

**SS 2730**  
**BioPsychology**  
Fall 2011  
ONLINE

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**I. Required Materials**

- A. Textbook: Kalat, J. W. (2009). *Biological Psychology* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Publishing Company. NOTE: 9<sup>th</sup> edition will also work!
- B. Computer access for Canvas class site
- C. A desire to learn and ENJOY the class!

**II. Course Grade**

No exams or assignments can be made up after the last day of classes. There are **no exceptions** to this rule!

**A. Examinations**

- 1. Four preliminary examinations will be given during the semester (each will make up 20% of your grade). You will have 3 days to take each exam. Please refer to the EXAMINATIONS link on the course website for more information on taking exams.
- 2. A comprehensive final examination (20% of grade) will be given Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The final exam will be taken in the same format and procedure as the other exams.
- 3. You may NOT make-up any exam that is missed. You have 3 days to take each exam, so please schedule your time wisely. If you have a scheduling conflict, you may schedule to take an exam a day or two early at no penalty (you must notify me in writing a minimum of one week earlier to do this). NO EXAMINATIONS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE EXAMINATION PERIOD IS OVER. Your lowest exam grade will be dropped.

4. Your lowest exam grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. If you have an A after the 4<sup>th</sup> exam, you do not need to complete the comprehensive final, unless you would like to!
5. All exams will be taken using chi tester, which is a computerized testing program. You should plan to take the exams at a WSU testing center. You may also set up a proctor to take the exams, if you are not able to make it to a WSU testing center. More information on setting up a proctor can be found on our course website AND at <http://wsuonline.weber.edu> and selecting TESTING INFORMATION.
6. After the exam period is over, you may review the exam on chi tester to see which questions you missed. You may see your grade immediately after you complete the exam by going to your student portal or to [chitester.weber.edu](http://chitester.weber.edu).

## **B. Homework**

Four homework assignments should be completed throughout the semester. You have 1 assignment for each exam during the semester (you do not have a homework assignment for the final). See homework due dates on the course outline. All assignments together count 20% of your final grade, but your lowest assignment is dropped. For more information on the homework assignments and how to do them, please refer to the HOMEWORK link on the course website.

## **C. Course Grade**

The course grade will be assigned according to the scale indicated below:

<u>Numeric Score</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
90-100	A
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
60-66	D
Below 60	E

### III. Course Outline

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
1, 2	Homework 1 Exam 1	Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>
3, 4	Homework 2 Exam 2	Oct. 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>
6, 7	Homework 3 Exam 3	Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup>
14, 15	Homework 4 Exam 4	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>
Comprehensive	Final	Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>

### IV. Additional Information

#### A. Grade Appeals

If, after receiving an exam back during class, you think a mistake has been made in the grading of **your** exam, please email me with your concern, along with support of your answer based on the textbook and course materials.

You will receive a response, and any grade adjustment necessary, within a week. You may also do this with homework assignments. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY** that your concerns will be addressed. **ONLY** written questions **THAT YOU SUPPORT** will be evaluated for grade changes.

#### B. Plagiarism/Cheating

Whenever you try to pass off someone's work that is not your own, that is cheating. If you cheat on **ANY** assignment (even extra credit!), you will receive a grade of ***E (Failing) for the course***. Please refer to the following web site for a complete listing of infringements that constitute cheating.

<http://documents.weber.edu/ppm/6-22.htm>

Plagiarism is when you represent someone else's ideas or words as your own. For a **very** detailed description of plagiarism, please go to the web site and review the **PLAGIARISM** description (in the file **HOW TO AVOID**

PLAGIARISM BY REALLY TRYING). You are responsible for knowing what constitutes plagiarism. ANY plagiarism (even unintentional) will result in a failing grade *for the course*.

**C. Students with Disabilities**

Any student requiring accommodations or services due to a disability must contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD).

**D. Students' Rights and Responsibilities**

Please refer to the following web site for a complete listing of all WSU student rights and responsibilities.

<http://documents.weber.edu/ppm/6-22.htm>

**V. Course Objectives**

- A. This course will teach students how Biological Psychologists attempt to relate behavior and experience to the activities of the brain and the rest of the body. Specifically, human and non-human behaviors will be studied to determine how they relate to specific brain activities and functions.
- B. Students will learn about the relationship between the nervous system of the human body and how a body reacts to its environment. Students will learn how physiological systems, including parts of the nervous system, sensory systems, perceptual systems, and regulatory systems, interact with the environment to produce behaviors and provide functioning in a variety of situations.

**VI. Grade Record**

Please keep a record of the grades you receive on each exam. This will help insure that you are always aware of your academic progress in this class. You may also check your grades on the MY GRADES tool on Blackboard.

Exam #1                \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

Exam #2                \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

Exam #3                \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

Exam #4                \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

Final Exam \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

Homeworks 1-4 AVG \_\_\_\_\_ (20%)

**Your final grade is determined by dropping the lowest of the 6 exams, dropping the Lowest of the 4 homeworks, and using the above percentages to determine overall Grade.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you plan to discontinue this course, you must withdraw from the course or you will be given a grade of UW (unofficial withdrawal).

**\*\*The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary. By continuing in the course after reading the syllabus, you are indicating that you accept the terms of the syllabus.**