

## **SYLLABUS**

### **Rutgers University General Psychology Class**

**Course:** **GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY – 01:830:101:05**

**Day, Time:** **Monday & Wednesday, 6:10 pm.** Fall 2018 Term

**Location:** **Scott Hall, Room 123,** at College Avenue campus

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**My walk-in hours:** Tuesdays at Cook Campus, 2pm - 4pm, at The Chang Library, Foran Hall, off the Lobby

**Schedule Appointments:** Schedule through your Handshake account

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### **SAS Core Goal statement for General Psychology**

This course has been certified as satisfying the Social Analysis (SCL) Learning Outcome Goal of the SAS Core Curriculum.

Specifically, students will be able to:

a) Explain and be able to assess the relationship among assumptions, method, evidence, arguments, and theory in social and historical analysis (subgoal i);

and

b) Apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations (subgoal n).

You can assess all class information, notes, exam dates, announcements, syllabus, assignments, and grades on our course website: <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>, then click on our course 01:830:101:05

**TEXTBOOK:** **Introduction To Psychology, (11th Edition),** by **James W. Kalat,** Thomson Wadsworth Publishers. ISBN-13: 9781337127462. Cengage Learning

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:** This is a very interactive and motivational class! We will use hands-on exercises, lively group discussions, videos, which will require you to draw from your personal experiences, to prepare you for understanding behavior and mental processes, and enriching your life!

This engaging course will offer insight into the basic principles of psychology including:

- What is psychology, psychologists and their discoveries, scientific methods, sensation and perception, nature vs nurture, human development, learning, thinking, memory, motivation and emotion, personality, stress and coping, disorders, and social psychology.
- Attendance is necessary. Students are expected to attend all classes. If you expect to miss a class, you must contact the Professor or the TA.

**EXAMS:** 4 Exams will be given including the Final Exam. Dates and details are listed. Exams will be multiple choice and will cover material from both lecture and the textbook. There will be approximately 80 questions on Exams 1, 2, and 3, and 100 questions on the noncumulative final for a total of approximately 340 total exam questions for the semester.

Each question on all exams is worth 1 point toward your total points for the semester. Your total points will be used to determine your course grade.

None of the tests are cumulative. You are responsible for bringing #2 pencils.

### **Make-Up Exams:**

Acceptable reasons to miss an exam include religious holidays, serious illness, or a death in the family. However, **YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION (Dean's note or doctor's note) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A MAKEUP EXAM.** The note must be sent to the TA via e-mail BEFORE the exam, OR you must notify the TA of your absence BEFORE the exam AND provide the note in-person on the day of the make-up exam. **If no note is provided, you will NOT be able to take a makeup exam EVEN IF YOU NOTIFIED THE TA IN ADVANCE THAT YOU WOULD MISS THE EXAM. Therefore, if no note is provided you will receive a zero on the exam that you missed.**

If you inform us AFTER the exam that you were not there AND YOU PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION, then we can permit you to take the makeup exam, but we will deduct 5 points from your score (e.g., if you earned a 70/80 on Exam 1, your score will be lowered to a 65/80).

Contact our TA for all make-up exam requests. The TA will proctor the makeup exam, and if you are approved to take a make-up exam, she will provide you with the dates, times, and location of the exam.

**All students must take all 4 exams. There is NO dropping of lowest grades or exams.**

### **GRADING: Calculating Your Final Grade**

Your grade will be determined by total points earned during the semester. To calculate your final grade, sum the total number of points you earned during the semester and divide it into the total points offered to the class.

**GRADES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE!**

Note: Class Attendance is necessary. There will be Class discussion, Exercises, In-class Experiments that are Not in Textbook, and that will be on the Exams.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:** Please click on this to read the full guidelines regarding requirements that ALL Rutgers General Psychology students must fulfill:

<http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpurules>

To summarize, you have 2 Options regarding completion of the requirements, but you must complete ONE of these options . **Failure to do so will result in a grade reduction (e.g., B+ to B, B to C+, etc.).**

The two options are to (1) earn 7 Research Participation Units (RPUs) that equates to a 3.5 hour commitment, as part of your grade, OR (2) write two 2-page technical papers if you do not wish to participate in the experiments or are unable to.

**OPTION 1:** You can participate in a few experiments by putting in 3 1/2 hours of your time outside of class to earn research credits, which are called “RPUs”. You must earn a total of SEVEN RPUs (1 RPU for each ½ hour of your participation in lab experiments). Participating in web-based or online studies gives you ½ RPU per ½ hour of online study participation (i.e., half credit) for a maximum of only one hour. In other words, you can earn only 1 RPU from online studies and the rest of the RPUs are earned by participating in 3 hours of in-person participation. RPUs are NOT added to your grade; you only lose points if you did not complete them. On the following website, you will be able to sign up to participate in Psychology experiments to earn RPUs: <https://rutgers-researchpool.sona-systems.com>

**OPTION 2:** Alternatively, you can opt-out of experimental participation by following Option 2, which consists of writing two 2-page (double-spaced) summaries of highly technical psychology research journal articles (note that these articles must be peer-reviewed journals; magazines such as Psychology Today are unacceptable sources for these articles. See <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpurules> for details on rules regarding acceptable sources). If you choose to complete Option 2, **the first paper is due NO LATER than Monday, October 24.** If you do not turn in the first paper by that date, you will no longer be eligible to complete Option 2 and you must complete Option 1 instead (fulfilling the requirement through research participation—earning 7 RPUs) or you will receive a grade deduction.

More information about both options are located here:

> <http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/rpurules>

Again, **failure to complete ALL 7 RPUs OR two 2-page summaries of journal articles will result in a reduction of your final grade (e.g., B+ to B, B to C+). THERE IS NO PARTIAL CREDIT FOR RPUs OR PAPERS.**

**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. <https://ods.rutgers.edu/> (848) 445-6800 / Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, NJ

It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services and to provide the professor with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific testing accommodations.

**Student Wellness Services:**

Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)

(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / [www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/](http://www.rhscaps.rutgers.edu/)

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / [www.vpva.rutgers.edu/](http://www.vpva.rutgers.edu/)

***Academic Integrity:*** Cheating (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources such as the text and/or class notes and slides) on any exam 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://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy> for specifics)