

Fall 2012
PSYCH 1000 - GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
Section 002; CRN: 22386; Mon-Wed-Fri 10:30 AM – 11:20 AM
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Tues. 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
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(or by appointment)

TEXTBOOKS:

Required: Kowalski, R., & Westen, D. (2011). *Psychology* (6th Ed.).
New York: Wiley.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course is designed to provide an overview of psychological science and it serves as a prerequisite for other courses offered by the Psychology Department. Basic theories and concepts, as well as the methods for developing and refining them, will be introduced with special attention to recent developments and controversies in the field. By the end of the course, the successful student will be able to understand these theories and concepts, to appreciate the many subdisciplines and perspectives within the field, and to recognize the relevance of psychology to everyday experience.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS (3 units; *no prerequisite*):

Lecture Attendance. The material presented during scheduled lectures will appear on examinations; therefore, you are advised, but not required, to attend lectures regularly. Attendance will be recorded at each class meeting, although this information is not used in any formal way for grading purposes.

Assigned Readings. The course calendar lists readings from the Kowalski and Westen text adjacent to certain lecture dates; these assignments should be read *prior* to that lecture. Lectures will be easier to understand and more enjoyable if you prepare ahead. Completing assigned readings will also allow you to take advantage of extra credit opportunities in the form of unannounced quizzes and writing assignments administered at various class meetings. You are not required to take these quizzes, but any points earned will be added to your next exam score.

Examinations. Four non-cumulative examinations will be given; the first three will be administered during class meetings as indicated by the course calendar. The fourth exam will be given on Monday December 17 at 8:30 AM, as scheduled by the registrar. No exam will be administered earlier than the scheduled date and time for any reason. In the event of *unexpected and exigent* circumstances (**not** scheduled appointments), make-up essay exams may be arranged at the instructor's discretion. Notification of such circumstances must be made *before the start* of the exam to qualify for a make-up and formal documentation will be required. Reduced airfare, weddings, and any other personal matters will never be acceptable excuses for taking a make-up exam. Please mark calendars and notify parents now.

Each exam will consist of 50 items; thus, final grades will be based on 200 possible points. Examination materials cannot be retained by students. You must write your name on *both* the item booklet and answer sheet and turn them in before leaving the room. Failure to comply will result in a zero score and a formal report to Academic Affairs as an incidence of cheating. Students are bound to the University's Code of Academic Integrity in all matters related to the course.

Research Participation. All students must participate in departmental research studies as described in the "General Psychology Research Requirement" handout.

Students with Disabilities. If you have any disability that might affect your performance in the course, it is your responsibility to notify me as soon as possible so that appropriate accommodations are made. Do not assume that other campus officials will notify me.

GRADING SCALE:

Total points accumulated from 4 exams, plus any quiz points:

184-200+	92-100+%	A
180-183	90-91%	A-
176-179	88-89%	B+
164-175	82-87%	B
160-163	80-81%	B-
156-159	78-79%	C+
144-155	72-77%	C
140-143	70-72%	C-
136-139	68-69%	D+
120-135	60-66%	D
0-119	0-59%	F

"Incomplete" (N) grades are given only in rare cases *and when arranged prior to the final exam*.

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COURSE CALENDAR - FALL 2012

<u>Week</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assigned Reading</u>
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UNIT ONE: Brain and Basic Processes

1	M	1	Aug 27	Introduction	pp. 2-19
	W	2	Aug 29	Neuroanatomy and Imaging	pp. 73-85
	F	3	Aug 31	Neuronal Functions	pp. 64-73
2	W	4	Sep 5	Localization/Left and Right	pp. 85-93
	F	5	Sep 7	Motivation and Eating	pp. 346-357
3	M	6	Sep 10	Sensory Systems	pp. 107-141
	W	7	Sep 12	Sleep and Dreams	pp. 304-320
	F	8	Sep 14	Perception	pp. 142-159
4	M	9	Sep 17	Drugs and Behavior/Review	pp. 321-327
	W	-	Sep 19	UNIT ONE EXAM	

UNIT TWO: Information Processing

	F	10	Sep 21	Classical Conditioning	
5	M	11	Sep 24	Operant Principles	pp. 163-186
	W	12	Sep 26	Memory: Learning	pp. 196-206
	F	13	Sep 28	Memory: Remembering	pp. 206-220
6	M	14	Oct 1	Memory: Forgetting	pp. 220-229
	W	15	Oct 3	Knowledge and Problem Solving	pp. 233-247
	F	16	Oct 5	Judgments and Decisions	pp. 247-255
7	M	17	Oct 8	Social Perception	pp. 612-633
	W	18	Oct 10	Attitudes and Dissonance/Review	pp. 633-644
	F	-	Oct 12	UNIT TWO EXAM	

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UNIT THREE: Development and Social Behavior

8	M	19	Oct 22	Issues in Development	
	W	20	Oct 24	Early Cognitive Development	pp. 494-506
	F	21	Oct 26	Later Cognitive Development	pp. 506-516

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9	M	22	Oct 29	Language Development	pp. 258-267, 516-520 pp. 488-493 pp. 478-488
	W	23	Oct 31	Personality Development	
	F	24	Nov 2	Attachment	
10	M	25	Nov 5	Families and Day Care	pp. 520-528 pp. 20-24
	W	26	Nov 7	Moral and Ego Development	
	F	27	Nov 9	Evolution of Gender Differences	
11	M	28	Nov 12	Attraction and Altruism	pp. 658-673 pp. 56-58, 682-693
	W	29	Nov 14	Obedience to Authority	
	F	-	Nov 16	UNIT THREE EXAM	
UNIT FOUR: Individual Differences					
12	M	30	Nov 19	Concepts of Intelligence	pp. 53-55, 285-290
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13	M	31	Nov 26	Psychological Testing	pp. 36-39, 274-284 pp. 455-466 pp. 96-100, 290-296
	W	32	Nov 28	Personality Traits	
	F	33	Nov 30	Behavior Genetics	
14	M	34	Dec 3	Freud and Psychoanalysis	pp. 436-449 pp. 551-556 pp. 510-525, 532-547
	W	35	Dec 5	Mental Disorders	
	F	36	Dec 7	Deviance and Diagnosis	
15	M	37	Dec 10	Biological Therapies	pp. 573-580 pp. 554-566 pp. 44-47, 580-584
	T*	38	Dec 11	Psychotherapy	
	W	39	Dec 12	Clinical Research/Review	
TBA	May 2 – 8		UNIT FOUR EXAM		

* Special "Friday" schedule day