

Psychology SS1010
Introductory Psychology

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If you need to contact me during the semester I prefer that you do so in person either before or after class. If this is not possible then you should contact me by email or cell phone. You do not need to inform me if you are going to miss class during the semester. Attendance is not required. Please become familiar with the WSU-Online system by viewing all files within the [Start Here] tab on the course homepage. This will assist you in finding answers to questions you may have regarding due dates, submission of assignments, the course calendar, and other course related topics.

Required Text: King, Laura (2010). *Experience Psychology* (1st Ed.), New York, NY, McGraw-Hill.

Aspects of the syllabus are subject to changes. Any changes will be announced via the course email system

Course Objectives:

1. Learn the basic theories associated with the science of psychology.
2. Gain an understanding of how psychologists have sought to better understand the human condition.
3. Think critically. Explore ideas while recognizing scientifically based information as opposed to folk psychology beliefs.
4. Apply psychological theories to basic problems within our environment.

Requirements:

1. Assignments.

You will have two assignments due over the course of the semester. They are each worth 25 points. One assignment is associated with Module IV and the other is associated with Module V. These assignments are not labor intensive. Turning in an assignment late by even 1 minute will result in a 10% deduction in points. An additional 2% deduction will be added for each additional day that it is late.

- 2. Examinations.** There will be 5 exams given during the course of the semester. The exams will be taken via Chi-Tester and therefore may be completed at any of the Weber State University Testing Centers. If you are not familiar with chi-tester please visit the following website for details on how exams are completed using this method (<http://chitester.weber.edu>). If you are taking this course long distance (50 miles away from a WSU testing-center) then you may take the exams via Chi-tester by following the proxy procedure outlined on the chi-tester website. If you are going to use a proctor you need to set it up as soon as possible. Also be aware that some proctors charge a fee for their services.

The exams consist of 50-70 multiple choice questions. If you plan on being away on school or personal business during an exam you must arrange with me to take the exam

prior to your departure. The final exam is not comprehensive. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. If you are involved in either of these behaviors you will be referred to appropriate University authorities and will receive 0 points on that assignment or exam. For more information on student ethics please go to <http://documents.weber.edu/ppm16-22.htm>.

You will note from the calendar that the exams are open for 2-3 days. Do not wait until the last day the exam is available to complete it. Since you have several days to take the exam I am **not** very sympathetic when you fail to complete the exam because of an emergency that took place on the last day you could have taken it. Plan ahead. If a death or illness occurs then you may request an opportunity to complete the exam past the date it is due. However, in these two cases I will want documentation. For any other reason than the two just listed, I will consider allowing you to complete the exam with a 20%-30% deduction in your score. I am not trying to be uncooperative. I simply get tired of the excuses that shift responsibility away from self. It is not fair to the other students who have planned ahead and taken the exam. Obviously death, illness, and a few other situations are understandable as they are unforeseeable. I will do all that I can to assist you while maintaining the integrity of the course. The final exam is not comprehensive.

- 4. Research Participation Requirement.** During the semester you will have the opportunity of participating in research or reviewing professional journal articles in the field of psychology. The purpose is for you to become more familiar with how psychological research is conducted. You can read more about these options by using the research link on the course homepage. You are required to complete 10 research credits during the semester. Please read the research requirement link for more details.
- 5. Grading:** Your grade will be based on a percentage of all points possible. The total points possible and grade assignments will be as follows:

Exam #1:	100 Points
Exam #2:	100 Points
Exam #3:	100 Points
Exam #4:	100 Points
Exam #5:	100 Points
Research	100 Points
Assignments:	<u>50 Points</u>
Total =	650 Points

To calculate your grade use the following formula:

Percentage = (your total points) / (total points possible) x 100

94-100 % = A	73-76% = C
90-93 % = A-	70-72% = C-
87-89 % = B+	67-69% = D+
83-86 % = B	63-66% = D

80-82 % = B-
77-79 % = C+

60-62% = D-
Below 59 %

Student Rights and Responsibilities:

For issues related to student rights and responsibilities see the Student Rights and Responsibilities section on the Weber State University website
<http://documents.weber.edu/ppm/6-22.htm>.

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) is located in room 181 of the Student Service Center. Any student requiring accommodations for this course must contact SSD. The following link will provide you with contact information <http://weber.edu/ssd> . I want to assist you in any way that I can please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have relate to your success as a student in this course.