

Course Syllabus
Learning Processes (01:830:311:02) Spring 2021 Dr. Tomie
Synchronous Remote Online Course

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TEACHING ASSISTANT: Pending

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Domjan, M. (2018). *The Essentials of Conditioning and Learning, 4th Edition*, Washington D.C.: American Psychological Association. ISBN: 9781433827785, 275 pages.

Tomie, A. (2020). *Blindsided by Addiction: The Science of the Loss of Self-Control*. Princeton, NJ: ZT Enterprises, LLC. ISBN: 9798667169802, 224 pages. Also available as Kindle E-Book (Amazon.com).

ABOUT THIS COURSE: This is a Synchronous Remote Learning course, scheduled to meet online twice each week, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1:10 PM to 2:30 PM. Rather than adhering to this strict schedule, and due to the many challenging circumstances faced by many students during the ongoing pandemic, I will conduct many aspects of this course as an Asynchronous Remote Learning course. Specifically, I will videotape each lecture, using (Kaltura screen capture) in conjunction with PowerPoint lecture slides (uploaded to Resources @ Sakai). Each videotaped lecture will be made available to you at Media Gallery.

In this way, you can open the recorded lecture for viewing at any time, and, in addition, you can print hard copies of any of the lecture slides.

I will record and then post my lecture online at approximately 1:00 PM on each Monday and on each Wednesday. You will receive an Announcement via Sakai indicating when the video has been uploaded and is available for viewing. The recorded videos are for you to view at your convenience, but I recommend that you do so before the next scheduled lecture, so as not to fall behind.

ZOOM MEETINGS: I will use some of the originally scheduled class meeting times to Zoom with the class to allow more detailed discussion of lecture materials and textbook content. In addition, at those times I will provide detailed guidance to those students interested in doing an optional Special Interest Project for extra credit. These Zoom meetings, which will be scheduled on some Wednesdays (1:30-2:30 PM), will be recorded and made available to the class at Media Gallery.

If you have a question about material covered either in the lecture video recordings or in the textbooks, my preferred method of contact is via e-mail (tomie@psych.rutgers.edu). Or, you can arrange via e-mail to see me, preferably via scheduled ZOOM appointment during my regularly scheduled office hours (Wednesdays, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM). If you are not available during my office hours, then send me an e-mail to arrange an appointment with me at another time.

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

EXAMS: Your course grade will be based strictly on your exam performance (plus possible extra credit for those students who successfully complete their Special Interest Project). During the semester, there will be 4 exams, each 80 min long. Exam #1, #2, and #3 will be posted at Sakai at approximately 1:00 PM on the day of the scheduled exam and will be available to you for 24 hours. Each of the 4 exams will consist of 30 multiple choice questions. None of the exams are cumulative. All 4 exams will be open book, open notes. All 4 exams will be given Online, Tests & Quizzes @ Sakai, administered, timed, and graded through Sakai. The Online Final Exam will be given in accordance with the University's Final Exam Schedule (TBD).

OPTIONAL EXTRA CREDIT: You can raise your grade in this course by a full letter grade by successfully completing a Special Interest Project. To earn the extra credit, you must join a Group, attend online Group Meetings, and develop a relevant sub-topic, which you will research using the library's database resources. At the end of the semester, you will upload to Google Drive a PowerPoint slide show, for viewing by the class. More details will be provided at ZOOM sessions on Wednesdays, 1:30 – 2:30 PM.

GRADING:

If your point total (sum of all four exam scores) is 108 (or higher), then your average score is at least $108/120 = 90\%$, which is an "A".

If your point total is 102-107, then your average score is 85%-89%, which is a "B+".

If your point total is 96-101, then your average score is 80% - 84%, which is a "B".

If your point total is 90- 95, then your average score is 75%-79%, which is a "C+".

If your point total is 84- 89, then your average score is 70% - 74%, which is a "C".

If your point total is 72- 83, then your average score is 60% - 69%, which is a "D".

If your point total is 71 or lower, then your average score is 59% or lower, which is an "F".

WEEK OF MONDAY**READING ASSIGNMENT**

Jan 18 Domjan, Chapter 1

Jan 25 Domjan, Chapters 2-3

Feb 1 Domjan, Chapters 4-5

Feb 8 Domjan, Chapters 6-7

Feb 15 Domjan, Chapters 8-9

EXAM #1: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 (covering Domjan Ch 1-7)

Feb 22 Domjan, Chapters 10-11

Mar 1 Domjan, Chapters 12-13

Mar 8 Domjan, Chapter 14

EXAM #2: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 (Domjan Ch 8-14)

Mar 22 Tomie, Intro and Chapters 1-5 (pp.1-31)

Mar 29 Tomie, Chapters 6-9 (pp. 32-72)

Apr 5 Tomie, Chapters 10-13 (pp. 73-103)

EXAM #3: MONDAY, APRIL 12 (Tomie, Intro + Ch 1-9)

Apr 12 Tomie, Chapters 14-16 (pp.104-141)

Apr 19 Tomie, Chapters 17-18 (pp. 142-179)

Apr 26 Tomie, Conclusion (pp. 180-182)

ONLINE FINAL EXAM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIVERSITY'S FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE:

Covering Tomie, Ch 10-18 + Conclusion