

General Psychology

MW10:05-11:55am

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Required Materials:

1) Kalat: Introduction to Psychology 11th edition

2) TopHat Monocle in class response system

When you register for TopHat, make sure to use your full name as it appears on the roster.

Top Hat course name: General Psychology - Summer 2016

Direct URL: <https://app.tophat.com/e/763930>

6-digit course code: 763930

Goals of this class:

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and the mind. As such it is a diverse field dealing with everything from biology/physiology to learning development to social interaction. This is an introductory course and we will only be able to skim the surface of as many topics allowed in 6 weeks. The goal of this course is to give you an overview of each subfield of psychology so you can leave with a basic understanding of psychology. In addition, I hope to expose you to the scientific study of psychology to help you evaluate issues that you will read about in the popular press and encounter in everyday life.

Office Hours:

Office Hours will be held by appointment after class at my office on Livingston Campus in Tillett Hall, room 313. Feel free to set up an appointment to discuss the course material or any questions you may have about courses and careers in psychology.

In the Classroom

My philosophy of education includes active participation in class as I don't want to have to lecture for 2 hours. In my experience, this format only works when everyone puts effort into being prepared for class and actively participating in discussions. When it does work, it is similar to the kinds of interaction which will help you in your courses and your careers. You are fortunate to be registered for this class in the summer when the class is small and can facilitate open discussion.

In Class Responses

The TopHat response system will allow for interactive class participation. When a question is presented on the PowerPoint during lecture, you will answer and receive 1 point for each question answered whether correct or not. You will receive another 1 point for correct multiple choice questions and another 2-4 points for correct discussion questions. Your grade for in class responses will be out of 150 points. I will give you an extra credit point for every 5 points received above 150 points.

Quizzes

There will be 5 quizzes which will consist of 20 questions each. You will have 1 hour to complete each quiz and will only have one chance to take the assessment. **Please make sure not to miss the closing date as I will not be able to open the quiz once it has closed.**

Examinations

There will be two hourly examinations, each consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions and a final consisting of 75 multiple-choice questions. You will also have 5 online quizzes. Dates of these exams are listed on the class calendar. Exam questions will cover material reviewed during class, online and assigned reading. You are responsible for all material in the chapters assigned unless otherwise indicated.

Make up exam policy:

You need to provide both (1) advance notice of your absence to me (via email) AND (2) acceptable documentation for the absence (e.g., an excuse from a doctor, a death notice, obituary, or funeral notice, a police report, etc.). Unless both of these criteria are met, you will not be permitted to take a make-up. Make-up exams will be in essay format.

Studying:

Inevitably every semester there are students who are not happy with their grades and seem to not be concerned until the day before the final. Please do not put yourself in that position and make sure that you keep up with the class through out the semester. I know that the summer is tough since the class is compressed into less than 6 weeks and you would rather be outside basking in the sun. The following are some tips on how you should study for the exams:

If you want to learn the subject matter well, read the assigned material before the lecture review the material after the lecture, quickly go over it again a day or two later, and then re-read the notes and the chapter for a few days before the exam. Memory researchers have established that you will understand and remember something better by studying it several times spread out over days than by studying the same amount of time all at once. Also, of course, the more total time you spend studying, the better.

When you study, don't just read the text and lecture notes but stop and think about the material. The more actively you use the material, the better you will remember it. Also

test yourself using flashcards. Go through the lecture notes and write the name of the concept on the front and the definition on the back. Don't worry about memorizing the definition word for word as it would be better to try to use each word in a sentence or think of examples for each term.

Research requirement:

You are required to participate in research over the semester. However, you will have the option of

(1) participating psychology research as a subject ("experimental participation credits")
OR

(2) B) Find a short journal article to read (see Psychological Science if logged into a Rutgers computer: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/loi/PSCI?cookieSet=1>). Write a brief description of the study that identifies the research question, the dependent variable, the independent variable, and design type (correlational and/or experimental). If there are many DVs and IVs then just report the most important ones. Then turn in both the first page of the article and your description. (2), confer with me for approval of your selected article, and for format, content, and length requirements. (The summary will count as extra credit if you also participate in a study)

Additional credit:

There will also be many opportunities for extra credit throughout the semester in addition to extra response questions in class.

1) You will also have many opportunities to participate in ongoing research in the psychology department and in addition to the one required study you may participate in any other studies for 2 extra credit points each.

2) Summarize a scientific journal article (see Psychological Science if logged into a Rutgers computer) for 2 extra credit points (limit 2).

3) Find an article relating to one of the topics we are studying in the popular press (Psychology Today, Scientific American Mind, New York Times, Time magazine, etc.) and summarize the article and relate it to the topic covered in class for 2 extra credit points (limit 2).

Evaluation:

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Evaluations are based on:

Two hourly exams (50 questions) each worth 20%,
Final examination worth (75 questions) 20%
Five quizzes worth (20 questions each) 20%,
TopHat Questions 20%
Discussion Posts (16 total) 20%

A	90-100	C+	76- 79
B+	86- 89	C	70- 75
B	80- 85	D	60- 69

****Schedule of Reading Assignments and Exams****

**** (All dates are approximate and changes will be announced in class)****

Date	Material	Due
Monday 7/11 In class	Introduction <u>Chapter 1: What is Psychology</u> <u>Chapter 2: Scientific Methods in Psychology</u>	
Tuesday 7/12	<u>Chapter 3: Biological Psychology</u>	
Wednesday 7/13 In class	<u>Chapter 3: Biological Psychology</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 2 due at 11:59pm
Thursday 7/14	<u>Chapter 4: Sensation and Perception</u>	
Monday 7/18 In class	<u>Chapter 4: Sensation and Perception</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 3 due at 11:59pm Online quiz on chapters 1-4 open from 7/18-7/21
Tuesday 7/19	<u>Chapter 5: Nature, Nurture, Human Development</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 4 due at 11:59pm
Wednesday 7/20 In class	<u>Chapter 6: Learning</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 5 due at 11:59pm
Thursday 7/21	<u>Chapter 7: memory</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 6 due at 11:59pm Online quiz on chapters 5-7 open from 7/21-7/24
Monday 7/25 In class	Exam 1 Chapters 1-7	Discussion Posts for chapter 7 due at 11:59pm
Tuesday 7/26	<u>Chapter 8: Cognition and Language</u>	

Wednesday 7/27 In class	<u>Chapter 9: Intelligence</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 8 due at 11:59pm
Thursday 7/28	<u>Chapter 10: Consciousness</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 9 due at 11:59pm
Monday 8/1	<u>Chapter 10: Consciousness</u>	Online quiz on chapters 8-10 open from 8/1-8/4
Tuesday 8/2	<u>Chapter 11: Motivated Behaviors</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 10 due at 11:59pm
Wednesday 8/3 On Line	<u>Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress and Health</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 11 due at 11:59pm
Thursday 8/4	<u>Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress and Health</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 12 due at 11:59pm Online quiz on chapters 11-12 open from 8/4 -8/7
Monday 8/8 In class	Exam 2 Chapters 8 -12	
Tuesday 8/9	<u>Chapter 13: Social Psychology</u>	
Wednesday 8/10 In class	<u>Chapter 14: Personality</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 13 due at 11:59pm
Thursday 8/11	<u>Chapter 15: Abnormal Psychology</u>	Discussion Posts for chapter 14 due at 11:59pm
Monday 8/15 In class	<u>Chapter 15: Abnormal Psychology</u>	Online quiz on chapters 13-15 open from 8/14 -8/17
Tuesday 8/16	study	Discussion Posts for chapter 15 due at 11:59pm
Wednesday 8/17 In class	Final	

