Course Objectives:

To familiarize the student with:

1. Iowa State University and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 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 in the ISU Psychology Department
5. other campus resources available

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 or early departure may result in loss of the day’s points.

   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. You may attend the other course section during one week if you have a pre-scheduled absence. Please alert the section instructor if this occurs.

2. Complete **ALL** assignments

3. Earn at least **6** points through additional assignments

Course Materials:

1. Department of Psychology 2014-2015 Undergraduate Program booklet (online)
2. ISU Psych web page: [http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/](http://www.psychology.iastate.edu/)
3. ISU Catalog web page: [http://catalog.iastate.edu/](http://catalog.iastate.edu/)
4. Schedule of Classes: [http://classes.iastate.edu/](http://classes.iastate.edu/)
**Weekly Course Information**

**Week 1**
January 14 & 15

**Topic:** Course Overview and General Procedures

**Introduction:** Dr. Veronica Dark, Director of Undergraduate Studies

**Assigned:** Log on to Blackboard for announcements, assignments, and calendar. Read Undergrad Program Booklet (online).

**Week 2**
January 21 & 22

**Topic:** Degree Requirements

**Week 3**
January 28 & 29

**Topic:** Degree Audit

**Week 4**
February 4 & 5

**Topic:** Graduation Plan

**Due:** Career Writing Assignment

**Week 5**
February 11 & 12

**Topic:** Graduate School Opportunities

**Speaker for Feb. 11:** Dr. Craig Anderson

**Speaker for Feb. 12:** Dr. Susan Cross

**Due:** Attend People to People or Business, Industry, Technology Career Fair

**Week 6**
February 18 & 19

**Topic:** Registration procedures

**Due:** Graduation Plan

**Week 7**
February 25 & 26

**Topic:** Final wrap-up, questions and answers, evaluations

**Reminder:** Additional Assignments final due date Feb. 27

**Week 8**
March 4 & 5

**Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (Cognitive)

**Week 9**
March 11 & 12

**Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (Counseling)

**Week 10**
March 18 & 19

**Speaker:** Psychology Faculty Member (Social)

**Due:** Faculty and Research Exploration

**REMINDER:** All additional assignments are due no later than February 27.
Assignment Information

REQUIRED Assignments:

Career writing assignment
Use information from http://www.apa.org/action/careers/index.aspx to research a career area of interest in Psychology and submit a typed 1-2 page paper on your choice. In addition to speaking about the career area itself, your paper should include why you are interested in this area, as well as what classes, internships, or other experiences you may want/need to take to do this career area. More information related to Psychology Careers can be found on Blackboard. This assignment is due February 5th.

Attend the People to People Career or Business, Industry, Technology Career Fair
February 11th – Bring your student ID; you must check in before entering. To track attendance we ask that you keep your nametag after attending and submit it in class the following class meeting as evidence of your attendance. Additional information on next page.

Develop a Graduation Plan
This must include specific courses you could take to graduate. Do NOT enter “elective” or “psych choice” in any of the blanks. The advisers will review, make comments and return as either “complete” or “correct & resubmit.” This plan MUST BE TYPED and submitted on the Psych template at https://www.psychology.iastate.edu/undergraduate-program/major-requirements/

Faculty Research Exploration
The goal of this assignment is for you to explore faculty members with research focuses that interest you. Please identify three faculty members, at least two of which are from separate areas, and compose a short paragraph for each describing what they do and what makes that interesting to you. This list of names will then be used to guide us in pairing you with a Faculty Adviser. Submit this list of names on March 24th, AFTER all of the research area speakers have attended class.

ADDITIONAL Assignments:

You must earn at least 6 points beyond the required assignments above to successfully complete the course! You may choose how you earn those points out of the options below:

(1 point) – Blackboard quiz covering the policies and procedures in program booklet PDF online. Must earn 80% to receive credit.
(2 points) – Attend Psych Club event/meeting. Submit a one-paragraph reflection to psychadv@iastate.edu within one week of the event). Not repeatable for points.
(2 points) – Attend a university-sponsored lecture. Submit a one-paragraph reflection to psychadv@iastate.edu within one week of the event. This may not also fulfill a requirement for another course. Not repeatable for points.
(2 points) – Transfer Students Only: Participate in a transfer student event put on by the Psych Peer Mentors or meet one-on-one with a TSPM. Submit a one-paragraph reflection to psychadv@iastate.edu within one week of the event. Not repeatable for points.
(1 point) – Participate in a meaningful way in student discussion postings via Blackboard. Repeatable for up to two points total.
(2 points) – Attend a University Fair other than the Career Fair. Submit a one-paragraph reflection to psychadv@iastate.edu within one week of the event. Not repeatable for points.
(2 points) – Have your resume reviewed by LAS Career Services & turn in your resume draft within one week of the event. Not repeatable for points.

**All additional requirements must be completed by February 27th**
Assignments MUST be completed before students enrolled in Psych 111 are given their Registration Access Number (RAN) for the Fall semester

Spring Semester Dates and Deadlines

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| January 16 | Last day to process a schedule change (add, drop, or section change) on AccessPlus (if no restrictions) without a fee  
            | Last day to process a schedule change without a fee on a pink slip (if restrictions), signature of instructor and adviser required |
| January 19 | University Holiday                                                                               |
| January 21 | ClubFest – 11:00-4:00 – MU Great Hall                                                           |
| January 22 | Study Abroad Fair – 10:30-1:30 – MU Great Hall                                                 |
| February 11| Business, Industry, Technology Career Fair – 12:00-6:00pm – Hilton Coliseum                    |
|            | People to People Career Fair – 1:00-5:00pm – Scheman Building                                 |
| February 13| Last day to drop a first-half semester course                                                   |
| February 21| Finalized Schedule of Classes for Fall ‘15 will be available on-line at http://classes.iastate.edu/ |
| February 23| **Last day to drop Psych 111**                                                                   |
| March 6    | First-half semester courses end                                                                  |
| March 9    | Second-half semester courses begin (example: Lib 160)                                           |
| March 16-20| Spring Break!                                                                                    |
| March 24   | First day of Spring registration for seniors                                                     |
|            | (March 31 for Juniors; April 7 for Sophomores; April 14 for Freshmen)                            |
| March 27   | **Last day to drop** a full-semester course or **withdraw**                                     |
|            | Last day to change a full-semester course to Pass/Not Pass grading                               |
| April 17   | Last day to drop a second-half course                                                           |
| May 4-May 8| **FINAL EXAM WEEK**                                                                             |

A complete listing of academic dates is available at [http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/calendar/cal-spring15](http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/calendar/cal-spring15)