

Introductory Psychology
PSYC 100, Section 00
MWF 10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
Office Hour Fridays 9:30 a.m.
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The purpose of this class is to introduce the student to the many areas of psychology and excite him/her about this compassionate profession. PowerPoint technology will be used.

Successful students will read the text and other assigned materials, take at least 3 of the 4 exams administered, ask questions to concepts they do not understand whether in class or during my office hour, and read the honor policy which can be accessed by logging onto <http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/>

"If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office."

Successful students will also turn off their pagers, cell phones, and anything else that rings before coming to class. Successful students will not text like mad or access the Internet during class.

All students must (translation: required) complete five hours worth of participation in experiments. Your participation in experiments is considered 5% of your grade. **You may complete 10 hours worth of experiments in order to receive five extra credit points.** You can access the website for experiments at www.experimetrix.com

At this website you can view all experiment opportunities and sign up for them. If you do not wish to participate in an experiment, you can sign up for the alternative choice, which is a lecture of some sort. The lectures are also listed on the website. It is **STRONGLY** suggested that you sign up for your experiments (or lectures) early in the semester. As the semester moves forward, you will become busy and it might be more difficult to make time for these experiments. Experiments are fun, interesting, and an important part of extending our understanding of psychological concepts!

Required Text:

Psychology 7th edition in modules (2004) by David Myers

The Man who Mistook His Wife for a Hat by Oliver Saks, M.D.

Optional Text:

Love's Executioner by Irvin Yalom, Ph.D.

Tests: A total of four exams will be administered. The material will be divided equally between the first 3 exams; the 4th exam (which is the final exam) will be cumulative. **All four tests have equal weight.** Your grade will be based on your **BEST 3 exams. You may take all four tests and have your lowest grade dropped. However, if you miss a test for ANY reason, that will be the test that is dropped. This is not negotiable.** All tests will be multiple choice exams and you are required to bring a green scantron form to each exam with a pencil. I will not have scantrons or pencils for you.

You must be one time to all tests or you will not be allowed to sit for the exam.

You are responsible for knowing the information in all modules (chapters) listed on this syllabus. Test will include material that could not be discussed in class due to time constraints. However, information from class discussions will be more heavily weighted on the tests. Class discussions will attempt to highlight interesting information in the chapter and elaborate on it. ***Class will not simply be a live performance of me reading the material to you.***

Your grade: 95% of your grade will be an average of your 3 best tests. 5% of your grade will be an average of your experimetric credits.

Grade Calculation:

A+ 100 - 97

B+ 89 - 87

C+ 79 - 77

D 69 - 60

A 96 - 93

B 86 - 83

C 76 - 73

F 59 and below

A- 92 - 90

B- 82 - 80

C- 72 - 70

The add and drop deadlines for classes.

Last day to add - Sept. 12th

Last day to drop - Sept. 29th

Class Calendar:

Week 1

August 28 Introduction

August 30 NO CLASS

Sept. 1 Module 1 (intro)

Week 2

Sept. 4 NO CLASS--LABOR DAY

Sept. 6 Module 2 (research)

Sept. 8 Module 2 and 3 (neural)

Week 3

Sept. 11 Module 3 (neural)

Sept. 13 Module 4 (brain)

Sept. 15 Module 4 (brain)

Week 4

Sept. 18 Module 5 (genes)

Sept. 20 Module 6 (enviro)

Sept. 22 Test #1

Week 5

Sept. 25 Module 7 (dev)

Sept. 27 Module 8 (dev)

Sept. 29 Module 8 (dev)

Week 6

Oct. 2 Module 9(dev)

Oct. 4 Module 9 (dev)

Oct. 6 Module 10 (dev)

Week 7

Oct. 10 TUESDAY Module 20(dev) Oct. 16 Module 21

Oct. 11 Module 20 (learn)

Oct. 13 Module 21

Week 8

Oct. 18 Module 22

Oct. 20 Test #2

Week 9

Oct. 23 Movie

Oct. 25

Oct. 27

Week 10

Oct. 30 Module 53 (social)

Nov. 1 Module 54 (social)

Nov. 3 Module 54 (social)

Week 11

Nov. 6 Module 55 (social)

Nov. 8 Module 55 (social)

Nov. 10 Module 30 (intel)

Week 12

Nov. 13 Module 34 (eating)

Nov. 15 Module 35 (sex)

Nov. 17 Module 35 (sex)

Week 13

Nov. 20 Module 41 (personality)

Nov. 22-26 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 14

Nov. 27 Module 41 (personality)

Nov. 29 Module 45 (intro disorders)

Dec. 1 Module 47 and 48 (disorders)

Week 15

Dec. 4 Module 49 schizophrenia

Dec. 6 test #3

Dec. 8 review

Final Exam

Cumulative Test

Dec. 13, 2006

Wednesday

10:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

****You must be in class at the start of the exam. The exam should only take about 1 hour. It will be the same length as all other tests you have taken in this class.**