

Course Syllabus

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY 08 Fall 21 (Index: 16072)

Wednesday 11:00 AM - 12:20 PM Busch ARC-103

Friday 1:00 PM - 2:20 PM Busch ARC-103

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Required Textbook :

**PSYCHOLOGY
Fifth Edition**

**DANIEL L. SCHACTER
DANIEL T. GILBERT
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Option 1:

Loose-Leaf Version for Psychology 5e & Achieve Read & Practice for Psychology 5e (1-Term Access)
9781319332525
\$60 net

Option 2:

Achieve Read & Practice for Psychology (1-Term Access)
9781319240127
\$45 net

Where to purchase: Barnes & Noble at Rutgers [100 Somerset St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901]

Welcome to Psychology 101. This course will introduce you to the various topics and issues in the scientific exploration of mind and behavior. 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 1 semester. However, by the end of the semester, you should be well prepared to go on to study more advanced courses in our department. Along the way, you will discover what psychologists have learned that can enrich your studies, your relationships, your health, and other important aspects of your life.

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.
- B) Apply concepts about human and social behavior to particular questions or situations.

This course also satisfies the following Psychology Department Learning Goals:

- Students will know the leading terms, concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
- Students will apply psychological concepts and content to become engaged citizens.
- Students will use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific
- Approach to ask, answer and understand questions related to behavior and mental processes.

Mask Mandate:

In order to protect the health and well-being of all members of the University community, masks must be worn by all persons on campus when in the presence of others (within six feet) and in buildings in non-private enclosed settings (e.g., common workspaces, workstations, meeting rooms, classrooms, etc.). Masks must be worn during class meetings; any student not wearing a mask will be asked to leave. Masks should conform to CDC guidelines and should completely cover the nose and mouth: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-facecoverings.html>

Each day before you arrive on campus or leave your residence hall, you must complete the brief survey on the My Campus Pass symptom checker self-screening app (<https://coronavirus.rutgers.edu/symptom-checker/>)

Remote Learning Technology/Software Requirements (Just in Case):

Learning remotely presents new challenges. For assistance with learning how to address these challenges, please consult the resources available here: https://rlc.rutgers.edu/remote_instruction

Please visit the [Rutgers Student Tech Guide](#) page for resources available to all students. If you do not have the appropriate technology for financial reasons, please email Dean of Students deanofstudents@echo.rutgers.edu for assistance. If you are facing other financial hardships, please visit the Office of Financial Aid at <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/>.

Technology/Software Requirements

Software:

Rutgers Box account: (<https://box.rutgers.edu/>)

Rutgers Zoom Account: (<https://it.rutgers.edu/zoom/>)

Technology:

Computer: Laptop or desktop computer. A tablet may be used in some cases.

Internet Connectivity: Preferably a high-speed connection. You may also use a wireless hotspot through your mobile provider.

Microphone (optional): This may be built into your device, but an external microphone or headset will provide better sound.

Webcam (optional): Many computers have one built in, but you can easily connect an external USB camera.

The Division of Student Affairs Diversity & Inclusion Statement:

Excerpted (<http://inclusion.rutgers.edu/>):

“The Division of Student Affairs works to create an environment of inclusion which respects and affirms the inherent dignity, value, and uniqueness of all individuals, communities and perspectives. Our practices reflect awareness and understanding of the complexity of identity and the increasing interconnectedness of our world. It is our responsibility to promote and maintain a community of compassion, embracing the rich dimensions of diversity, and facilitating opportunities for understanding and the expression of both individual and shared truths.”

In other words, We understand that our members represent a rich variety of backgrounds and perspectives. The Psychology Department is committed to providing an atmosphere for learning that respects diversity. While working together to build this community we ask all members to:

- share their unique experiences, values and beliefs
- be open to the views of others
- honor the uniqueness of their colleagues
- appreciate the opportunity that we have to learn from each other in this community
- value each other’s opinions and communicate in a respectful manner
- use this opportunity together to discuss ways in which we can create an inclusive environment in this course and across the Rutgers U. community

Current Academic Integrity Policy and Honor Pledge:

Overview: Rutgers University takes academic dishonesty very seriously. By enrolling in this course, you assume responsibility for familiarizing yourself with the Academic Integrity Policy and the possible penalties (including suspension and expulsion) for violating the policy. As per the policy, all suspected violations will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to):

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Aiding others in committing a violation or allowing others to use your work
- Failure to cite sources correctly
- Fabrication
- Using another person’s ideas or words without attribution—re-using a previous assignment
- Unauthorized collaboration
- Sabotaging another student’s work in doubt, please consult the instructor

Honor pledge: All students will need to sign the Rutgers Honor Pledge on every major exam, assignment, or other assessment as follows:

- *On my honor, I have neither received nor given any unauthorized assistance on this examination (assignment).*

Summary:

<http://nbacademicintegrity.rutgers.edu/home-2/academic-integrity-policy/>

Resources for Students:

<http://nbacademicintegrity.rutgers.edu/home-2/for-students/>

Accommodations for students with disabilities:

In compliance with the Rutgers University policy and equal access laws, I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities. Requests for academic accommodations are to be made during the first two weeks of the semester, except for unusual circumstances, so arrangements can be made. Students are encouraged to register with the RU Office of Disability Services to verify their eligibility for appropriate accommodations and provide me with appropriate documentation.

