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General Psychology 830:101 Section 06 Spring 2015
Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium (Livingston Campus)
Mon. / Wed. 6:40 – 8:00 PM

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

Wayne Weiten. Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning. (There are several options – see information below)

- 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: Three hourly exams (100 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.

There is also a “research participation” requirement – see information below

Your grade will be determined by total points earned using your *best two* hourly exam scores and the final exam score. **These are the sole determinants of your grade.**

Maximum total points possible: 300

<i>Grading scale:</i>	270-300	A
	255-269	B+
	240-254	B
	225-239	C+
	210-224	C
	195-209	D
	Below 195	F

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.**

Exam Info The hourly exams will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions each. You will earn 2 points for every correct answer. Exam 1 will be taken in the lecture hall; Exam 2 will be taken online via Sakai. Exam 3 may be either in-class or online. This will be determined later in the semester. On the 100-item final exam, you will earn 1 point for each correct answer. The location of that exam will be provided at a later date

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.)***

Text Options (1) Purchase access to Aplia which will give you use of an ebook and online learning tools. You can purchase the access code from NJ Books or directly from the publisher (Cengage). (2) Purchase

access to Aplia and a copy of the text from NJ Books. (3) Purchase (or rent) a used copy of the text from any source you want. **YOU DO NOT NEED APLIA – IT IS NOT REQUIRED.** It's simply offered as one of your options. More information about that is given below.

Academic Accommodations: Should you require academic accommodations (additional testing time, special testing conditions, etc.), 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 such as the text, notes, or websites) on any exam, including the one given online, 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 Aplia (optional)

830:101:02 - Intro to Psychology - Fall 2014

Instructor: Stephen Kilianski

Start Date: 09/03/2014

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Cost

Directly from publisher site: Per my contact, \$84 (Aplia + ebook for this semester only).

Bookstore: Markup on the above is 25%. The cost of the text itself along with Aplia access code will be much more than the above.

Used text: Since Aplia is not required, you may be able to get a used text for less than \$84 (Amazon, ebay, rental, students who have previously taken my class, etc.)

CLASS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters Covered</u>	<u>Topics/Notes</u>
1/21	1	Class policies, procedures, grading, research participation requirements, etc. Introduction to Psychology – Overview of the Discipline
1/28 & 2/2	12	Personality – Psychoanalytic, Neo-Analytic, and Humanist Theories
2/4	3 (110-115) 12 (514-516)	Personality - Genetics & Biological Factors
2/9,2/11,2/16	6	Classical & Operant Conditioning; Social Cognitive Learning Theory
2/18 3 pp.)	In class	Exam 1 (Ch 1, 6, 12 and specific Ch 3 pp.)
2/23 & 2/25	3	Basic Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology
3/2 & 3/4	2 App. B A11-A14	Scientific Method in Psychology
3/9 & 3/11	7	Memory
3/16 & 3/18	NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK	
3/23	On Sakai	Exam 2 (Ch 2, 3, 7)
3/25 & 3/30	4	Sensation & Perception (Vision only)
3/30 & 4/1	13	Social Psychology – Conformity, Compliance, and Social Influence, etc.
4/6 & 4/8	11	Developmental Processes and Theories
4/13	TBA	Exam 3 (Ch 4, 11, 13)
4/15 to 4/30	15/16	Psychopathology: Diagnosis,

Etiology, and Treatment

5/11 8:00 PM

FINAL EXAM (comprehensive – covers entire course) Location TBA

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.

The course has a Sakai site. 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

The Sakai exam (currently scheduled for 3/11) will be taken during the normal class period (6:40-8pm) but not in the classroom. You will have 60 min. to complete all 50 questions. You will not be able to go back to previous questions, so make sure you have chosen the correct answer before proceeding to the next question. Also, take care not to hit the "exit" or "submit for grading" button before you have completed all 50 items. Wireless web connections have been known to be unreliable or slow on campus, so use an Ethernet connection if at all possible.
