

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Introduction To Psychology 830:101 Section 10 FALL 2012
Science & Engineering Ctr. Room 111 (BUSCH) Mon / Wed 6:40 - 8PM

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Textbook: **Psychology: Themes & Variations - 9th edition.** (2012)
Wayne Weiten. Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning.

- Learning Objectives:**
- 1) To acquire requisite basic knowledge of the influential theories and relevant research involving important aspects of human behavior, including personality, learning and memory, psychological development, sensation and perception, and psychological disorders; in other words, *to find out what we currently know about how the mind works.*
 - 2) To master the fundamental principles underlying psychology as a scientific discipline. How do we carry out empirical research and use the resulting data to draw conclusions about how the mind works?
 - 3) To understand how the science of psychology is applied to the various domains of human behavior (e.g., mental health, education, parenting, organizational functioning, etc.).
 - 4) To situate psychology within the intellectual framework of contemporary thought, to review its historical evolution, and to gain familiarity with its current sub-disciplines.

This course has been certified as satisfying the Social Analysis (SCL) Learning Outcome Goal of the SAS Core Curriculum.

Requirements: Three hourly exams (50 points each) and a comprehensive final (100 points). **Make-up exams will not be permitted** unless 1) I am notified in advance *and* 2) documentation is furnished of a death in the family or an illness attested to by a medical professional. Make-up exams may comprise objective, written-answer, rather than multiple-choice, questions.

The lowest of your 3 hourly exam scores will be dropped, so the maximum total points possible = 200

Grading scale (subject to adjustment by instructor based on overall class performance):

180-200 = A	150-159 = C+	below 120 = F
170-179 = B+	140-149 = C	
160-169 = B	120-139 = D	

Attendance

Class attendance is not mandatory; however, the lectures will cover material not included in the textbook and some exam questions will be based on lecture notes and in-class videos. Therefore, **regular attendance is highly recommended.**

Research Participation

Participation in 5 RPU's worth of research conducted under the auspices of the Department of Psychology. For studies of a duration up to 30 min., you are credited with 1 RPU. For any study of a duration over 30 min. but up to 60 min., you are credited with 2 RPU's, etc. Go to the url <http://researchpool.rutgers.edu/> to find out more about this requirement and your options. ***You should complete this requirement as early in the semester as possible to avoid being deficient at semester's end. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in a grade reduction (e.g., B+ to B, B to C+, etc.)***

Academic Integrity: Collusion (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources) on exams is prohibited. Students suspected of doing so will be brought up on charges before university's Office of Student Conduct, and penalties, up to and including expulsion, will be imposed for those found guilty. (See <http://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.13-current.pdf> for specifics)

Academic Accommodations: Should you require academic accommodations, you must file a request with the Office of Disability Services (Kreeger Learning Center 151 College Avenue, Suite 123, disabilityservices.rutgers.edu). It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services and to provide me with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific testing accommodations.

CLASS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters Covered</u>	<u>Topics/Notes</u>
9/5		Class policies, procedures, grading, research participation requirements, etc.
9/10	1	Introduction to Psychology
9/12 & 9/17	12	Personality – Psychoanalytic, Neo-Analytic, and Humanist Theories
9/19 & 9/24	3 (110-115) 12 (514-516)	Personality - Genetics & Biological Factors
9/26 & 10/1	6	Classical & Operant Conditioning; Social Cognitive Learning Theory
10/3		EXAM 1 (Ch 1, 3, 6, & 12)
10/8 & 10/10	3	Basic Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology
10/15,17,22	7	Memory
10/24		EXAM 2 (CH 3 & 7)
10/29 & 10/31	2	Scientific Method in Psychology,
11/5	16	Social Psychology – Conformity, Compliance, and Social Influence, etc.
11/7 & 11/12	11	Developmental Processes and Theories
11/14 & 11/19	4	Sensation and Perception
11/26		EXAM 3 (Ch 16, 11, 4)

11/28, 12/3,5,12	14/15	Psychopathology: Diagnosis, Etiology, and Treatment
12/17 (MON)	8 – 11pm	FINAL EXAM (comprehensive – covers entire course)

NOTE: Dates, topics, and readings on class calendar are subject to revision due to pace of the class, emergency closings, and other unforeseeable exigencies.

Note: Using Sakai for web-based course support

A more detailed class calendar (with reading assignments, etc.), all MS PowerPoint slides used in lectures, practice quizzes to help in preparing for exams, important announcements, links to topically relevant websites, etc., will be available here. You get to the site by entering the address <https://sakai.rutgers.edu>, and logging in with your eden userid. The course should appear (as a tab near the top of the page) if you are on the roster - you just click on the tab for it and you are in. If you have many tabs (because you're a member of many Sakai sites) you may have to use the 'drop down' box to see them all. Once you are in the site, click on 'Modules' to access the lecture slides. Lecture slides will be in MS PowerPoint format, so you need to use a computer that has PowerPoint on its hard drive in order to open or download them. All of the PCs in the labs on any RU campus are so equipped. You can also view a class calendar with specific text reading assignments by clicking on 'Schedule.'