<https://ods.rutgers.edu/>

<http://health.rutgers.edu/>

Policy on attendance:

Please use COVID common sense if you are feeling unwell. It is expected for students to isolate thanks to covid or other ailments and flexibility will be built in. HOWEVER, students are expected to attend class lectures and final presentations. However, in the case of a medical emergency or other extreme circumstances, it is the student's responsibility to **contact another student**, determine what material / announcements they missed, and take appropriate action to catch up, as necessary. It is not the instructor's responsibility to provide make-up materials to the student.

Policy on collaboration:

You may not post to any web site or otherwise distribute any class materials such as class recordings, lecture slides, exam questions, or practice questions.

General course requirements/notes:

1. **CANVAS.** It is expected that all students will regularly access CANVAS for course announcements and materials. Please also make sure that you check your Rutgers email regularly.
2. **University e-mail accounts** should be checked at least daily by the student because this will be the primary means for sending information to the class or contacting individual students. Failure to monitor your e-mail effectively is not an excuse for not having course information or for not following up on course issues in a timely manner.
3. **Regular and reliable access to a computer with Internet.** Please visit the Rutgers Student Tech Guide page for resources available to all students. If you do not have the appropriate technology for financial reasons, please email Dean of Students deanofstudents@echo.rutgers.edu or complete the contact form for assistance. If you are facing other financial hardships, please visit the Office of Financial Aid at <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/>.
4. **Attendance:** Attending class is essential to the learning process. Please don't be late to class and be in attendance every time. Regular class attendance is expected. Further, some exam questions will be drawn from material presented in the lecture that is not repeated in the textbook; thus, it is in your best interest to attend all classes. Our time is short and swift in this face-paced format. If you miss a class meeting, you will still be responsible for material covered in class, but you will miss that day's participation points and any points awarded for assignments, participation, quizzes and/or midterms. **Please use COVID common sense if you are feeling unwell.** It is expected for students to isolate thanks to covid or other ailments and flexibility will be built in. HOWEVER, students are expected to attend class lectures and final presentations. In the case of a medical emergency or other extreme circumstances, it is the student's responsibility to **contact another student**, determine what material / announcements they missed, and take appropriate action to catch up, as necessary. It is not the instructor's responsibility to provide make-up materials to the student.
5. **Late assignments.** Assignments not handed in before the beginning of lecture (generally Friday 1:00 PM) are considered LATE – no exceptions! Submitting your work any time after this on the same day will result in a 10% penalty. Each day after will result in a further 20% penalty.
6. If you are not performing as well as you would like it is your **responsibility to meet with me**. I am here to help you learn.
7. **Research Participation Requirement**
Research participation: Since experimentation is a prime source of information for the field of psychology, contact with experimental procedures is required for all General Psychology students and may be fulfilled through one of the following two options. Non-fulfillment of this requirement will result in a deduction from your final course grade total equal to one-half standard deviation of the class distribution of total points. This could lower your final grade a full letter grade (i.e., A to B, B to C, etc.).

Option 1: This method requires you to participate in several online experiments for a total of 2-1/2 hours, equaling five Research Participation Units (RPUs). Each experiment will provide a specific number of RPUs, allocated in half-hour units, which will be indicated in the experiment's description. You may choose to participate in any number of experiments, provided that you obtain a total of five RPUs. The last day for participation is one week prior to the last day of classes (Dec. 6) (there may be some exceptions). Note that 1 RPU will be given in exchange for each ½ hour of participation.

You will need to register yourself by going to the main Human Subject Pool System page

(<https://rutgers-researchpool.sona-systems.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>) and clicking on "Request an Account".

Make sure that you carefully enter your correct email address and select the correct course, instructor, and days/period for which you are registered. If you don't specify this information correctly, there may be subsequent problems with getting your RPUs assigned to you.

Option 2: Students who are unwilling or unable to participate as subjects in experiments (Option 1) may fulfill this requirement by submitting summaries of two published research articles (details can be found here:

<https://psych.rutgers.edu/academics/undergraduate/major/237-uncategorised/1091-general-psychology-researchrequirement#option->

[2-two-summaries-of-two-published-research-articles](#)). Please follow the instructions carefully.

Please be sure that your papers contain no plagiarism; all papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com.

The first summary must be submitted (via Canvas) by the week of October 6. Students who miss that deadline must fulfill the requirement via Option 1. The second summary is due on or before December 8.

More information about both options is located here:

<https://psych.rutgers.edu/academics/undergraduate/general-psych-requirement/189-human-research-studentrequirements> .

