

Psychology 2 -- General Psychology Fall '98

MWF 9:00-9:50

MWF 11:00-11:50

TTH 8:00-9:15

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REQUIRED textbook: Weiten, Wayne (1997) Psychology: Themes and Variations, 3rd ed., briefer version. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Publishing.

REQUIRED CD-ROM: Weiten, Wayne (1998) Psyk.trek: A Multimedia Introduction to Psychology. Pacific Grove: Brooks/Cole Publishing.

- **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

To provide you (the student) with the opportunity to develop:

an understanding of the discipline of Psychology. This will include psychological: terminology, theorists and theories, research, and major problems of the discipline itself.

scientific values and skills. This includes an understanding of research methods, acquisition of a skeptical attitude and the stimulation of intellectual curiosity about behavior.

your creative and critical thinking skills. This includes encouraging you to actively participate in class discussions and activities.

- **GRADING:**

Your final grade will be based on the following objective criterion and grading scale:

1. Exams	420 pts. (approx. 63%)	599 - 665 pts. (90 -100.0 %) = A
2. Quizzes	120 pts. (approx. 18%)	532 - 598 pts. (80 - 89.9 %) = B
3. Psyk.Trek Simulation Papers(2)	60 pts. (approx. 9%)	453 - 531 pts. (68 - 79.9 %) = C
4. Attendance/Participation	65 pts. (approx. 10%)	386 - 452 pts. (58 - 67.9 %) = D
	<hr/>	0 - 385 pts. (0 - 57.9 %) = F
	665 pts. 100%	

- **EXAMS:**

There will be four (4) examinations (Testing Blocks) given throughout the semester. These testing blocks are nothing more than chapters assigned to be tested together. The exams will consist of many or all of the following types of questions: Multiple choice, fill-in, matching, true-false and short answer. Each exam or testing block will contribute 105 points toward your final grade.

You are expected to be present and prepared to take the exams on the scheduled exam dates. It is your responsibility to NOTIFY me AT LEAST ONE (1) WEEK IN ADVANCE when there is a conflict with the scheduled exam date so that alternative arrangements can be made. Make-up exams are to be completed BEFORE the scheduled exam date. If you fail to notify me PRIOR to the missed exam and you cannot document your absence, you CANNOT make-up the exam.

For those unforeseen conflicts (or when \$*#% happens) you will need to verify your illness, bereavement or required school activity IN WRITING! Otherwise, the test CANNOT be made up.

- **Cheating:**

The College has a written policy on cheating and plagiarism which includes specific steps that **WILL BE TAKEN** in the event that an incident of cheating or plagiarism is suspected.

Cheating is defined as the willful and intentional practice of fraudulent and deceptive acts for the purpose of improving a grade or obtaining course credit. This definition is not limited to examinations situations only, it also includes any and all behavior by you which is intended to gain an unearned academic advantage.

- **TENTATIVE COURSE SEQUENCE:**

The modules listed in the section below refer to the *Interactive Learning Modules* found in *Psyk.Trek*.

- **Recommended modules**

I have designated several modules as "Recommended;" these modules should be used to assist you in your understanding of selected content in the text as well as gain extra credit points (discussed momentarily) for the course. Exam questions for these modules will be (for the most part) based on the text.

Extra Credit: You can earn extra credit points by completing the "Recommended modules" and turning in computer generated printouts of minimal satisfactory (70% or better) quiz results. These extra credit module quiz results must be turned in prior to the exam for that Testing Block. Each Recommended module is worth one point, and you can earn a maximum of 26 points in this manner.

(Note: Please do NOT confuse these extra credit quizzes with those discussed earlier under the Quizzes section. These quizzes are to be completed within the *Interactive Learning Module* section of *Psyk.Trek*, NOT the *Psyk.Trek* Interactive Study Guide mentioned before!!)

- **Alternate modules**

In addition to the Recommended modules, I have designated several modules as "Alternate;" these alternate modules, for most of you, CAN function as a substitute for reading the text (this may not be true for all.) Exam questions for these topics will mostly be based on the *Psyk.Trek* modules.

- **TESTING BLOCK #1 (EXAM SCHEDULED FOR WEEK 4)**

Chapter 1	-- The Evolution of Psychology
Recommended modules	1a
Chapter 2	-- The Research Enterprise in Psychology
Recommended modules	1b, 1c, 1d & 1e
Appendix B	-- Statistical Methods
Recommended modules	1b, 1c, 1d & 1e
Chapter 3	-- The Biological Bases of Behavior
Alternate modules	2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, & 2g

- **Computer *Simulations* in *Psyk.Trek* Related to this Testing Block include:**

- #1 The Stroop Test
- #2 Hemispheric Specialization

- COURSE SEQUENCE IN RELATIONSHIP TO DATES:

The course schedule below is a ROUGH GUIDE-LINE for the entire semester. This guide-line gives you an idea of the order in which material will be covered in my lectures.

A majority of the classroom time will be used to present lecture material. The lectures will elaborate on some of the more important and/or difficult topics in the text. The lectures are supplemental to the text and they will contain information that is not found in the textbook.

You are encouraged to ask questions and to add your own experiences to the class discussion. You should feel free to challenge and disagree with me.

If students show more interest in a particular area, more time will be given to that area. In other words, students should understand that this outline is not set in concrete and may be altered in your best interest. It should also be understood that while information may be postponed or deleted, new information will NOT be added.

Week 1:	Aug. 17-21	Testing Block #1 – Chs. 1, 2, Appendix B & Ch. 3
Week 2:	Aug. 24-28	Testing Block #1
Week 3:	Aug. 31-Sept. 4	Testing Block #1
Week 4:	Sept. 7-11 (Holiday on Monday the 7th - Labor Day)	Exam on 10th or 11th -- Testing Block #1**
		** depending on which section you're in – MWF or TTH.
Week 5:	Sept. 14-18	Testing Block #2 – Chs. 4, 5, 7 & 8 (pgs. 219-234)
Week 6:	Sept. 21-25	Testing Block #2
Week 7:	Sept. 28-Oct. 2	Testing Block #2
Week 8:	Oct. 5-9	Testing Block #2
Week 9:	Oct. 12-16 (Final drop date on Friday the 16th)	Exam on 12th or 13th -- Testing Block #2**
		** depending on which section you're in -- MWF or TTH.
Week 10:	Oct. 19-23	Testing Block #3
Week 11:	Oct. 26-30	Testing Block #3
Week 12:	Nov. 2-6	Testing Block #3
Week 13:	Nov. 9-13 (Holiday on Wednesday the 11th -- Veterans' Day)	Testing Block #3
Week 14:	Nov. 16-20	Exam on 16th or 17th -- Testing Block #3**
		** depending on which section you're in – MWF or TTH
Week 15:	Nov. 23-27 (Holidays on Thursday and Friday the 26th & 27th – Thanksgiving)	Testing Block #4
Week 16:	Nov. 30-Dec. 4	Testing Block #4
Week 17:	Dec. 7-11 (REGULAR class sessions END on 11th)	Testing Block #4
Week 18:	Dec. 14-18 FINALS WEEK	see schedule below for date and time of Exam on Testing Block #4

Final Examination Schedule

TTH (8:00 - 9:15 a.m.) class' final is Thurs., Dec 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..

MWF (9:00 - 9:50 a.m.) class' final is Fri., Dec 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..

MWF (11:00 - 11:50 a.m.) class' final is Wed., Dec 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..