

SYLLABUS

Rutgers University General Psychology Class

Course: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY – 01:830:101:05

Day, Time: Monday & Wednesday, 6:10 pm. Fall 2015 Term

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My WALK-IN HOURS:

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Wednesdays at College Ave Campus, Career Center, 106 Somerset St, 12pm – 3pm.

T.A.:

Office hours: By appointment.

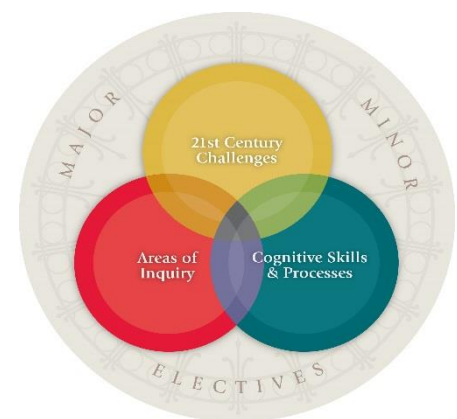
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SAS Core Goal statement for General Psychology

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

Specifically, students will be able to:

- a) Explain and be able to assess the relationship among assumptions, method, evidence, arguments, and theory in social and historical analysis (subgoal i);
and
- b) Apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations (subgoal n).



You can assess all class information, notes, exam dates, announcements, syllabus, assignments, and grades on our course website: <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>, then click on our course 01:830:101:05

TEXTBOOK: Introduction To Psychology, (10th Edition), by James W. Kalat, Thomson Wadsworth Publishers

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: This is a very interactive and motivational class! We will use hands-on exercises and lively group discussions, which will require you to draw from your personal experiences, to prepare you for understanding behavior and mental processes, and enriching your life!

This engaging course will offer insight into the basic principles of psychology including:

- What is psychology, psychologists and their discoveries, scientific methods, sensation and perception, nature vs nurture, human development, learning, thinking, memory, motivation and emotion, personality, stress and coping, disorders, and social psychology.
- Attendance is necessary in order to understand the material that will be tested.

EXAMS: 4 Exams to be given including the Final Exam – dates and details to be given in class. Exams are multiple choice (between 60 - 80 questions) and it covers materials from both lecture and textbook.

Each question is worth 1 point, on all exams. None of the tests are cumulative. You are responsible for bringing #2 pencils. No Make-ups for these exams, except with a note from your Dean or Physician.

- **All students must take all 4 exams. There is no dropping of lowest grades or exams.**

Grades are not negotiable. The simple grading will be explained in class. A=90-100, B+=87-89, B=80-86, C+=77-79, C=70-76, D=60-69, F=below 60

Note: Class Attendance important. There will be Class discussion, Exercises, In-class Experiments that are Not in Textbook, and will be on the Exams.

EXTRA CREDIT OPTIONAL : Oral Reports: These are optional for points added to your grades For more points added to your grade, opportunities for oral presentations at class will be discussed. You can earn up to 3 points towards your grades, and the assignment for oral reports are on Sakai. This will be explained in class, and these are for the extra credit.

NO term papers for extra credits (too many students), no other extra credit offered.

REQUIREMENTS: To all General Psy students! Please click on this to fulfill your requirements. <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpures>

You have 2 Options but you must fulfill these requirements for the course. Students in General Psy are required to earn 7 Research Participation Units (RPU)s that equates to a 3.5 hour commitment, as part of your grade. OR - you have an option to write two 2-page papers if you do not wish to participate in the experiments or are unable to.

OPTION 1: You can participate in a few experiments by putting in 3 1/2 hours of your time outside of class to earn research credits, which are called an “RPU”. You must earn a total of SEVEN “RPU’s” (1 RPU for each ½ hour of your participation in lab experiments). Participating in web-based or online studies gives you ½ RPU per ½ hour of online study participation (i.e., half credit) for a maximum of only one hour. In other words, you can earn only 1 RPU from online studies and the rest of the RPUs are earned by participating in 3 hours of in-person participation.

OPTION 2: Alternatively, you can opt-out of experimental participation by following Option 2, which consists of writing two summaries of research journal articles. Learning from technical articles and writing 2 page research papers summarizing a psychological study.

More information about both options are located here:

> <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpurules>

These requirements must be completed or you will be assessed penalties, meaning loss of points off your final grades. Even partial completion will dock points. Nonfulfillment of the requirement will result in a deduction from the final course grade.

Since research is an essential part of the field of psychology, these experiments offer you a great learning experience. On the website below, you will find experiments to select and participate in. Enjoy! <http://researchpool.rutgers.edu/>

CALENDAR: FALL 15 SCHEDULE - RU GENERAL PSYCH CLASS - Professor L Jacobs

<u>Mondays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Exams</u>
Sept	Sept 9	1 st – Sept 30 – Chpt 1, 2, 4, 5 <i>Introduction, Scientific Methods, Sensation, Human Development</i>
14	16	2 nd - Oct 26 – Chpt 6, 7, 8 <i>Learning, Memory, Cognition</i>
21	23	3 rd – Nov 17 – Chpt 10, 11, 12 <i>Consciousness, Motivation, Stress</i>
28	30 – <u>1st EXAM</u>	Dec ?? Final – Chpt 13, 14, 15 <i>Social Psych, Personality, Abnormal Psych, Disabilities</i>

Oct	5		7	<u>Oral Reports</u> - Can be given at any class
	12		14	<u>RPUs & Papers:</u> Due by last class, Dec 9
	19		21	
	26		28	
	<u>– 2ND EXAM</u>			
Nov	2	Nov	4	
	9		11	
	17		18	
	<u>– 3rd EXAM</u>			
	23		25	
Dec		Dec	2	
	7		9	– LAST CLASS. All RPUs, papers, oral reports due

Final Exam – Determined by Psychology Department & Rutgers

Exam 1 Sept 30: Chapt 1 = Introduction, 2 = Scientific Methods, 4 = Sensation, 5 = Human Development

Exam 2 Oct 26: Chapt 6 = Learning, 7 = Memory, 8 = Cognition,

Exam 3 Nov 17: Chapt 10 = Consciousness, 11 = Motivation, 12 = Stress,

Exam 4 Dec ??: Chapt 13 = Social, Chapt 14 = Personality, 15 = Abnormal Psychology, Disabilities

***We are an Awesome class, a great class,
and we will have a terrific semester together!
Guaranteed!***