

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Introduction To Psychology 830:101 Section 10 Spring 2013
Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium (LIVINGSTON CAMPUS)
Tues. / Thurs. 5:00 – 6:20 PM

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Web-Based Course Support: sakai.rutgers.edu

Textbook: **Psychology: Themes & Variations - 9th edition.** (2012)

Wayne Weiten. Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning. (The bookstore is selling a loose-leaf style text. They are also selling an access code for Aplia, a web-based software platform that we will use for “homework learning assignments.” See information below.)

Aplia Access: See instructions on this document or on Sakai for registration to this e-learning resource which will be used for all required homework assignments.

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.

Requirements: Two Sakai-based hourly exams (50 points each), an online midterm in-class (50 points) 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.

Nine (9) online assignments (via APLIA). These take the form of “quizzes” that you may take up to three times. Only your 6 best scores will count toward your grade. Each quiz must be completed by the due date in order to get credit; the system is designed to send you an email a week before each one is due.

Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Your grade will be determined by total points earned using your *best two* hourly exam scores, the final exam score, and the average of your best 6 Aplia assignment scores.

Maximum total points possible: 500
Sakai Exam 1 = 100
In-Class Midterm = 100
Sakai Exam 3 = 100
Final Exam = 200
Aplia Assignments (online) = 100

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

450-500 = A	375-399 = C+	below 300 = F
425-449 = B+	350-374 = C	
400-424 = B	300-349 = D	

Attendance

Class attendance is not mandatory and no attendance will be taken; 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 RPUs 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 RPUs, 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.)**

CLASS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters Covered</u>	<u>Topics/Notes</u>
1/22	1	Class policies, procedures, grading, research participation requirements, etc. Introduction to Psychology – Overview of the Discipline
1/24 & 1/29	12	Personality – Psychoanalytic, Neo-Analytic, and Humanist Theories
1/31 & 2/5	3 (110-115) 12 (514-516)	Personality - Genetics & Biological Factors
2/7, 2/12, & 2/14	6	Classical & Operant Conditioning; Social Cognitive Learning Theory
2/19	Via Sakai	Online Exam (Ch 1, 6, 12)
2/21 & 2/26	3	Basic Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology
2/28, 3/5, 3/7	7	Memory
3/12 & 3/14	2 Appendix B A11-A14	Scientific Method in Psychology
3/26	In class	Exam (Ch 2, 3, 7)
3/28 & 4/2	13(9e) 16	Social Psychology – Conformity, Compliance, and Social Influence, etc.
4/4 & 4/9	5	Developmental Processes and Theories
4/11	4	Sensation & Perception
4/16	Via Sakai	Online Exam (Ch 4, 5, 13)
4/18 thru 5/2	15/16 (9e)	Psychopathology: Diagnosis, Etiology, and Treatment (14/15 in previous editions)
5/15 (Wed.) 4pm		FINAL EXAM (comprehensive – covers entire course)

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

WEB-BASED COURSE SUPPORT & REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS: You need to purchase an access code for the ebook and for APLIA, the text publisher's platform that we will use for required online quizzes. You can get this through the bookstore or directly from the publisher's site. (See the document with instructions on the following page, or on the document on Sakai) You may also purchase an access code for APLIA without the ebook (if you have obtained the book through some alternate means), either from the bookstore or directly from the publisher's site. There will be 10 quiz assignments, but only your 7 best scores will count toward your grade. Therefore, you could miss up to three with no adverse effect. You will be allowed to take each quiz three times, so there is no reason why everyone cannot get all of the answers correct and obtain the full point value for each of these assignments. They must be submitted on time; if not, you don't get the points. Late submission is not permitted.

The course also has a Sakai site. **Two 50-item multiple choice hourly exams will be posted there at the appropriate time.** A more detailed class calendar (with reading assignments, etc.), all MS PowerPoint slides used in lectures, important announcements, links to topically relevant websites, etc., will be available here. You get to the site by entering the URL <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.' Using the "View by Month" option is recommended

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.

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)

How to access your Aplia course

830:101:10 Intro to Psychology, Spring 2013

Instructor: Stephen Kilianski

Start Date: 01/22/2013

Course Key: 2UXY-HR35-PJCW

Registration

Aplia is part of CengageBrain, which allows you to sign in to a single site to access your Cengage materials and courses.

1. Connect to <http://login.cengagebrain.com/>
2. **If you already have an account, sign in.** From your Dashboard, enter your course key (2UXY-HR35-PJCW) in the box provided, and click the *Register* button.

If you don't have an account, click the *Create a New Account* button, and enter your course key when prompted: 2UXY-HR35-PJCW. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions.

Payment

Online: Purchase access to your course (including the digital textbook) from the CengageBrain website. If you choose not to pay immediately, you can use Aplia without paying until 11:59 PM on 02/06/2012.

Bookstore: Purchase access to Aplia and the ebook from your bookstore. You can purchase the access code as a "stand-alone" or in conjunction with a hard copy, loose-leaf form the text that includes only the chapters we will cover.