

PSYC 2003: General Psychology

Winter 2001, MWF 9:50 - 10:20, 318 Memorial Hall

Required Text: Psychology (5th edition) by Bernstein, et al.

Office Hours: 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. MTWTF and by appointment

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Course Structure: The structure of this course will consist mostly of in-class lecturing and discussion of course materials. Students will be responsible for all assigned materials. Although some of the material covered in lectures will also be covered in the text, there will be topics throughout the semester that are presented in class that are not included in the text. Likewise, there will be topics presented in the text that will not be included in class. In order to excel in this course, students will be required to have a good working knowledge of both lecture and text material.

Although attendance is not required, it is strongly encouraged. The in-class description and discussion of course materials is vital in acquiring a clear understanding complex psychological concepts. There will also be the opportunity to earn up to **10 extra credit** points during class throughout the semester. These extra credit opportunities may include in-class assignments, assignments outside of class, or exam questions.

To assist in your exam preparation a study guide will be distributed one week prior to each exam. The study guide will include a list of the major concepts covered in a particular exam section and sample questions that will be structured similarly to exam questions. In addition to the study guide, a review session will be held before each exam during which students may freely asked questions regarding any material covered in the exam section.

Grading Policy: There will be four major examinations during the course of the semester. Each examination will be worth 50 points. Students will also be required to write one research paper. The research paper will be worth 30 points. In addition, student participation during class will be worth 20 points. Student's grades in this course will be calculated as the total number of earned points divided by the total number of available points. Final grade assignments will proceed as follows:

225 - 250 points	- A
200 - 224 points	- B
175 - 199 points	- C
150 - 174 points	- D
0 - 149 points	- F

Examinations will include all materials assigned or discussed in a particular section of the course (sections of the course are outlined in the course schedule on the following pages). These materials will generally consist of lecture notes and reading assignments. The final examination for this course will not be comprehensive.

The required research paper should cover psychological topics discussed either in class or in the text. Possible topics and additional details will be discussed throughout the course of the semester.

Class participation will be determined by a student's engagement and attendance.

Make-Up Examinations: If an examination is missed due to illness or emergency circumstances, the student *must* notify the Psychology Office (575 - 4256) of his/her absence on the day of the exam. All make-up examinations are tentatively scheduled for April 21, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. Make-up examinations will be all essay and any examination that is not completed by the end of the course will be scored as a 0 (zero). Students missing two or more examinations should withdraw from the course.

Academic Honesty: Provisions of the Code of Conduct of the University of Arkansas will be followed in this course. Cheating in any form will result in *failure* of the course and any violator of the Code of Conduct will be immediately referred to the All-University Judicial Board for subsequent action. If cheating is suspected but conclusive evidence is not available, this instructor reserves the right to re-administer any examination or assignment in question.

Inclement Weather Policy: If the University remains open, class will be held as scheduled. However, if severe or adverse weather conditions prohibit your attendance from class or threaten your safety, a reasonable effort will be made to accommodate you. In the event that the University is closed on the day an examination is scheduled the examination *will* be administered during the following class.

Research Requirement: The department of Psychology requires that each student enrolled in General Psychology satisfy a research requirement. Failure to fulfill this requirement will result in an *incomplete* for the course. Details of the research requirement are presented on the final page of this syllabus.

Course outline for Winter 2001

Week of:	Reading Assignment and Lecture topic (tentative)
1 - 15	Introduction to Psychology
1 - 22	Chapter 1 & Chapter 2: History and Research in Psychology
1 - 29	Chapter 3: Biological Aspects of Psychology
2 - 5	Chapter 4 & Chapter 5: Sensation & Perception
2 - 12	Chapter 5: Perception
Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 5): February 14, 2001	
2 - 19	Chapter 6: Learning
2 - 26	Chapter 6 & Chapter 7: Learning & Memory
3 - 5	Chapter 7: Memory
3 - 12	Chapter 8: Cognition and Language
Exam 2 (Chapters 6 – 8): March 14, 2000	
3 - 19	Spring Break
3 - 26	Chapter 12: Human Development
4 - 2	Chapter 12: Human Development
4 - 9	Chapter 17: Social Cognition
4 - 16	Chapter 18: Social Influence
Exam 3 (Chapters 12, 17 – 18): April 18, 2001	
4 - 23	Chapter 14 & Chapter 15: Personality and Personality Disorders
4 - 30	Chapter 15 & Chapter 16: Psychological Disorders and Treatment
5 - 4	Dead Day
Exam 4 - Final Examination (Chapters 14 - 16): May 5 - 11, 2001	