 - 9

January 27  ♦  Study Abroad Fair, Memorial Union, Great Hall, TBA

February 9  ♦  Business & LAS Spring Career Fair, Hilton Coliseum, 1 – 6 pm

February 11  ♦  Last day to drop a first-half semester course

February 19  ♦  Finalized Schedule of Classes for Summer and Fall 2011 will be available on-line at http://classes.iastate.edu/

February 22  ♦  Last day to drop Psych 111 (10 week course)

March 4  ♦  First-half courses end

March 7  ♦  Second-half semester courses begin (example: Lib 160)

March 14-18  ♦  Spring Break

March 22  ♦  First day of registration for Summer and Fall 2011 for seniors. Freshmen will register mid-April.

March 25  ♦  Last day to drop a full semester course or withdraw without extenuating circumstances

April 15  ♦  Last day to drop a second-half course.

May 2-6  ♦  FINAL EXAM WEEK

May 11  ♦  Grades posted on AccessPlus

A complete listing of dates is available at http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/calendar/cal-spring11.shtml