Aim of the course
The course introduces the students into the field of psychology: as psychology as a profession and as a scientific field. First we take a look at the nature and history of psychology as a science (2 lessons), then overview the basic research fields: subjects, theories and research methods (4 lessons). After that we will investigate some major forms of application (4 lessons), and close the semester with a critical reflection.

Learning outcome, competences

knowledge:
• General, comprehensive knowledge about the main topics in psychology: psychology as a science and as a profession

attitude:
• Openness towards different approaches and contradictions, critical attitude

skills:
• Attention, convergent and divergent thinking, critical thinking, reflexivity

Content of the course

Topics of the course
• The nature of psychology: science and profession
• The history/histories of psychology
• General psychology
• Personality psychology
• Developmental psychology
• Social psychology
• Psychological assessment
• Abnormal psychology and psychotherapies
• Psychology of creativity
• Current trends and actual issues

Learning activities, learning methods
Writing notes, asking questions, clarifying correlations and contradictions, memorizing, evocation

Evaluation of outcomes

Learning requirements, mode of evaluation, criteria of evaluation:

requirements
Comprehensive, detailed knowledge about the topics of the course, recognizing, understanding and explaining interrelations, contradictions, etc.

mode of evaluation:
Written exam, containing multiple choice test questions and some short essays

criteria of evaluation:
Multiple choice test questions have got one correct answer; the student has to find the correct answer; in the essay questions s/he has to describe the basic concepts, theories. Both types are scored. Under 46% the mark is 1, from 46% is 2, from 61% is 3, from 76% is 4 from 91% is 5.

**Reading list**

**Compulsory reading list**
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**Recommended reading list**