

WELCOME

Introduction to Psychology: 830:101:04

Course Sakai site: General Psychology 101:04

MTH1 (8:40-10am) LSH Aud

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Learning Goals

Students will learn leading terms, concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the subject of the Psychology. Students will be asked to use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to ask, answer and understand questions related to many topics in Psychology. Students will learn to apply psychological concepts and content to become engaged citizens.

Current Academic Integrity Policy: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml>

Violations include: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, denying others access to information or material, and facilitating violations of academic integrity.

List of Required Books &/or Materials :

Introduction to Psychology, 11th Edition
James Kalat

Cengage Learning ISE

Note: You do NOT need a clicker for this class!

Course Structure and Requirements.

- **There will be 2 hourly exams and 1 final exam. The hourly exams will be worth approximately 33 points each, the final will be worth approximately 34 points. Values are approximate because questions may be thrown out based on success rates. All will be multiple choice. Format TBD.**
- Students with disabilities requesting accommodations: Follow the procedures outlined at <http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/request.html>
- **The Psychology department requires all General Psychology students to log into the RPU system via the following website: <http://researchpool.rutgers.edu/> in order to**

participate in research at some point in the semester. There is an alternative option: check out <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpurules> for details. The work required is minor but mandatory, and many of you may find it interesting. Note: If you choose the writing option (writing papers rather than participating in research) the first paper will be due in mid October.

Week 1 - 3: What is Psychology, Scientific Method, Biological Psychology

Week 4 -6: (10/3-10/17) Learning, Memory, Sensation and Perception

10/20: Exam 1: Chapters 1,2,3,4, 6,7*

Week 7-9: (10/24-11/7) Chapters 8,10,11 (Cognition and Language, Consciousness, Motivated Behaviors)

Week 10-12 (11/7-11/17) Chapter 12,13 (Emotions, Stress and Health, Social Psychology)

11/21: Exam 2: Chapters 8,10,11,12,13* (We will only have the exam that week, regardless of meeting day.)

Week 14-16 (11/28-12/12) Chapter 14,15 (Personality, Abnormal Psychology, Disorders, and Treatment.)

Final Exam will not be cumulative. It will cover the last chapters.

Final Exam is Scheduled December 19: 8:00 am-11:00 am

*If we do not cover chapters listed here before their respective exam, that chapter will be on the following exam.

The Final Exam will take place during the Common Hour Exam Schedule.

<http://scheduling.rutgers.edu/index.shtml>. The date will also be announced as soon as I have a final schedule.

General Policies: In large classes, it becomes necessary to control the flow of email, so that valid questions can be answered in a timely manner. I am available via email and in person to discuss any issue OTHER THAN THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW.

1. There MAY be, on rare occasion, an opportunity for extra credit. I will announce these as they come up. I will not give extra credit opportunities to individual students. Please do not ask.
2. If there is a grade curve, it will show at the end of the semester. Grades in my classes do not generally warrant a curve, but I am certainly open to the possibility. If there is a curve, it will be based on a statistical evaluation of the performance of the class as a whole. I will announce any alterations in grading in class and on Sakai. Please do not

ask.

3. A good grade in this class is certainly achievable. There will be very fair and specific parameters for what constitutes an “A”, a “B”, etc. I can not change any grade for extenuating circumstances (unless there has been a grading error) even if you’re really, really close. Please do not ask.

Note: This is a very large class. Please use the resources on Sakai to get answers to routine questions; nearly all questions can be answered by looking at past announcements, resources, and the chat room. If those resources don’t yield an answer, by all means, send me an email or see me before or after class.

Note: I am frequently present in the chat room. The best (and fastest) way to get answers regarding RPU is at the website: <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpures>

The best (and easiest) way to do well in this class is to show up and pay attention. I’ll do my best to make it interesting! I look forward to meeting you all.