

SYLLABUS
FOUNDATIONS OF PSYCHOLOGY
PSYU 101
SPRING SEMESTER 06

PREREQUISITES: NONE

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HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00 AM-9:05AM

TEXT: WADE AND TAVRIS (2000). *PSYCHOLOGY*, 6TH ED., Prentice Hall.

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
8-JAN	SYLLABUS/ OVERVIEW	

10-JAN	PSYCH AS A SCIENCE	CHP 1
11-JAN	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
15-JAN	NO CLASS	
17-JAN	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
18-JAN	RESEARCH METHODS	CHP 2
22-JAN	BIOLOGICAL BASIS I	CHP 3
24-JAN	BIOLOGICAL BASIS I	CHP 3
25-JAN	BIOLOGICAL BASIS I #1 RM.	CHP 3
29-JAN	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
31-JAN	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
1-FEB	BIOLOGICAL BASIS II	CHP 4
5-FEB	ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS	CHP 5
7-FEB	ALTERED CONSCIOUSNESS	CHP 5
8-FEB	ALTERED CONS. #2 B.B.	CHP 5
12-FEB	NO CLASSES	CHP 5
14-FEB	SENSATION	CHP6
15-FEB	SENSATION #3 A.C.	
19-FEB	NO CLASSES	CHP 6
21-FEB	REVIEW	CHP 6
22-FEB	EXAM I	CHPTS1-6
26-FEB	LEARNING	CHP 7
28-FEB	LEARNING	CHP 7
1-MARCH	LEARNING	CHP 7
5-MARCH	SPRING BREAK	CHP12
7-MARCH	SPRING BREAK	CHP12
8-MARCH	SPRING BREAK	CHP12
12-MARCH	MEMORY	CHP 10
14-MARCH	MEMORY	CHP 10
15-MARCH	MEMORY #4 L.	CHP 10
19-MARCH	EMOTION	CHP11
21-MARCH	EMOTION	CHP11
22-MARCH	EMOTION #5 M.	CHP11

26-MARCH	DEVELOPMENT	CHP 14
28-MARCH	DEVELOPMENT	CHP 14
29-MARCH	DEVELOPMENT #6 E.	CHP 14
2-APRIL	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
4-APRIL	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
5-APRIL	PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	CHP 16
9-APRIL	THERAPIES	CHP 17
11-APRIL	THERAPIES	CHP 17
12-APRIL	THERAPIES	CHP 17

FINAL DURING EXAM WEEK CHPTS 7,12,10,11,14,16,17
4/20-4/27