

SYLLABUS

Title: Introduction to Psychology
Course: Psychology 1010
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Required Text: Exploring Psychology (8th edition) David G. Myers

Course Objectives

Students should develop a comprehensive knowledge of the basic theories, concepts and applications of psychology as measured by two mid-term examinations and a final examination.

Students should be able to critically evaluate and respond to theories and concepts of psychology by preparing a presentation on a topic in psychology.

Class Schedule

| Class Date | Chapter Title/Topic | Reading/Due Dates |
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| Jan 3 rd , 5 th , 7 th | Intro & Thinking Critically with Psychological Science | Chapter 1 |
| Jan 10 th , 12 th , 14 th | The Biology of Mind | Chapter 2 |
| Jan 19 th , 21 st , 24 th | Consciousness | Chapter 3 |
| Jan 26 th , 28 th , 31 st | Nature and Nurture | Chapter 4 |
| Feb 2 nd , 4 th , 7 th | Developing Through the Life-Span | Chapter 5 |

FEB 9th – FEB 14th First Exam in the Testing Centers (*Chapters 1-5 using Chi-Tester*)

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| Feb 9 th , 11 th , 14 th | Sensation & Perception | Chapter 6 |
| Feb 16 th , 18 th , 23 rd | Learning | Chapter 7 |
| Feb 25 th , 28 th , Mar 2 nd | Memory | Chapter 8 |
| Mar 4 th , 7 th , 9 th , 11 th | Thinking, Language & Intelligence | Chapter 9 |
| Mar 21 st , 23 rd , 25 th | Emotions, Stress and Health | Chapter 11 |

MAR 28th – APR 1st Second Exam in the Testing Centers (*Chapters 6-9, 11 using Chi-Tester*)

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| Mar 28 th , 30 th | Personality | Chapter 12 |
| Apr 1 st , 4 th , 6 th | Psychological Disorders | Chapter 13 |
| Apr 8 th , 11 th , 13 th | Therapy | Chapter 14 |
| Apr 15 th , 18 th | Social Psychology | Chapter 15 |

APRIL 19th - 21st FINAL EXAMINATION (Chapters 12-15 using Chi-Tester) in the Testing Centers

Examinations: This course will consist of three examinations (including the Final examination). The tests will all be of the same format and will come from lecture material, videos and material covered in the text. A study guide will be provided to help focus your study in preparation for the exam (but it does not cover all questions). An exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions (100 points). As you can see from the schedule, the final examination will **not** be comprehensive (on purpose anyway, sometimes material tends to build on itself). The tests will be administered through Chi-Tester (chitester.weber.edu) at the various Weber State University Testing Centers. The Student Services Testing Center (room 262), Social and Behavioral Science Testing Center (SS building – room 38), Science Lab building (room 228), Shepard Union Building (room 323) all share the following hours; M-Thurs. 7:30A – 8:00P, Friday 7:30 A – 4:30 P., Sat. 9:00 A. to 4:30 P.. The Davis Testing Center in Layton, Utah shares similar hours except it is open on Friday till 7:00 P. The Roy Center (West – room 114) has hours of M-Thurs 12:00 P. – 8:00 P., Friday 12:00 P. – 4:00 P., Sat. 9:00 A. – 12:00 P.

In Class Assignments: This course will also have in class assignments which will be worth 3 pts each for a total of 42 points. These assignments cannot be made up.

Presentations: You will be required to prepare one presentation using power-point (.ppt or .pptx) on a relevant topic (100 pts). One of the most effective ways to learn something is to prepare a meaningful presentation. The presentation will be on an individual basis. Choose a topic that is related to one of our chapters. Be very **specific** with your subject. For example, if you choose the chapter on psychological disorders, choose a topic such as PTSD in children or dissociative disorders etc. It **doesn't** need to be in the chapter but should at least be **related** to the chapter that you have chosen. I will **SUBTRACT** points if the presentation merely summarizes the chapter present in the book. Be creative, don't hesitate to use personal experience as well. The minimum number of slides should be 30. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me beforehand. Please turn the presentation in on or before **April 11th**. If you turn the presentation in early enough you may be able to improve the grade received with a suitable revision (last day for that option is **April 1st**). E-mail the presentation to my e-mail account at dougrichards@weber.edu or doug_r_richards@hotmail.com.

I will grade the presentations as follows:

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| Organization | 20 pts. |
| Knowledge of the subject | 15 pts. |
| Specific topic chosen (related to chapter) | 5 pts. |
| Research (psychological or scientific studies) | 20 pts. |
| Good use of illustrations, pictures or animation | 10 pts. |
| Has a point of view | 5 pts. |
| Creativity | 15 pts. |
| Statements made are clearly supported | 10 pts. |

Simply summarizes entire chapter

-5 pts.

Grading: The most strict performance standards that I will use (may be modified down according to class performance)

A = 94-100%
 A- = 90-93%
 B+ = 87-89%
 B = 83-86%
 B- = 80-82%
 C+ = 77-79%
 C = 73-76%
 C- = 70-72%
 D+ = 67-69%
 D = 63-66%
 D- = 60-62%
 E = below 60%

Point Totals:

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| First Exam (FEB 9th – FEB 14th) | 100 points |
| Second Exam: (MAR 28th – APR 1st) | 100 points |
| Final Exam: (APR 19th - 21st) | 100 points |
| Presentation (APR 11th) | 100 points |
| In-Class Assignments | 42 points |

Total points possible 442 points

Power-points will be made available on Blackboard under Course Content – Content.

Blackboard can be accessed through the web-site <http://online.weber.edu> . You will have to login and give a username and password which should be the same as your Wildcat username and password (this can be obtained online or with IT using your W number).

Please e-mail me if you have any questions.

Academic Honesty: as members of the Weber State University academic community, students shall:

1. Maintain academic standards including institutional, school, departmental, program, and individual course standards;
2. Maintain academic ethics and honesty. To this end, the following activities are specifically prohibited:

a. Cheating, which includes but is not limited to:

- i) Copying from another student's test;
 - ii) Using materials during a test not authorized by the person giving the test;
 - iii) Collaborating with any other person during a test without authorization;
 - iv) Knowingly obtaining, using, buying, selling, transporting, or soliciting in whole or in part the contents of any test without authorization of the appropriate University official
 - v) Bribing any other person to obtain any test;
 - vi) Soliciting or receiving unauthorized information about any test;
 - vii) Substituting for another student or permitting any other person to substitute for oneself to take a test.
- b. Plagiarism, which is the unacknowledged (uncited) use of any other person's or group's ideas or work. This includes purchased or borrowed papers;
- c. Collusion, which is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit;
- d. Falsification, which is the intentional and unauthorized altering or inventing of any information or citation in an academic exercise, activity, or record-keeping process;
- e. Giving, selling, or receiving unauthorized course or test information;
- f. Using any unauthorized resource or aid in the preparation or completion of any course work, exercise, or activity;
- g. Infringing on the copyright law of the United States which prohibits the making of reproductions of copyrighted material except under certain specified conditions.

Cheating infractions:

1. The first infraction shall result in a score of 0 (zero) points for the particular test, paper, presentation, activity etc.
2. The second infraction shall result in a failing grade (E) for the course.

Disclaimer: I reserve the right to make changes in a) course schedule, b) course requirements, c) course grading procedures, and/or d) any other aspects of the course at any time. Any alterations will be circumspect and will be made in the best interests of the students, the course, and the instructor.