

**SYLLABUS**  
**FOUNDATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
**PSYU 101**  
**FALL SEMESTER 06**

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PREREQUISITES: NONE

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TEXT: WADE AND TAVRIS (2006). *PSYCHOLOGY*, 8<sup>TH</sup> ED., Prentice Hall.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course explores the basics of psychology from the field's historic inception to specific research topics. We will cover areas of psychology including research methodologies, brain functioning as it is involved in behavior i.e. neuroscience, learning and memory, development, personality, learning and states of consciousness.

COURSE OUTCOMES: After successful completion of this course students will be able to think critically about psychology as a research field and how researchers assess normal behavior and physiology contrasted with what it means to be "abnormal" with respect to psychological and social conventions. Students will become familiar with several research tools used to conduct studies in psychology including the scientific method and statistics. Lastly, students will understand the complexity of the brain as it is involved with behavior, mind and consciousness.

METHODOLOGY: The course will consist of in-class lectures, audio-visual media, class participation in the form of exercises and discussion.

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS: Your grade will consist of (2) in-class exam, and (6) online or in class quizzes. Your exams are each worth 25% of your grade (**THERE ARE NO MAKE UP EXAMS**) and your quizzes are worth 50% of your grade.

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION: Participation in research here at NEU is a requirement for the successful completion of all Foundations of Psychology courses. Please see attached information.

DATE	LECTURE	READING
6-Sep	SYLLABUS/ OVERVIEW	
7-Sep	PSYCH AS A SCIENCE	CHP 1
11-Sep	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
13-Sep	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
14-Sep	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
18-Sep	BIOLOGICAL BASIS I	CHP 3
20-Sep	BIOLOGICAL BASIS I	CHP 3
21-Sep	<b>BIOLOGICAL BASIS I #1 RM.</b>	CHP 3
25-Sep	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
27-Sep	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
28-Sep	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
2-Oct	ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS	CHP 5
4-Oct	ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS	CHP 5
5-Oct	<b>ALTERED CONS. #2 B.B.</b>	CHP 5
9-Oct	NO CLASSES	CHP 5
11-Oct	SENSATION	CHP6
12-Oct	<b>SENSATION #3 A.C.</b>	
16-Oct	SENSATION	CHP 6
18-Oct	REVIEW	CHP 6
19-Oct	<b>EXAM I</b>	CHPTS1-6
23-Oct	LEARNING	CHP 7
25-Oct	LEARNING	CHP 7
26-Oct	LEARNING	CHP 7
30-Oct	MOTIVATION	CHP12
1-Nov	MOTIVATION	CHP12
2-Nov	<b>MOTIVATION #4 L.</b>	CHP12
6-Nov	MEMORY	CHP 10
8-Nov	MEMORY	CHP 10
9-Nov	<b>MEMORY #5 M.</b>	CHP 10

13-Nov	EMOTION	CHP11
15-Nov	EMOTION	CHP11
16-Nov	EMOTION	CHP11
20-Nov	DEVELOPMENT	CHP 14
22-Nov	DEVELOPMENT	CHP 14
23-Nov	<b>DEVELOPMENT #6 E.</b>	CHP 14
27-Nov	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
29-Nov	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
30-Nov	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
4-Dec	THERAPIES	CHP 17
6-Dec	THERAPIES	CHP 17
7-Dec	THERAPIES	CHP 17

**FINAL DURING EXAM WEEK CHPTS 7,12,10,11,14,16,17**  
12/8-12/15