

History and Current Issues in Psychology

E-502-STSO



Year	2
Semester	Fall
Type of course	Core
Prerequisites	Year 1 of BSc Psychology
Schedule	3 hours per week for 15 weeks; 6 ECTS
Lecturer	Elín Díanna Gunnarsdóttir
Content	
This course examines historical periods and influential theories related to contemporary psychology with emphasis on the evolution of scientific method in psychology. The course will also examine professional issues including ethics in psychological research and practice.	
Learning outcome - On completing the course, each student should be able to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the prevailing movements at different times in the history of psychology. • Evaluate critically different movements in the history of psychology. • Name the main pioneers of different ideologies in the history of psychology. • Connect different movements to historical events and the prevailing spirit of the times. • Compare the concepts and methods of different movements. • Describe the main ethical rules which psychologists follow in their work. 	
Course assessment	
In class exercises, discussions, written assignments and final exam. Grades are given on a 0 – 10 point scale. The minimum grade to pass the course is 5.0. The student needs to get a minimum grade of 5.0 in the final exam and a minimum average grade of 5.0 for all course assessment.	
Reading material	
Schultz, D. P. and Schultz, S. E. (2012). <i>Modern Psychology 10e: A History</i> . International Edition. Wadsworth.	
Teaching and learning activities	
Lectures, in class exercises and discussion.	
Language of instruction	Icelandic