Please read these rules carefully before beginning either your research participation or your papers. Note that although the description here indicates that 3-1/2 hours (7 RPU) of participation are required, only 2-1/2 hours (5 RPU) are required this semester.

FAQs – [Human Subject Pool System \(sona-systems.com\)](http://sona-systems.com)

Exams And Other Assessments

Course grades will be based on the following:

Exam 1:	25% or 250 points
Exam 2:	25% or 250 points
Exam 3:	25% or 250 points
Weekly Blogs or Quizzes:	10% or 100 points
What if....	15% or 150 points
Final Exam	0% or 0 points (Optional)

TOTAL 100% or 1000 points **(Non-completion of research participation requirement) ~7% deduction**

Final grades will be determined by the following (standard Rutgers grading scale):

90.00 % and above	A
85.00-89.99%	B+
80.00-84.99%	B
75.00-79.99%	C+
70.00-74.99%	C
60.00-69.99%	D
below 60.00%	F

Note: A grade of C or better is required as a prerequisite to either the major or minor in psychology.

Each exam will be based on material presented both in lecture and in the assigned readings. The final exam will be cumulative, with an emphasis on a more basic understanding of the material from the first 3/4 of the course and more specific understanding of the material from the last 1/4 of the course. All exams will be multiple-choice. You must provide your 9-digit RUID number on all exams, and IDs may be checked at exams; you should carry your ID card with you at all times. In the event that we must switch to remote learning, exams will be given using the “Quizzes” function on Canvas.

Our final exam will be held at the time scheduled by the University (<http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>). University regulations set the time and date of all final examinations and specific guidelines that define conflicts (<https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/exam-scheduling/final-exam-schedule/final-exam-policies>).

Make-up policy:

Missed exam policy – there are NO make-up exams. If you miss any one of the three in-term exams for any reason:

1. Your score on the missed exam is zero
2. You can take the optional final exam. The grade that you receive on final exam will replace the zero.
3. Important Exception: For official Rutgers business, such as a business trip, a team activity, (e.g., a sports event where you are a participant), you must produce the relevant official Rutgers documentation noting your absence. In this case, you will be allowed to take the exam before the regularly scheduled exam period. The student must provide written notice of the planned absence at least one week prior to the regularly scheduled exam period. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule the alternative exam period with the instructor. Social or personal events of any kind do not count as a valid reason. Note: see attendance guidelines above.

Extra Credit:

The final exam is optional. You can use it as a replacement for a missed exam (see above). If you are not sure that you will receive the grade that you desire/need/expect for the course, you can take the final exam for extra credit. The points received will be added to the points tallied and your final grade will be adjusted up. Other opportunities to receive extra credit will be given at my discretion and will be class room based.

Changing Grades:

Students sometimes ask professors to change final grades, usually based on the need to achieve a certain grade in order to, for example, get into the business school, retain a scholarship, or avoid academic probation. Although I wish all of you the best of success in your studies, you hopefully can understand how changing one student's grade is unfair to the other students in the class. Therefore, requests for test score or grade changes will not be entertained. However, I have built in a mechanism to earn extra credit (see above). Your final grade will be based solely on the your scores on the course exams and MindTap assignments, as described above.

Psych 101 Section 08 – Fall 2021 Calendar††
†† (All dates are approximate and changes will be announced in class)

Wednesday	9/1/2021		Chapter 1: Psychology: The Evolution Of A Science; Class Introduction
Friday	9/3/2021		Chapter 2: Methods In Psychology
Wednesday	9/8/2021		Chapter 3: Neuroscience And Behavior
Wednesday	9/15/2021		Chapter 4: Sensation And Perception
Wednesday	9/22/2021		Chapter 5: Consciousness
Friday	9/24/2021		Midterm 1 Chs 1-4
Wednesday	9/29/2021		Chapter 6: Memory
Wednesday	10/6/2021		Chapter 7: Learning; RPU Paper 1 Due
Wednesday	10/13/2021		Chapter 8: Emotion And Motivation
Wednesday	10/20/2021		Chapter 9: Language And Thought
Wednesday	10/27/2021		Chapter 10: Intelligence
Friday	10/29/2021		Midterm 2 Chs 5-8
Wednesday	11/3/2021		Chapter 11: Development
Wednesday	11/10/2021		Chapter 12: Personality
Wednesday	11/17/2021		Chapter 13: Social Psychology
Friday	11/19/2021		Midterm 3 Chs 9-12
Wednesday	11/24/2021		Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday, November 24 - Sunday, November 28
Wednesday	12/1/2021		Chapter 14: Stress And Health
Wednesday	12/8/2021		Chapter 15/16: Psychological Disorders ; RPU Paper 2 Due
Monday	12/13/2021		Regular Classes End
Tuesday	12/14/2021		Reading Days
Wednesday	12/15/2021		Reading Days
Wednesday	12/22/2021		Final Exam: Wednesday 12/22/21 12:00pm -3:00pm ***

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