

# English for Psychologists

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“It’s difficult, if not impossible, to think of a facet of life where psychology is not involved.

Psychologists employ the scientific method — stating the question, offering theory and then constructing rigorous laboratory or field experiments to test the hypothesis. Psychologists apply the understanding gleaned through research to create evidence-based strategies that solve problems and improve lives.

The result is that psychological science unveils new and better ways for people to exist and thrive in a complex world.”

(APA, 2014)

## Course Content

This lab aims to teach students to cope with different communication products (e.g. journal and magazine articles, podcasts, presentations, discussions) delivered in English in the field of psychology. The course covers key facts and concepts from psychology, with the final goal of providing students with a starting point to deal with the notions they are likely to encounter in their faculty work and professional paths. Besides, attention is paid to scientific literacy as a fundamental attribute that supports both psychological research and practice. During the course, students are guided through the independent analysis of research and dissemination articles. Students are supported throughout the course, in reading and writing, by the instructor’s knowledge of the research topics and methodologies.

## Learning Objectives

At the end of the course, students must have the ability to:

- Skim articles and identify their structure
- Distinguish the main points
- Generate questions and be aware of their understanding
- Draw inferences
- Assessing the quality of research studies

## Characteristics of Class Meetings

This is a lecture-lab course in which the instructor presents topics, which are then explained and discussed together. The students will be actively involved in reading, discussing and writing parts of psychology articles. Students are required to take their laptops.

## Evaluation

This course is a laboratory, not a lecture course. That means that class participation is vital to the success of the course and one’s final evaluation. Accordingly, the final evaluation will be based on (i) class participation and (ii) a final exam consisting of a written/oral presentation.

## Registration

Interested students can register by emailing the instructor: Arianna Costantini [arianna.costantini@univr.it](mailto:arianna.costantini@univr.it)

Please indicate “Registration: English for Psychologists” in the subject line.

## **Schedule**

- Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-12.30 – room 1.6
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-12.30 – room 1.6
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-12.30 – room 1.6
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30-12.30 – room 1.6