

Psychology 100 (004)
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TR 10:30-11:45, ENT 80

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SYLLABUS

8/29	Introduction (Ch.1)
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9/21	Review
9/26	Exam I
9/28, 10/3	Learning (Ch.6)
10/5	Memory (Ch.7)
10/10	Recess
10/12, 10/17	Motivation (Ch.9)
10/19	Emotion (Ch.9)
10/24	Cognition (Ch.10)
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10/31, 11/2	Intelligence (Ch.13)
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11/9	Exam II
11/14, 11/16	Personality (Ch.14)
11/21	Behavioral disorders (Ch.15)
11/23	Recess
11/28	Behavioral disorders (cont.)
11/30	Treatment (Ch.16)
12/5	Social psychology (Ch.17)
12/7	Review
12/14	Final Exam 10:30-1:15

The text is Psychology: Science, Behavior, and Life, by Ettinger, Crooks, and Stein, third edition. There are three exams, each counting one third of your grade. Grades will be based on the average of the three exams: 90-100 A, 80-89 B, 70-79 C, 60-69 D, 59 or less F. Office hours are on Thursday between 9:30am and 10:30am in David King. You can also reach me at the phone number above. Each student is responsible for completing five research hours by either participating in a research project or a lecture describing such work. Sign-up sheets for the research are on a bulletin board in David King Hall near the Psychology Department. Students who sign up for a research project and who do not show up, or who do not complete the five hours, will be penalized.

Summary of Psychology 100 Research Participation Requirement

To encourage experiential learning about research at an early point in the Psychology curriculum, research participation (or a comparable research-related alternative) will be required of all students in Introductory Psychology (Psychology 100). The following summarizes your responsibilities in this process. In addition, you are invited to obtain a copy of the GUIDELINES FOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT RESEARCH PARTICIPATION from the Psychology Department Main Office which provides a detailed account of the rules procedures for Psychology student research participation, including the responsibilities of researchers, instructors, and students in this process.

Overview of Psychology 100 Requirement and Student Responsibilities

1. All students in Psychology 100 courses will be required to participate in a minimum of five hours of psychology research being conducted at GMU (or the comparable alternative non-participatory lecture alternative) during the semester they are enrolled in Psych 100.
2. Students are responsible for checking the Subject Sign-up Board near the Psychology Department Main Office in David King Hall for research participation opportunities (and non-participatory lecture alternatives). It is important to check the board regularly, beginning early in the semester, because most studies are conducted for only part of the semester. Students are strongly encouraged NOT to wait until the last few weeks of the semester because there may not be enough opportunities at the very end of the term.
3. Students are required to show up for experiments or lectures that they have signed up for. Students are responsible for keeping their own record of the title, contact person, date, time and place of experiments. (This information may not be posted the day of the experiment.) Students who do not show up for experiments for which they signed up will receive a 1-credit penalty. Researchers will submit a No-Show Penalty form to the Undergraduate Research Coordinator and this will be recorded along with credit for completed participation. For example, if you fail to show up for one experiment, you will then be required to complete 6, not 5, hours of research (or equivalent non-participatory lectures). If a student signs up for an experiment and, for some reason, is unable to make the time appointed or decides against participation, (s)he must provide, to the researcher or designated contact person, a minimum of 24 hours notice to avoid the penalty. (Phone numbers for the researcher or designated contact person will be included on the experiment sign-up sheets.)
4. Students are responsible for submitting the Research Participation Forms (and Research Participation Feedback Forms) to the box adjacent to the Subject Sign-up Board near the Psychology Department Main Office in David King Hall. These forms must be submitted within two weeks of participation (to avoid overburdening the research coordinator). Late forms will not be credited. Forms must be accurately, legibly (e.g., printed) and completely filled out; otherwise, no credit will be given. On the basis of these forms, the Undergraduate Research Coordinator will keep a record of each student's research participation activities. Note: It is the student's responsibility to keep track of and turn in these forms. Students are also strongly advised to keep photocopies of their credit forms. We cannot be responsible for lost or missing forms without backup proof. [Researchers are under no obligation to replace lost forms.]
5. Students who have any questions or concerns are invited to speak to the Undergraduate Research Coordinator (whose name and office hours are posted on the Subject Sign-up Board) or to Dr. June Tangney.