

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
830:101:H5
Summer 2017 – 3rd Session

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Textbook

Gray & Bjorklund (2014). *Psychology (7th ed.)*. New York, NY: Worth Publishers.
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Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the field of psychology by presenting a thorough review of different psychological perspectives. Upon successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

- Describe and apply the knowledge, perspectives, principles, and types of reasoning employed in psychology as a social science.
- Articulate how the knowledge, perspectives, principles, and types of reasoning utilized in psychology may contribute to our understanding of human behavior and development.
- Analyze psychological events and phenomena from multiple perspectives within the field of psychology and evaluate the merits and limitations therein.

Attendance and Assignments

- Because this course is challenging and we cover a lot of material in every class, you are expected to attend *every class*.
 - You will lose attendance points for missed classes
 - If you absolutely have to miss a class (due to illness, travel, etc.) **you must contact me before the start of class** or you cannot make up the exam for that day. If you don't contact me or you contact me after the class you missed, you will get a 0 on that exam. Any absence due to illness must be supported by a signed doctor's note. Other absences (e.g., unexpected car accident) *need* to be supported by some sort of receipt to show that you haven't just concocted a story (e.g., a receipt from the tow company or body shop from the day you missed class).
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Office hours

My office hours are by appointment only. We can also meet before class if you schedule with me in advance. I welcome and encourage any student to contact me with any questions concerning a lecture, an assignment, or anything else that might affect your experience in this course.

Course website

If you are properly registered for the course, you have access to the course website through Sakai. There you will find copies of all slides and handouts, and special notices. **The syllabus will be posted online. If you have questions about the course this should be the first place you look for an answer.** It is also vital that you check your email and look at the announcements on the Sakai site. Important updates and tips will be posted through these means.

Students with disabilities

Any student who feels he or she needs accommodation for a physical or learning disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (151 College Ave, Suite 123; phone 732-932-2848) and read more about Rutgers' policy at <http://disability/services.rutgers.edu> .

- If you request accommodations for this course, you will need a letter from Disability Services. This letter must be provided to me *by our second class*, at which point you may make a request for course-specific accommodations. The Chair of Undergraduate Psychology and I will review your request and may choose to modify it before it is approved.

Cheating

- All exams are *closed book*, and *not a collaborative experience*.
- **Any student who cheats will, at the very least, receive a failing grade for the test.** More severe consequences (e.g., failing the class, expulsion) are also possible.
- More about academic integrity can be found at <http://ctaar.rutgers.edu/integrity/policy.html>.

Assignments and Grading:

All exams will be given during class.

Attendance: 2 points per day (24 points total)

4 exams: 25 points each (100 points total)

1 final exam: 50 points

TOTAL: 174 points

Grade Cutoffs:

A = 90% and higher	157 and over
B+ = 87-89%	151 to 156
B = 80-86%	139 to 150
C+ = 77-79%	134 to 138
C = 70-76%	122 to 133
D = 60-69%	104 to 121
F = Below 60%	103 and under

Summer 2017 – Session 1 Schedule

Week	Class	Date	Topic	Readings & Tests
1	1	Mon 7/10	Introduction Genetics & Evolution	Ch. 1, 3
	2	Wed 7/12	The Brain and Body	Ch. 5
2	3	Mon 7/17	Sensation & Perception Memory & Attention	Ch. 7, 8, 9 Exam 1
	4	Wed 7/19	Learning Processes	Ch. 4
3	5	Mon 7/24	Motivation & Emotion	Ch. 6 Exam 2
	6	Wed 7/26	Problem Solving	Ch. 10
4	7	Mon 7/31	Developmental	Ch. 11, 12 Exam 3
	8	Wed 8/2	Social Perception & Influence	Ch. 13, 14
5	9	Mon 8/7	Personality	Ch. 15 Exam 4
	10	Wed 8/9	Mental Disorders and Treatment	Ch. 16, 17
6	11	Mon 8/14	Scientific Method & Statistics	Ch. 2
	12	Wed 8/16	Final Exam	Final Exam