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PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology

Spring 2003

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Course Description:

Psychology is the science of human and animal behavior and mental processes. As a survey course, Introduction to Psychology provides an overview of the methods, terms, theories, and findings in the field. By understanding principles of psychology, you will learn more about yourself, others, non-human animals, and relationships. The course primarily employs a lecture format, although your comments, questions, and discussions are strongly encouraged. Throughout the semester, visiting guest lecturers and/or films may be presented in class as well.

Required Texts: Weiten's Psychology: Themes and Variations 5th Ed.**Optional Material:** PsykTrek CD-ROM and/or Themes and Variations Study Guide**Course Grade:**

Your final grade for the course will consist of a total of all quiz scores, Midterm Exam score, Final Exam score, and participation points earned in the lab.

Quizzes	120 points possible
Midterm Exam	60 points possible
Final Exam	60 points possible
Lab Participation Points	12 points possible
<u>Research Participation Pts (8)</u>	<u>Required for a Grade</u>
Total Points	252 points possible

Your final grade is based on the percentage of the total possible points that you earn. Because we do not curve grades, every student has the opportunity to earn an A in this course. Alternatively, every student can fail this course if they fail to meet criteria. NO EXTRA POINTS WILL BE GIVEN AND NO EXTRA CREDIT WILL BE ASSIGNED. The breakdown by letter grade is as follows.

Final Grade	# Points	% of Total Pts Possible
A	227 - 252	90%-100%
B	202 - 226	80-89%
C	177 - 201	70-79%
D	152 - 176	60-69%
F	0 - 151	<60%

Structure of the Course:

This course is designed to help you learn a large amount of material at a manageable pace. To achieve these goals, the semester is broken up into 2-week cycles. In the first week of each cycle, you will attend lecture Monday through Thursday. In the second week, you will attend lecture Monday and Tuesday only. On Wednesday, you will participate in a Lab Section, which includes an active learning task and quizzes on that cycle's material. On Thursday of the second week, you will have the opportunity to retake the quiz (more on that below).

Here is an example of a two-week period:

<i>A & B Week Schedule</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week A	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture	Lecture
Week B	Lecture	Lecture	Quiz & Lab Activity (Lab room)	Quiz Retake (Lecture room)

What is a Lab Section?

Lab Section is run by an undergraduate proctor, who has excelled in Introductory Psychology. Two things happen in Lab Section. First, you will take 2 multiple-choice quizzes on that week's two chapters. Second, you will participate in a laboratory activity designed to either review or preview the course content of the current or upcoming unit.

What can I expect on the quizzes and exams?

Lectures will follow the chapters in the book but may contain extra material. We will cover all chapters in the book (except chapter 9) as well as address some additional topics. Quizzes and exams will include material covered in lecture and in the text. As a result, we suggest reading the chapters before they are covered in lecture and to attend class regularly.

At the beginning of each section in your textbook are "Preview Questions." These questions can help you to focus on the critical material in each chapter. The Reviews of Key Points are also a helpful study guide. We suggest concentrating your text book study efforts on being able to answer the Preview Questions, knowing the Key Points, examining the Recap at the end of each chapter, and completing the Practice Test.

Who has to take the Thursday Retake Quiz?

If you have scored a 7 or higher for both units (70%), you do not need to take the Thursday Retake Quiz. However, if you fail to meet the 70% criteria, **you are required to show up on Thursday** to take a new quiz on that unit. No make-ups are given for Thursday Retake Quizzes.

What happens if I don't get a 7 on Wednesday and don't take the Thursday retake?

You get a zero for that unit, even if you scored a 6 on Wednesday.

What if I got a 7 or higher but want to improve my grade?

We encourage you to come to every Thursday retake unless you earned perfect scores on Wednesday. Your highest score will be used, so there is no penalty for trying.

What if I earn a 5 on Wednesday and a 6 on Thursday, will I receive a 0?

You will earn a 6, the higher score for the two quizzes; however, since you earned a 5 on Wednesday, **YOU MUST** attend the Thursday make-up in order to earn a score for that quiz.

What's the lab activity? And why do I need to do it? Lab activities are designed to reinforce material covered in lecture and the text. Please note that you are **required** to be present for the 20-minute lab activity led by your proctor. The lab sessions are worth 2 participation points. Students will lose these 2 points for the lab activity if they: 1) do not show up; 2) leave early; or 3) do not participate in the activity.

Midterm and Final:

You are required to take the multiple choice Midterm and a Final Exam. The Midterm will be administered during your regular class time in your regular lecture room. The Final Exam will be on Tuesday evening during finals week from 7-9 PM. Please note that this time is different than the time noted in the UM wide class schedule.

For the Midterm and Final Exam you will need to bring a #2 pencil and an NCS Test Sheet 50/50, form No. 95142, you can purchase this Scantron form in the UC for 15 cents. Please note that no student will be allowed to start the mid-term or final once another student has completed the exam and left the room.

★ **NOTE:** Study guides are typically not provided for quizzes and tests; you are expected to know all the material from the textbook and lecture(unless otherwise indicated).

Plan to be on time for exams.

