

SYLLABUS

Course: History & Systems in Psychology
PSYC 465-003

Time: Wednesday, 7:20pm – 10:00pm
Spring 2006

Location: Robinson Hall, B218 (Fairfax Campus)

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Office Hours: Wednesday, 6pm – 7pm (or by appointment)
DKH 2036 (lab)

Text: Viney, W. & King, D.B. (2003). A History of Psychology: Ideas and Context, 3rd Ed., Allyn and Bacon: Boston, MA.

***Schedule:**

Date	Chapters
1/25	1 – 2
2/1	3
2/8	4
2/15	5
2/22	EXAM I (Chapters 1 – 5)
3/1	6
3/8	7
3/22	8 – 9
3/29	10
4/5	EXAM II (Chapters 6 – 10)
4/12	11
4/19	12 – 13 <i>paper due</i>
4/26	14 – 15
5/3	16
5/10	EXAM III (Chapters 11 – 16)

**This schedule is subject to change, so keeping up with the lecture notes and regular attendance are essential.*

Last day to add – Feb 7th
Last day to drop – Feb 24th

Course Objectives:

- Present philosophical issues in psychology and other sciences, and explore the evolution of ideas within philosophy and psychology
- Promote an awareness of the ways that historical developments outside of psychology shape the discipline
- Discuss the theories and relevance of major trends in modern psychology

Assignments:

- (1) Complete in a timely manner the readings from the lecture notes (on WebCT) and text.
- (2) There are a total of 3 exams (26% each). *Your lowest exam grade will be replaced with the average of your highest and lowest exam scores.* Exams may include multiple choice, short answer, or essay questions from the lecture notes and text. Make-up exams will be allowed only with documented proof of an emergency.
- (3) A 7–10 page APA (8%) formatted paper is due April 19 at the beginning of class. The objective of this assignment is for you to integrate historical material presented in this course with a current psychological topic of interest to you. Details of this project will be discussed in lecture. The paper must include at least five references from outside the course. *The cover sheet and reference pages do not count toward the page length requirement.* Please do not include abstracts. Late papers are penalized 25% for each class period they are late. E-mails and electronic copies will not be accepted.
- (4) Seven (7) unannounced quizzes/activities (2% each) will be given throughout the semester. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped and the highest quiz score will count as two grades. There will be no make-up quizzes (since you are already able to replace your lowest quiz).

Grading: EXAMS (3x26=78%) + QUIZZES/ACTIVITIES (7x2=14%) + PAPER (8%) = 100%

A = 93 – 100%	C+ = 77 – 79%
A- = 90 – 92%	C = 73 – 76%
B+ = 87 – 89%	C- = 70 – 72%
B = 83 – 86%	D = 64 – 69%
B- = 80 – 82%	F = 0 – 63%

Use of Technology:

Class will be held in an Electronic/Smart Classroom and lectures are in PowerPoint format. Grades, announcements, and notes will be available on WebCT.

Special Needs:

Every effort possible will be made to accommodate students with a disability or other special need. 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.

Honor Code:

Students are reminded of the University honor code and are expected to adhere to the principles thereof.