

General Psychology (01:830:101:B2)
Introduction to Psychology
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Course Website: On Sakai (<https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal/site/dbd4b12a-ded8-4919-bd04-1fbccba41885?panel=Main>)

Required Text:

Kalat, J.W. (2011). *Introduction to Psychology* (9th Edition). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Course Description:

When most people think of psychology and psychologists they picture a patient lying on couch confessing his or her deepest secrets to a white bearded therapist. Psychology, however, is much more than Sigmund Freud and psychoanalysis. It is a broad discipline, consisting of various sub-fields. This course will introduce you to the major sub-fields of psychology and will expose you to the ways in which psychologists conduct research, attempt to solve human problems, and develop theories of human nature or behavior. It will also help you to think and analyze information like a psychologist. Class lectures will follow the required text closely. Lectures will also include demonstrations, exercises, and videos.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Class attendance and participation are expected and required. Students must come to class, on time, having completed all the reading, and ready to actively participate. Two or more absences can result in a grade of C or below.

Quiz

There will be a brief quiz early in the course on topics from the readings and lectures. The quiz will consist of multiple choice questions and will take place on *Thursday, June 9, 2011*.

Exams

The two exams will consist of multiple choice questions. The exams are not cumulative; that is, they will focus on the material covered since the previous exam. Questions will be drawn from both lectures and from assigned readings. Both exams will be in class and closed-book. The first and final exams will take place on *Thursday, June 23, 2011* and *Thursday, July 7, 2011* respectively.

Paper

There will be a paper assignment that will require you to summarize a psychology experiment, analyze the ethics of the research, and evaluate the implications of the study. I will distribute suggested experiments for you to select from. Papers should be 4 to 5 pages (no more but no less) in length, typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman 12 point font, and have one-inch margins on all sides.

Papers will be due on *Friday, July 01, 2011 by 5:00 pm*. These can either be e-mailed to me or uploaded to the Sakai Drop Box.

Extra Credit:

Participation in research will enable students to earn 2 points toward their lowest exam grade.

Late Work:

Time is limited during the summer and the condensed schedule makes it impractical for me to accommodate late papers or missed exams and unjust for me to accept it without penalty. Any late work/missed exam will be subject to the following penalties:

Papers will be accepted up to one week after the due date and will be penalized 5% for each day that passes beyond the due date.

Missed exams must be completed before graded exams are returned to the class. The exam grade will be reduced 5% for each late day beyond the scheduled date of the exam that is taken.

You must contact me within one day of the missed assignment/exam to make arrangements to complete the work.

Academic Integrity:

Any cheating or plagiarism in this class will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and can result in expulsion from the University. Please visit <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu> to learn more about the University's Academic Integrity Policy and the Code of Student Conduct.

Grading:

Your grade will be based on the following:

1. 10% Attendance and Class Participation (20 points)
2. 20% Quiz (40 points)
3. 25% Exam 1 (50 points)
4. 20% Paper (40 points)
5. 25% Final Exam (50 points)

Maximum total points possible: 200

Schedule of Topics and Assignments (*Subject to Change*):

We will cover each of the topics below, in varying levels of depth. Students will be notified in advance of any changes.

Date	Topics	Assignments
Week 1		
Tuesday, 05/31/11	<i>Introduction</i>	
Wednesday, 06/01/11	<i>Scientific Methods in Psychology</i> <i>Biological Psychology</i> Neurons and Behavior	Ch 2, Modules 2.1 and 2.2 Ch 3, Module 3.1
Thursday, 06/02/11	<i>Biological Psychology</i> Drugs and Their Effects; Brain and Behavior	Ch 3, Modules 3.2 and 3.3
Week 2		
Monday, 06/06/11	<i>Sensation and Perception</i> Vision; The Nonvisual Senses	Ch 4, Modules 4.1 and 4.2
Tuesday, 06/07/11	<i>Sensation and Perception</i> The Interpretation of Sensory Information <i>Nature, Nurture, and Human Development</i> Genetics and Evolution of Behavior	Ch 4, Module 4.3 Ch 5, Module 5.1
Wednesday, 06/08/11	<i>Nature, Nurture, and Human Development</i> Cognitive Development; Social and Emotional Development	Ch 5, Modules 5.2 and 5.3
Thursday, 06/09/11	<i>Nature, Nurture, and Human Development</i> Diversity: Gender, Culture, and Family Quiz	Ch 5, Module 5.4
Week 3		
Monday, 06/13/11	<i>Learning</i> Behaviorism; Classical Conditioning; Operant Conditioning	Ch 6, Modules 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3
Tuesday, 06/14/11	<i>Learning</i> Variations of Learning <i>Memory</i> Types of Memory; Encoding, Storage, and Retrieval	Ch 6, Module 6.4 Ch 7, Modules 7.1 and 7.2
Wednesday, 06/15/11	<i>Memory</i> Forgetting <i>Cognition</i> Solving Problems, Making Decisions, and Thinking	Ch 7, Modules 7.2 and 7.3 Ch 8, Module 8.2

Thursday, 06/16/11	<i>Intelligence</i> <i>Guest Lecture: Heather Hamed and Danielle Narkus</i>	Ch 9, Modules 9.1 and 9.2
Week 4		
Monday, 06/20/11	<i>Consciousness</i> Conscious and Unconscious Processes; Sleep and Dreams; Hypnosis	Ch 10, Modules 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3
Tuesday, 06/21/11	<i>Motivated Behaviors</i> General Principals of Motivation; Hunger Motivation; Sexual Motivation	Ch 11, Modules 11.1, 11.2, 11.3
Wednesday, 06/22/11	<i>Emotions, Stress, and Health</i> The Nature of Emotion; Stress, Health, and Coping	Ch 12, Modules 12.1 and 12.3
Thursday, 06/23/11	Exam 1	
Week 5		
Monday, 06/27/11	<i>Social Psychology</i> <i>Guest Lecture: Gwyne White</i>	Ch 13, Modules 13.1 and 13.2
Tuesday, 06/28/11	<i>Social Psychology</i> Attitudes and Persuasion; Interpersonal Influence	Ch 13, Modules 13.3, 13.4, 13.5
Wednesday, 06/29/11	<i>Personality</i> Personality Theories; Personality Traits	Ch 14, Modules 14.1 and 14.2
Thursday, 06/30/11	<i>Abnormality, Therapy, and Social Issues</i>	Ch 15 Paper Due Friday 07/01/11
Week 6		
Monday, 07/04/11	NO CLASS. Happy Fourth of July!	
Tuesday, 07/05/11	<i>Specific Disorders and Treatments</i> <i>Guest Lecture: Amy Hansford</i>	Ch 16, Modules 16.1 and 16.2
Wednesday, 07/06/11	<i>Specific Disorders and Treatments</i>	Ch 16, Modules 16.3 and 16.4
Thursday, 07/07/11	Final Exam	