Final Exam: May. 13, 7:00 – 9:00 PM	
Sections 1, 2	Social Science Room 352
Sections 3, 4, 5, 6	Urey Lecture Hall

Make Up Policy:

To make up a missed quiz or exam, you must meet the following criteria:

- Notify your Instructor before the time of the quiz/exam and bring proper documentation.
- You must have legitimate documentation verifying the reason for your absence. Examples of documented circumstances that may merit approval include the following:
 - illness or accident
 - death or family emergency
 - University-sanctioned activity

*Remember, prior notification and documentation are mandatory!

Without both, you will NOT be allowed to make up the quiz or exam.

Research Experience:

Psychology is a science built on systematic research on both human and non-human animals. A critical aspect of this course is becoming familiar with how that information is obtained. There are two ways to meet this course requirement and they may be combined in any manner to meet the 8-credit research experience requirement.

The research experience portion of this class is not graded. You may choose either or both of these options (e.g., 4 credits of research participation with 4 credits for reading about research) but this requirement must be met by the end of the semester.

- 1) Participation in original research. In this option, you will sign up to participate in actual psychology experiments. Individual experiments may range from 1 to 8 credits. Typically, each credit takes about 30 minutes. **Sign-up sheets will be posted on the tables on the second floor lobby of the Skaggs Bldg near room 246.**

Each experiment will be assigned a letter code and you must sign up for experiments designated by DIFFERENT letters. Once you have participated in an experiment assigned a letter (e.g., B), you may not sign up for any other experiment with the same code (again, B). If you do, you will only receive credit for the first experiment. Some psychological research projects require participants who possess special characteristics. You may have the opportunity to participate in an in-class screening to be eligible for those experiments. The results of the assessments are confidential, and participation in the screening is optional.

Once you sign up for an experiment, you have made an appointment. If you miss your appointment without notifying and rescheduling the experimenter, you are required to make up the credits for that experiment, PLUS two extra credits.

You will keep track of your hours on an experiment tracking sheet. Do not lose your tracking sheet. This is your record of your participation and you are responsible for it as you would be for any other required assignment.

Once you have completed your research experience credits, hand in the experimental tracking sheet to **your instructor in person** (last page of the syllabus). Do not give your tracking sheet to your proctor and do not slide it under the office door as these could lead to your tracking sheet being misplaced.

- 2) Reading about original research. In this option, you will identify, read, and summarize an original research article in 1-2 pages. Each summary is worth 2 research credits. A separate handout is available outside Skaggs 365 with the details.

What happens if I don't finish the research experience requirement?

Students who do not complete their research experience credits will receive an Incomplete for the class. Students with Incompletes will be allowed to finish their research experience requirement only through the reading about research option. Consistent with university policy, if you do not resolve your Incomplete within one year, your grade will revert to one letter grade lower than what you would have received otherwise. **Be aware** that if you earn a grade of "Incomplete" in any course at UM, an "I" remains permanently on your record, even if you eventually complete the work.

Disabilities And Special Learning Needs:

It is your responsibility to inform your Instructor, at the outset of this course, of any disability and the ways that you and the DSS have determined are necessary to accommodate your needs. Your Instructor is happy to work with you to achieve your goals for the course.

Add/Drop Dates:

Please note that **March 10** is the last day to drop this class or to change your grading option. After this date, petitions will be approved only in the case of documentable emergencies. This departmental policy is strictly observed, so please plan accordingly.

Announcements:

Students are responsible for any announcements made in class. These may include changes in policy, due dates, or assignment requirements.

COURSE CALENDAR

Jan. 27	First Day of Class
Jan. 27-30	Lecture on Ch. 1 & 2
Feb. 5	1 st Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 1 & 2
Feb. 6	Quiz Retake
Feb. 10-13	Lectures on Ch. 3 & 4
Feb. 17	HOLIDAY (Washington-Lincoln Day)
Feb. 19	2 nd Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 3 & 4
Feb. 20	Quiz Retake
Feb. 24-27	Lectures on Ch. 5 & 6
Mar. 5	3 rd Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 5 & 6
Mar. 6	Quiz Retake
Mar. 10	Last Day to Drop or to change grading option without petition
Mar. 10-13	Lectures on Ch. 7
Mar. 20	Midterm Exam Chapters 1-7
Mar. 24-28	SPRING VACATION
Mar. 31-April. 3	Lecture Ch. 8 & 10 (Ch. 9 Omitted)
April. 9	4 th Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 8 & 10
April. 10	Quiz Retake
April. 14-17	Lecture on Ch. 11 & 12
April. 21 & 22	Lectures on Chapter 12
April. 23	5 th Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 11 & 12
April. 24	Quiz Retake
April. 28-May 1	Lectures on Chapters 14, 15
May. 5 & 6	Ch. 15 & 16
May. 7	6 th Lab & Quizzes on Ch. 14 & 15
	Last Day to participate in original research for Research Experience requirement
May. 8	Quiz Retake
	DEADLINE: Reading about Original Research Summaries & Experiment Tracking Form (due in lecture)

May 13, Tues, 7:00-9:00 pm

Final Exam on Chapters 8 & 10-16

Sections 1 & 2: Social Science Room 352

Sections 3, 4, 5 & 6: Urey Lecture Hall

PLEASE NOTE

1. The date and time of the final exam does NOT follow the university-wide schedule of final exams.
2. Chapters Omitted: 9 (Intelligence) and 13 (Stress)