

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Introduction To Psychology 830:101 Section 04 Fall 2013
Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium (LIVINGSTON CAMPUS)
Mon. / Thurs. 8:40-10 AM

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Web-Based Course Support: sakai.rutgers.edu and aplia.com

Textbook: **Psychology: Themes & Variations - 9th edition.** (2012)

Wayne Weiten. Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning. (The bookstore is selling the access code for Aplia, a web-based software platform that we will use for “homework learning assignments” and that will give you access to an ebook. See attached instructions on last page of syllabus.)

- 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 Sakai-based hourly exams (50 points each – see class calendar for dates), 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.

Ten (10) online assignments (via APLIA). These take the form of “quizzes” and you get multiple opportunities (3) to answer each question after feedback. Only your 6 best scores will count toward your grade. Each quiz must be completed by the due date in order to get credit; the system is designed to send you an email a week before each one is due. **Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

Your grade will be determined by total points earned using your **best two** hourly exam scores, the final exam score, and the average of your best 6 Aplia assignment scores.

Maximum total points possible: 300
Best 2 Sakai exam scores = 100
Final Exam = 100
Aplia Assignments (online) = 100

Grading scale (subject to adjustment by instructor based on overall class performance):

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

Attendance

Class attendance is not mandatory and no attendance will be taken; however, the lectures will cover material not included in the textbook and some exam questions will be based on lecture notes and in-class videos. Therefore, **regular attendance is highly recommended.**

Research Participation

Participation in 5 RPU's worth of research conducted under the auspices of the Department of Psychology. For studies of a duration up to 30 min., you are credited with 1 RPU. For any study of a duration over 30 min. but up to 60 min., you are credited with 2 RPU's, etc. Go to the url <http://researchpool.rutgers.edu/> 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.)**

CLASS CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Chapters Covered</u> | <u>Topics/Notes</u> |
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| 9/5 | 1 | Class policies, procedures, grading, research participation requirements, etc. Introduction to Psychology – Overview of the Discipline |
| 9/9 & 9/12 | 12 | Personality – Psychoanalytic, Neo-Analytic, and Humanist Theories |
| 9/16 | 3 (110-115) 12 (514-516) | Personality - Genetics & Biological Factors |
| 9/19, 9/23, 9/26 | 6 | Classical & Operant Conditioning; Social Cognitive Learning Theory |
| 9/30 | Via Sakai | Online Exam (Ch 1, 6, 12) Available during class period only. Shuts down 10AM |
| 10/3, 10/7 | 3 | Basic Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology |
| 10/10, 10/14 | 7 | Memory |
| 10/17, 10/21 | 2 Appendix B A11-A14 | Scientific Method in Psychology |
| 10/24 | Via Sakai | Exam (Ch 2, 3, 7) Available during class period only. Shuts down 10AM |
| 10/28 & 10/31 | 13 | Social Psychology – Conformity, Compliance, and Social Influence, etc. |
| 11/4 & 11/7 | 11 | Developmental Processes and Theories |
| 11/11 & 11/14 | 4 | Sensation & Perception |
| 11/18 | Via Sakai | Exam (Ch 4, 11, 13) Available during class period only. Shuts down 10AM |
| 11/21 thru 12/9 | 15/16 | Psychopathology: Diagnosis, Etiology, and Treatment |

12/20 (Fri.) 4pm – 7pm

FINAL EXAM (comprehensive – covers entire course)

NOTE: All dates, topics, and readings on class calendar are subject to revision due to pace of the class, emergency closings, and other unforeseeable exigencies.

WEB-BASED COURSE SUPPORT & REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS: You need to purchase an access code for APLIA, the text publisher's platform that we will use for required online quizzes and that will give you access to an ebook. You can purchase an Aplia access code from NJ Books. (See the document with instructions on the following page, or on the document on Sakai) There will be 10 quiz assignments, but only your 6 best scores will count toward your grade. Therefore, you could miss up to four with no adverse effect. You will be allowed to answer each quiz item three times (with feedback), so there is no reason why everyone cannot get all of the answers correct and obtain the full point value for each of these assignments. They must be submitted on time; if not, you don't get the points. Late submission is not permitted.

The course also has a Sakai site. **Three 50-item multiple choice hourly exams will be posted there at the appropriate time.** A more detailed class calendar (with reading assignments, etc.), all MS PowerPoint slides used in lectures, important announcements, links to topically relevant websites, etc., will be available here. You get to the site by entering the URL <https://sakai.rutgers.edu>, and logging in with your eden userid. The course should appear (as a tab near the top of the page) 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 Sakai sites) you may have to use the 'drop down' box to see them all. Once you are in the site, click on 'Modules' to access the lecture slides. Lecture slides will be in MS PowerPoint format, so you need to use a computer that has PowerPoint on its hard drive in order to open or download them. All of the PCs in the labs on any RU campus are so equipped. You can also view a class calendar with specific text reading assignments by clicking on 'Schedule.' Using the "View by Month" option is recommended

The 3 online Sakai exams (see calendar for dates) will be taken during the normal class period (8:40-10:00) but not in the classroom. You will have 60 min. to complete all 50 questions. You must finish by 10AM; the exam will shut down at that time. You will not be able to go back to previous questions, so make sure you have chosen the correct answer before proceeding to the next question. Also, take care not to hit the "exit" or "submit for grading" button before you have completed all 50 items. Wireless web connections are notoriously unreliable around here, so use an Ethernet connection if at all possible.

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 (Kreeger Learning Center 151 College Avenue, Suite 123, disabilityservices.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.

Academic Integrity: Collusion (getting any form of assistance from other students or outside sources) on exams 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)

How to access your Aplia course

830:101 - Intro to Psychology - Weiten's 9e

Instructor: Stephen Kilianski
Start Date: 09/03/2013
Course Key: 2YW5-SE46-PSB4

Registration & Payment

Purchase your access code from NJ Books. (Price: \$110) NJ Books is located at 37 Easton Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901, College Ave Campus

- 1.
2. Connect to <http://login.cengagebrain.com/>
3. Click the *Create a New Account* button, and enter your course key when prompted: **2YW5-SE46-PSB4**. Continue to follow the on-screen instructions.