

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

General Psychology 830:101 Section 02 Spring 2022

Monday / Wednesday 3:50 – 5:10 PM Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium

NOTE: All lectures and exams will be held at the above times and location.

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Web-Based Course Support: canvas.rutgers.edu. All lecture slides, practice quizzes, and other materials will be available on that site.

Textbook: **Psychology: Themes & Variations - 10th edition.** (2017)

Wayne Weiten. Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning. The book is optional, but recommended. Hardcopy rental or Ebook access can be purchased at <https://www.cengage.com/c/psychology-themes-and-variations-10e-weiten/9781305498204PF/>

- Learning Objectives:**
- 1) To acquire requisite basic knowledge of the influential theories and relevant research involving important aspects of human behavior, including personality, learning and memory, psychological development, sensation and perception, and psychological disorders; in other words, *to find out what we currently know about how the mind works.*
 - 2) To master the fundamental principles underlying psychology as a scientific discipline. How do we carry out empirical research and use the resulting data to draw conclusions about how the mind works?
 - 3) To understand how the science of psychology is applied to the various domains of human behavior (e.g., mental health, education, parenting, organizational functioning, etc.).
 - 4) To situate psychology within the intellectual framework of contemporary thought, to review its historical evolution, and to gain familiarity with its current sub-disciplines.

Requirements: Three hourly exams (100 points each) and a comprehensive final (100 points). **Make-up exams will not be permitted** unless 1) I am notified in advance *and* 2) documentation is furnished of a death in the family or an illness attested to by a medical professional. Make-up exams may comprise objective, written-answer, rather than multiple-choice, questions.

There is also a “research participation” requirement – see information below

Exam Info

The hourly exams will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions each. You will earn 2 points for every correct answer. I will drop the lowest of your 3 scores on the hourly exams. On the 100-item final exam, you will earn 1 point for each correct answer. All of the exams will be in the lecture hall.

Your grade will be determined by total points earned using your ***best two*** hourly exam scores and the final exam score **These are the sole determinants of your grade.**

Maximum total points possible: 300

Grading scale:

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| 270-300 | A |
| 255-269 | B+ |
| 240-254 | B |
| 225-239 | C+ |
| 210-224 | C |
| 195-209 | D |
| Below 195 | F |

Attendance

Although attendance is not mandatory, it is ***strongly recommended***, as all exam questions are derived directly from what is presented in lecture. Missing lecture on a regular basis is a prescription for disaster!

Research Participation

Participation in 5 RPU's worth of research conducted under the auspices of the Department of Psychology. At most this will add up to 2.5 hours over the semester. All of the studies will involve online participation only. Go to the url <https://rutgers-researchpool.sona-systems.com> to find out more about this requirement and your options. ***You should complete this requirement as early in the semester as possible to avoid being deficient at semester's end. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in a grade reduction (e.g., B+ to B, B to C+, etc.)***

Academic Accommodations: Should you require academic accommodations (e.g., additional testing time), you must file a request with the Office of Disability Services (ods.rutgers.edu, 848-202-3111, email: dsoffice@echo.rutgers.edu). It is your responsibility to self-identify with the Office of Disability Services and to provide me with the appropriate documentation from that office at least one week prior to any request for specific testing accommodations. Without ODS approval I am not permitted to allow additional time to any student.

Academic Integrity: Collusion (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources such as the text, notes, or websites) 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://policies.rutgers.edu/PDF/Section10/10.2.13-current.pdf> for specifics)

CLASS CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapters Covered</u> | <u>Topics/Notes</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1/19 | 1 | Class policies, procedures, grading, research participation requirements, etc. Introduction to Psychology – Overview of the Discipline |
| 1/24 & 1/26 | 11 | Personality – Psychoanalytic, Neo-Analytic, and Humanist Theories |
| 1/31 | 3 (Sec. 3.6 only) 11 (Sec. 11.6) | Personality - Genetics & Biological Factors |
| 2/2 & 2/7 | 6 | Classical & Operant Conditioning; Social Cognitive Learning Theory |
| 2/9 | 3:50pm | Exam 1 (Ch 1, 6, 12 and specific Ch 3 pp.) |
| 2/14 & 2/16 | 3 | Basic Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology |
| 2/21 & 2/23 | 7 | Memory |
| 2/28 & 3/2 | 2 | Scientific Method in Psychology |
| 3/7 | 3:50 pm | Exam 2 (Ch 2, 3, 7) |
| 3/21 & 3/23 | 4 | Sensation & Perception (Vision only) |

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| 3/28 & 3/30 | 12 | Social Psychology – Conformity, Compliance, and Social Influence, etc. |
| 4/4 & 4/6 | 10 | Developmental Processes and Theories |
| 4/11 | 3:50 pm | Exam 3 (Ch 4, 11, 13) |
| 4/13 thru 4/27 | 14/15 | Psychopathology: Diagnosis, Etiology, and Treatment |
| TBA | | FINAL EXAM (comprehensive – covers entire course) |

The course has a Canvas site. All PowerPoint slides (under “Files” tab), important announcements, links to topically relevant websites, practice quizzes to prepare for exams, etc., will be available here. You get to the site by entering the URL <https://canvas.rutgers.edu>, and logging in with your Rutgers netid. The course should appear if you are on the roster - you just click on the tab for it and you are in. If you have many tabs (because you’re a member of many Canvas sites) you may have to scroll down to see them all.