

SYLLABUS
Rutgers University General Psychology Class

Course: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY – 01:830:101:8
Day, Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 6:40 pm. Fall 2010 Term
Location: Hill Center, Room 114, at 110 Frelinghuysen Rd, Busch Campus



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My walk-in hours: Tues & Thurs 1pm – 3:30 pm
(We are across the street from Van Dyke Hall)



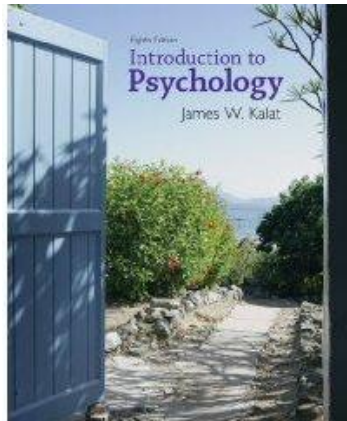
This is photo of Career Services Center
46 College Avenue, where my office is.
It's by the Parking lot, on corner of Hamilton
& College Ave, behind the Bus Stop and
next to Grease Trucks!

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T.A. Office Hours:

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 01:830:101:8

Textbook: Introduction To Psychology, (8th Edition), by James W. Kalat,

Thomson Wadsworth Publishers



Course Description: This is a very interactive and motivational class! We will use hands-on exercises and lively group discussions, 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 in order to understand the material that will be tested.

Exams: 4 Exams to be given including the Final Exam – dates and details to be given in class. Exams are multiple choice (approx 60 questions or more) and cover material from both lecture and textbook.

Each question is worth 1 point, on all exams. None of the tests are cumulative. You are responsible for bringing #2 pencils. No Make-ups for these exams, except with a note from your Dean or Doctors.

All students must take all the exams. There is no dropping of lowest grades.

Grades are not negotiable. The grading will be explained in class. A=90-100, B+=87-89, B=80-86, C+=77-79, C=70-76, D=60-69, F=below 69

Exam Dates (tentative but probable):

1 – Sept 23

RPUs & Papers Due: Dec 9

2 – Oct 19

Oral Reports done by: Dec 9

3 – Nov 11

4 – Dec ? Final Exam wk

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

Optional Extra Credit: Oral Reports: These are optional for points added to your grades

For more points added to your grade, opportunities for oral presentations at class will be discussed. You can earn up to 2 points towards your grades, and the assignment for oral reports are on Sakai. This will be explained in class.

These are for the extra credits. No term papers for extra credits (too many students).

Requirement: To all General Psy students!

Students in General Psy are required to earn 5 Research Participation Units (RPUs) as part of their grade. OR - you have an option to write two 2-page papers if you do not wish to participate or are unable to.

No points are awarded, but you must complete these requirements, which you should easily be able to accomplish over the full semester, or you will be assessed penalties, meaning loss of points off your final grades. Even partial completion will dock points. Nonfulfillment of the requirement will result in a deduction from the final course grade.

The link below will explain in detail the experiment requirements that each Gen Psychology student needs. Go online on this site:

http://psych.rutgers.edu/undergrad/RPU_Rules.html

Since research is an essential part of the field of psychology, these experiments offer you a great learning experience. You will find experiments to select and participate in. Enjoy!

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

Option 1: Actual participation in experiments. This is a lot of fun. What is required are 5 RPUs (research participation units), which equals 2.5 hours of experiment participation. You can find and select several human subject experiments online.

Option 2: Learning from technical articles and writing 2 page research papers summarizing a psychological study.

We are an Awesome class, a great class, and we will have a terrific semester together!