

# General Psychology

## Summer 2016

**01:830:101:B2**  
**MTWTh 10:10 AM - 12:05 PM**  
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**Required Textbook:** Myers, D. G. & Dewall, C. N. (2015). Psychology (11th edition) textbook. ISBN: 978-1464140815

**Course Overview / Learning Goals:** This is an introductory course to psychology. The course will focus on covering the majority of topics connected to psychology (e.g., behavioral neuroscience, group behavior, sensory perception, mental disorders and their treatment).

By the end of the course, students will:

- Learn the basic vocabulary used in psychology
- Be able to discuss major concepts from a variety of disciplines within psychology
- Be introduced to the importance of statistics and research in psychology

**Grading:** Course grades will be based on the following:

Homework (2/3)	12 points
Quizzes (3)	18 points
Exams (2)	40 points
<u>Final Exam (1)</u>	<u>30 points</u>
Total	100 points

Your course grade will be determined by the following grading scale\*:

88-100	A
84-87	B+
79-83	B
75-78	C+
70-75	C
65-69	D

**\*NOTE: THIS GRADING SCALE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**Reading and Homework Assignments:** You are expected to read the assigned chapter prior to the class in which the material is discussed. In addition to the reading, homework assignments will be given that are to be completed following each lecture. They will be due at the beginning of the next class.

You will be allowed to skip one homework assignment so that you only have to do two in total. Late homework assignments will receive 1 point off for every class they are late.

**Attendance:** You should attend all classes in this course. Although attendance will not be formally monitored, it is in your best interest to come to class prepared. That means you should have read the assigned chapter prior to class, and have completed any homework assignment that is due that day. If you are absent on a day where homework is checked, you will need to speak to me about it.

Absence from a scheduled quiz or exam should occur only under the most serious of circumstances. Make-up quizzes or exams will be given only for absences that are deemed excused. Excused absences will require written and signed documentation, and it will be left to my discretion whether a make-up is warranted. Make-ups must be taken within a week of the missed quiz or exam, as you will lose the opportunity to make it up after the week has passed. In addition, make-up exams may be more difficult than the original test.

**Academic Integrity:** Students are expected to adhere to the University's regulations regarding academic integrity, which can be found at the following web address:

<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml>

**Constant contact:** As a general rule, as long as you keep in contact with me about any absences, issues, questions or anything else that might come up in class, I will try my hardest to help you with whatever it is you need. Don't hesitate to email me or speak with me after class about anything on your mind!

**NOTE: ANY INFORMATION IN THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS AND ON THE COURSE'S SAKAI SITE.**

Schedule of Classes

May 31<sup>st</sup>

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1. Introductions
  2. Syllabus
  3. The Story of Psychology (*Prologue*)
  4. Thinking Critically With Psychological Science (*Chapter 1*)
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June 1<sup>st</sup>

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1. The Biology of the Mind (*Chapter 2*)
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June 2<sup>nd</sup>

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1. Consciousness and the Two-Track Mind (*Chapter 3*)
- Homework #1**
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June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Quiz #1**

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1. Nature, Nature, and Human Diversity (*Chapter 4*)
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June 7<sup>th</sup>

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1. Developing Through the Lifespan (*Chapter 5*)
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June 8<sup>th</sup>

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1. Review for Exam #1
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June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Study Day**

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June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Exam #1: Chapters 1-5**

June 14<sup>th</sup>

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1. Sensation and Perception (*Chapter 6*)
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June 15<sup>th</sup>

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1. Learning (*Chapter 7*)
  2. Memory (*Chapter 8*)
- Homework #2**
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June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Quiz #2**

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1. What Drive Us: Hunger, Sex, Friendship, and Achievement (*Chapter 11*)
  2. Review for Exam #2
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June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Exam #2: Chapters 6-8, 11**

June 21<sup>st</sup>

1. Emotions, Stress and Health (*Chapter 12*)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>

1. Social Psychology (*Chapter 13*)

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

1. Personality (*Chapter 14*)

**Homework #3**

June 27<sup>th</sup>

1. Psychological Disorders (*Chapter 15*)
2. Therapy (*Chapter 16*)

June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Study Day**

July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Review for Final Exam: Chapters 1-7**

June 30<sup>th</sup>

**Review for Final Exam: Chapters 8, 11-16**

July 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>

**FINAL EXAM: Cumulative**

**HAVE A GREAT REST OF YOUR SUMMER!!!**