

Psychology 304

Principles of Learning

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Syllabus

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Textbook: Adams, J. A. Learning and Memory: An Introduction. Revised Edition. Dorsey Press.

<u>Lecture Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment in Textbook</u>
Historical background of learning	None. Lectures only
Learning defined	Chapter 1
Pavlovian (classical) conditioning	Chapter 2
Positive reinforcement	Chapters 3, 4, and 5
First examination--date to be announced	
Punishment and fear	Chapter 6
Applications of learning	Chapter 9
Biological constraints on learning	Chapter 7, and pp. 157-161.
Second examination--date to be announced.	
Will cover topics since first exam.	
Human verbal learning	Pp. 161-183
Strategies of verbal memorization	Chapters 10 and 12
Verbal forgetting processes	Chapter 13
Observational learning	None. Lectures only
Final examination--date given in GMU's "Schedule of Classes".	
Non-comprehensive exam. Will cover topics since second exam.	