

## Course Staff

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In addition to the staff above, the IntroPsych team includes more than 40 upper-year Tutors. Each student has been assigned to a tutorial led by a Tutor, who should be the first point of contact for most questions and concerns.

## Evaluation

Your final grade in Psychology 1AA3 will be determined by the following measures:

Written assignments	20%	Four small written assignments will be given over the term. Assignments will be completed in groups of three, with each assignment worth 5% of your final grade (4 × 5%).
Assignment participation	5%	After each assignment group members will evaluate each other's contribution to the project. Assignment participation will be averaged at the end of the term, and will count for 5% of your final grade.
Tutorial participation	5%	At the end of the term your tutor will assign you a grade out of 5% based on your contributions during tutorial sessions.
Pop quizzes	10%	Five short pop quizzes will be given during your tutorial sessions. Your best four of five pop quizzes will each count for 2.5% of your final grade (4 × 2.5%).
Examinations	60%	A midterm examination will be written in February, and a non-cumulative final examination will be written in April. Your exam with the <i>higher</i> score will count for 32.5% of your final grade, while your exam with the <i>lower</i> score will count for 27.5% of your final grade.
Research participation ( <i>Optional</i> )	5%	Students have the option of completing two research credits with the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behaviour. These students will have the weight of their

*lower* examination reduced from 27.5% to 22.5%, and will receive 5% credit toward their final grade.

Final percentage grades will be converted to letter grades according to standard McMaster policy, as detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.



More information about standard evaluation components and the optional research participation credit can be found on pages 7 through 9.

### **Course Materials**

Apart from the required handbook for this course, the assigned textbook is Psychology, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Peter Gray. This is the same textbook that was used last term for Psychology 1A03.