

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Instructor: Alyson Crafton

Course: **Psychology 1**

Schedule #: 7555

Meetings: MWF 8:14-9:04

Location: Easton Rm. 6B

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Overview

Introduction to psychology is intended to familiarize you with some of the basic concepts and principles of psychology. Both theory and practical application are important and will be stressed. This course is intended to provide the student with a sound foundation for further study and a better understanding of him or herself and those with whom he or she comes into contact.

Objectives

The student should be able to demonstrate through tests, discussions, and writings, a knowledge of:

1. Basic vocabulary related to psychology.
2. Types of research methods.
3. Key issues pertaining to such topics as development, motivation/emotion, personality, assessment, disorders, treatment, social psychology, and stress.
4. Current issues, problems, and theories.
5. Influences which affect behavior and their relevance to one's own life.

Text and Other Materials

Text: *Introduction to Psychology*, by Rod Plotnik, 3rd edition, Brooks/Cole Publishing Company.

Test Materials: #2 pencil and 8 #882 Scantron forms.

Exams

Exams will contain information from the lecture notes and the text. All information covered in class and in the text is fair game. In other words, something covered in class may not be in the book and something in the text may not be covered in class but the student is responsible for all material. Exams will consist of multiple choice, matching, and diagrams.

In Class Assignments

Assignments will be given in class from time to time. They will sum to 20 points. Students will be expected to complete the assignments during the class meeting time and no makeups will be allowed unless mitigating circumstances can be proven such as a valid medical excuse.

Grades

Grades will be assessed based on your performance over the semester on eight exams and a research paper and in class assignments.

Exams	280 points (7 x 40 pts)
Paper	80 points
Assignments	20 points
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Total	380 points 380

Grading Scale

A=90% or above B=80-89% C=70-79% D=60-69% F=below 60%

MakeUps

****No makeups will be allowed regardless of the reason. However, you will be allowed to drop your lowest exam grade.**

Attendance, Reading, and Classroom Activities

1. Reading assignments must be completed before every class meeting. It is important for the discussion that you have read, so come to class prepared.
2. All classroom activities are designed for the application of psychological principles discussed in this class. Students will be expected to participate.
3. All students are expected to attend every class session. Failure to do so will be reflected in your final grade.

Writing Assignment

A research paper will be required from each student. The paper will be typed, well written, and neat. This includes attention to grammar, spelling, and syntax. Poorly written work will not be accepted. The paper is due at the beginning of class (8:14 a.m.) on **May 1**. **At 8:20 a.m. the paper is considered late and one grade will be deducted.** Everyday thereafter a letter grade will continue to be deducted. (It will be very damaging to turn a paper in late, so make sure you stay on top of your assignments!)

PLAGIARISM and CHEATING

Plagiarism is a specific form of cheating. It is defined as the use of another person's published or unpublished ideas or writings without acknowledging the source. In this class cheating will be defined as improving one's grade or gaining course credit by means of trickery or other devices outside of one's own knowledge or efforts. Cheating is not limited to examinations but applies to any situation in which the person gains an unfair advantage. Both plagiarism and cheating are very serious offenses and will not be tolerated. Any person found to be cheating or plagiarizing will automatically receive an "F" for a final grade.

Tentative Course Schedule

Jan.	17	Review Module 1 & 2
	19	Module 3- (Last Day to Drop with Refund)
	22	Module 4
	24	Review
	26	Exam 1--(Last day to drop w/out appearing on transcript & last day to register for Spring classes)
	29	Module 5
Feb.	31	Module 6
	2	Module 7
	5	Module 8
	7	Review
	9	Exam 2--(Last day to change class to Cr/Nc)
	12	Module 9
	14	Module 10
	16	Lincoln's Birthday--no class
	19	President's Day--no class
	21	Module 11
	23	Module 12
	26	Review
	28	Exam 3
Mar.	1	Module 13
	4	Module 14
	6	Module 15
	8	Module 16
	9	Last day to drop; "W" will appear on record
	11	Review
	13	Exam 4
	15	Class Canceled--Staff Development Day
	18	Module 17
	20	Module 18
	22	Module 19
	25	Module 20 & Review
	27	Review & Paper Assigned
29	Exam 5 & Paper Assigned	
Apr.	1	Spring Break
	3	" "
	5	" "
	8	Module 21
	10	Module 22
	12	Module 23
	15	Module 24
	17	Review
	19	Exam 6
	22	Module 25

	24	Module 26
	26	Module 27
	29	Module 28
May	1	Review & Paper is Due
	3	Exam 7
	6	Module 29
	8	Module 30
	10	Module 31
	13	Module 32
	15	Review
	17	Exam 8

***Note: The course schedule is tentative.**