



Introduction to Psychology (PSY700) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for PSY700

This course will familiarize students with secular psychology including its origin, development, current state, and manner in which

II. Required Reading:

Morton Hunt, *The Story of Psychology*, Updated & Rev. Ed. (New York: Anchor, 2007).

Eric L. Johnson Ed., *Psychology and Christianity: Five Views* (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2010).

[Stephen P. Greggo](#), [Timothy A. Sisemore](#) Eds. *Counseling and Christianity: Five Approaches*, (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2012).

Michael R. Burgos, Chris Chumita, *Light Through the Spectrum: Essays on Biblical Counseling* (Torrington, CT: Church Militant, 2020), 58-71.

III. Lectures

Introduction to Psychology [lectures](#) by Dr. Paul Bloom.

IV. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. **Write a two to three page (double-spaced) reflection paper one of the viewpoints expressed in *Five Views*.** A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions “Did you agree with the claims of the author?,” “What did you learn?,” “What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?” Footnote all citations. For further help consult [How to Write a Reflection Paper](#).
2. **Write a six to eight page (double-spaced) paper which provides a critique of psychology and psychiatry from a biblical counseling perspective.** This paper should articulate a clear thesis that rests upon sound biblical and theological argumentation and that addresses the strongest counterarguments to the thesis. Provide a cover page, bibliography, and footnote all citations. Be sure to utilize Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th Ed., (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 2018) for pagination/citation questions. Refrain from relying upon secondary or internet sources.



3. **Write a five to six page (double spaced) research essay on one method of clinical psychology (e.g., Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Family Therapy; Group Therapy).** Summarize its origin, main tenets and distinctive, goal(s), underlying moral presuppositions, and identify the ways in which this modality differs from a biblical approach. Footnote all citations and refrain from relying upon secondary or internet sources.