**Course descriptor**

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| Title of the course | **Psychology** | | |
| Title of the Academic Programme | **Sociology and social informatics** | | |
| Type of the course | Core (mandatory) | | |
| Prerequisites | - | | |
| ECTS workload | 4 | | |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study | Total |
| 40 | 112 | 152 |
| Course Overview | This course will offer students an introduction into psychology including overview of psychological theories, research design, methods and replicability issues, psychological assessment, cognitive and developmental psychology. | | |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | Students supposed to achieve the following learning outcomes after successfully finishing this course:   * Explain specific psychological theories and use specific theories to interpret and predict behavior in concrete situations. * Distinguish different levels of evidence in psychological science * Know and distinguish between different mental processes. * Review and evaluate published works, their strengths and limitations at a basic level | | |
| Indicative Course Content | * Psychology as a science * Methodological basis of psychology * Theoretical approaches in psychology. * Psychology subdisciplines * Personality psychology * Mental processes * Theories of developmental psychology | | |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | The course will include lectures and seminars. Seminars are held in the form of a discussion, and classroom activities based on assigned readings and lecture and homework results. Students will also get acquainted with examples of different methods of psychological assessment.  Particular attention is paid to students' independent work, which involves not only a thoughtful reading of the texts and searches of literature sources, but also perform research tasks - during the course, students supposed to develop and design of empirical psychological study. | | |
| Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy | The cumulative grade (Gc) is calculated based on the following equation: \  Gc = 0,5· Ghw + 0,5· Gsa  Ghw – grade for the homework project  Gsa – grade for students’ activities at class and at home  The final grade (GF) is calculated as follows: Gf = 0,6·Gc + 0,4·Gex  Gex – grade for the final examination | | |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory  Reisberg, D. (Ed.). (2013). The Oxford handbook of cognitive psychology. Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195376746.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780195376746>  Devonis, David. History of Psychology 101, Springer Publishing Company, 2014. ProQuest Ebook Central, <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1676160>  Optional  Weiner, I. B., Schinka, J. A., Velicer, W. F., & Weiner, I. (2012). Handbook of psychology, research methods in psychology : research methods in psychology. Volume 2. Retrieved from <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=918179>  Spielberger, C. (2004). Encyclopedia of applied psychology. Academic Press. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/referencework/9780126574104/encyclopedia-of-applied-psychology> | | |
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