

**Psychology Articulation Committee**  
**INSTITUTIONAL REPORT**  
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**1. General:** Our Basic Health Sciences Department at BCIT is a general service department teaching the articulated introductory psychology, PSYC 1101 and 1102, and other customized psychology / human behavior courses into programs, such as nursing, medical laboratory, medical radiography, radiation therapy, clinical genetics, nuclear medicine, and cardiology programs. More recently, we have also started designing courses for non-health disciplines such as civil engineering, since our department was reassigned from the School of Health to the School of Academic and Computing Studies.

**2. Students / Enrollment: Psychology 1101 & 1102** are offered three terms a year, fall, winter & spring/summer. A combined total of 13 sections are offered annually in a face to face, night school, format only. In the fall & winter we run three sections of 1101 and 2 sections of 1102. Spring enrollments are typically lower so we offer only two sections of 1101 & 1 section of 1102 in this term. Students are able to take PSYC 1101 and 1102 concurrently or independently of each other.

Most students come from within BCIT and take introductory psychology to complete breadth requirements/electives for a degree (BBA) or for a credential (Interior Design). Since it is a requirement for entrance to the program, Psych 1101 is often taken by prospective students who plan to apply for entrance into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at BCIT. Introductory psychology classes are capped at 30 students and sections of 1101 typically fill. 1102 is less well subscribed to. This may change in the future when the BSN program will allow students to enter the program with either Psych 1101 or 1102.

**Human Behavior courses:** are customized courses designed in collaboration with the allied health technology area. The content revolves around “good bedside manner” in interacting with patients and good interpersonal professional practice.

**3. Staffing:** We have three permanent psychology / human behavior instructors within a department that also includes anatomy and physiology and microbiology instructors. Most current instructors have a PhD in the area, while a few have a Masters or M.D. degrees. In the last few years, we have had continuity in faculty despite the fact they are employed on temporary contracts.

**4. Advanced Placement:** is not recognized by Basic Health Sciences but Nursing independently set their own criteria and do accept AP for introductory psychology credit for students entering the program, having adopted the AP criterion of UBC.

**5. Introductory Psychology course topics covered:**

PSYC 1101: Introduction, research methods, biopsychology, memory, consciousness, sensation and perception, genetics / nature-nurture, and learning.

PSYC 1102: Disorders, therapy, personality, health psychology, emotion, motivation, social and cultural, life span, thinking and intelligence