

PSY U101
Foundations of Psychology
(Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience Majors ONLY)
Fall 2006
Sequence 3

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Text:

Wade and Tavris (2006). Psychology, 8th edition, Prentice Hall.
(Assigned reading should be completed prior to the corresponding lecture)

Lectures:

- * Lectures will usually be held on Mondays and Wednesdays only. Discussion sections will replace the 3rd (Thursday) lecture. *(Note: there will be a Thursday lecture on 9/7 and perhaps another later in the semester.)
- * Students are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures. Quizzes and Exams are based on class notes, information in the textbook and outlines/handouts. Class notes **are not always** based exclusively on material in the textbook!!
- * Please arrive at class sessions on time. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class. **Students must not enter a class session after 10:45.**
- * Please make sure all cell phones and beepers are turned off during class time. If you have an emergency situation (e.g. a sick child) that requires otherwise, speak to the instructor ahead of time.

Discussion Sections:

Discussion sections will supplement lectures. They will provide the time for you to get your questions from lectures and readings answered. Sections will also include exercises and exam review. Quizzes will be held in section. Sections are an important component of the course. You will be scheduled for a specific discussion section, and you are expected to attend regularly. Again, please be on time and turn cell phones off.

Research Participation:

Research participation (or an alternative activity) is a requirement for all Foundations of Psychology courses. You will not be graded, but it is a requirement to pass the course. More detailed information is attached.

Exams & Grades:

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| Exam I | 25% |
| Exam II | 25% |
| Quizzes/section | 50% |

Exams and Grades continued:

*There will be 6 quizzes, given in discussion section (at the beginning of the period). **Quizzes may not be made up**, but your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

*Extra credit papers will **not** be assigned.

*Exams will consist of Multiple Choice, Matching (and perhaps True/False) questions. Quizzes will include the above as well as short-answer and fill-in-the-blank questions.

Make-up policy:

*Make-ups will **not** be given for quizzes (**no exceptions**). You may take a quiz with a different section, with permission from the instructor or T.A. (If you have serious health problems or other unusual circumstances, please let the instructor know ASAP).

*Make-up exams **will** be given when necessary. You must provide a written medical excuse or note from the Dean (if requested). Please discuss any unusual circumstances with the instructor. If you take a make-up exam it may be a different exam than the one given at the regular time. Please arrange to make up the exam as soon as possible.

*You must contact the instructor or T.A. (e-mail or voice mail message is fine) if you will not be present for an exam. This message must include your phone number(s) and times you can be reached. If you contact the instructor or leave a message by the time of the exam and if you have an acceptable reason, you will not be penalized.

* If your message is late you will lose 5 percentage points for each day you are late (Example: Exam is on Monday—you call on Wednesday: Lose 10 percentage points).

Course withdrawal

If you start this course, take at least one quiz and then decide to withdraw from the class, you must do so **officially** by filling out the appropriate form at the Registrar's Office and getting the required signatures. 9/22 is the last day to drop a Fall (Basic College) course **without** a W grade. 11/17 is the last day **with** a W grade. If you drop the class later than 11/17, you will receive an F.

Tentative Syllabus (any changes will be announced in class)

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC/LECTURE</u> | <u>READING (TEXT)</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| W 9/6 Th 9/7 | Introduction Research Methods | Ch. 1 |
| M 9/11 W 9/13 <i>Section</i> | Research Methods Research Methods <i>[research methods]</i> | Ch. 2 |
| M 9/18 W 9/20 <i>Section</i> | Biological Basis of Behavior Biological Basis <i>[Biol Basis/Quiz #1 on Methods]</i> | Ch. 4 (pp. 100—114) Ch. 4 (pp. 114-134) |
| M 9/25 W 9/27 <i>Section</i> | Biological Basis Learning—classical conditioning <i>[Brain/Learning]</i> | Ch. 7 (pp. 222-233) |
| M 10/2 W 10/4 <i>Section</i> | Learning—Operant Conditioning Cognitive-Social-Learning <i>[I.Q. Tests/Quiz #2 on Biol. Basis]</i> | Ch. 7 (pp. 234-250) Ch. 7 (pp. 250-256) |
| M 10/9 W 10/11 <i>Section</i> | NO CLASSES Cognition & IQ <i>[Quiz #3 on Learning/Review for exam]</i> | Ch. 9 |
| M 10/16 W 10/18 <i>Section</i> | Cognition & IQ EXAM I <i>[Personality]</i> | |
| M 10/23 W 10/25 <i>Section</i> | Personality Personality <i>[Personality/go over exam]</i> | Ch. 3 (pp. 87-90) Ch. 13 |
| M 10/30 W 11/1 <i>Section</i> | Personality Personality <i>[Personality/Sensation]</i> | |
| M 11/6 W 11/8 <i>Section</i> | Sensation Sensation <i>[Sensation/Quiz #4 on Personality]</i> | Ch. 6 |
| M 11/13 W 11/15 <i>Section</i> | Sensation & Perception Human Development <i>[Dev./Quiz #5 on Sensation & Perception]</i> | Ch. 14 |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC/LECTURE</u> | <u>READING (TEXT)</u> |
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| M 11/20 | Development | |
| W 11/22 | Development | |
| <i>Section</i> | <i>[No discussion Section]</i> | |
| M 11/27 | Development | |
| W 11/29 | Development | Ch. 8 |
| <i>Section</i> | <i>[Quiz #6 on Development]</i> | |
| M 12/4 | Social Psychology | |
| W 12/6 | Social Psychology | |
| <i>[12/7]</i> | <i>[An optional Review Session will be held.]</i> | |
| 12/8—12/15 TBA | EXAM II | |

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____

Major: _____

Area(s) of interest in psychology (optional) _____

Other (optional) _____

I have read the syllabus carefully and understand the course requirements.

(signature)