

Fall 1996

INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY 100 Section 002

M-W-F 11:30 AM--12:20 PM  
Harris Theater Aud.

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Instructor

Text: Psychology: Contexts of Behavior  
By: Halonen & Santrock

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Instructor Availability:

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Mon., Wed., & Fri. 12:30 - 1:15 on scheduled class days

Course Objectives:

1. To provide an introduction and broad overview of the main subareas of psych.
2. To learn the meaning of the basic concepts and vocabulary of psychology
3. To see how psychologists learn about human behavior through research
4. To understand how psychological principles work in our daily lives

Course Requirements:

1. Attendance is not mandatory but is necessary to get high marks. Material presented in class will not be repetition of the text but will be on the same topics. This classroom material will be included on the exams. Therefore, if you miss class, try to arrange with someone to get notes.
2. There will be 5 QUIZZES, each covering about 100 pages of material. There will be no makeups for material on these five tests. If you know you must be absent on the scheduled exam day, you should try to arrange to take the quiz early during office hours. Exams will not be given on a later day than the one scheduled. The 5 quizzes will cover only the chapters (usually three) for that time period. The final exam, Fri. 13 Dec. 10:30-1:15 PM will be comprehensive over all text and classroom materials.
3. MAKE-UP. Not every page of every chapter is assigned or will be covered due to the length of the text. About 100 pages have been omitted. On Fri. 6 Dec. the last day of class, there will be one make-up exam based solely on this omitted material. You are entirely on your own studying this material and learning it for the exam. This make-up is for anyone who missed a test during the term or for anyone who did badly on a taken exam and would like a chance to substitute the score on this make-up for the worse score.
4. All tests will be objective, e.g. Multiple choice, matching, etc. Be sure to study the chapter reviews, overviews, and key terms at the end of each chapter to help you prepare. Please make sure you have a SCANTRON and #2 PENCIL with a good eraser for each quiz. These are machine scored exams.
5. A good time guideline is to budget 2 hours of work outside class for each 1 hour in class, so, for a 3 hour lecture class like this, plan to spend at least 6 hours/wk. reading the text, reviewing and organizing notes, etc. The student preface in the beginning of the text has some good ideas for helping you study more effectively. Please take time to read it.

. To learn about research in psychology, each student is required to participate in 5 HOURS OF RESEARCH. (See last page of syllabus for details.) Sign up sheets are posted near the entrance to David King Hall. This is a Psych. Dept. requirement for all Intro students in every section.

Grading:

Tests are worth 40 points each. Total quiz points = 200. The cumulative final is 100 points. Total course points = 300.

A = 270-300 total points; 90-100% correct	D = 180-209 pts.; 60-69% correct
B = 240-269 total points; 80-89 % correct	F = 0-179 pts.; 0-59% correct
C = 210-239 total points; 70-79 % correct	

Grades on each quiz are based on the same percentages.

A = 90-100% correct or 36-40 points	D = 60-69% or 24-27 points
B = 80-89 % correct or 32-35 points	F = 0-59% or 0-23 points
C = 70-79 % correct or 28-31 points	

Honor Code:

GMU maintains an honor code. Do not cheat or attempt to cheat on exams. All tests are closed book. Books, notes, and other materials should be under your seat during quizzes. Try to keep your material covered and private while answering. Maintain respect for yourself and show respect for others by being honest.

Course Schedule:

1. Classes begin promptly at 11:30. Given the large size of the class, please be on time so you do not disrupt other students crawling over them to get to a seat. It would be helpful to leave the back row empty for anyone who comes late or has to leave early.
2. Classes meet every Mon., Wed., and Fri. Except Mon. 2 Sept., Mon. 14 Oct., & Fri. 29 Nov.
3. The last day of class is Friday 6 Dec. The final exam is Fri. 13 Dec. 10:30 to 1:15 PM.
4. GMU snow line is 993-1000. Please call if the weather is bad to see if the university has cancelled classes.
5. Note that not all chapters are presented in sequence or include all pages. Check the schedule below periodically to see what is next, when exams are, and what material they will include.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

DATES	TOPICS	CHAPTER
26-30 Aug. 4-6 Sept. 9-13 Sept.	Introduction to the science of psychology Biological/neurological bases of behavior Various states of consciousness and drugs	1 + 2 (27-41) 3 5
16 Sept.	Quiz one 40 points ch. 1, 2 (27-41), 3, & 5	
18-23 Sept. 25-27 Sept. 30 Sept. 2 Oct.	How we learn and become who we are How and what we remember Intelligence Quiz two 40 pts. Ch. 6, 7, & 8 (269-288 only)	6 7 8 (269-288)
4-11 Oct. 14 Oct. 16-21 Oct. 23 Oct. 25 Oct.	How we develop throughout our lives Columbus Day Break Personality--becoming our unique selves Assessing personality Quiz three 40 pts. Ch. 9, 10, & 15	9 & 10  15
28 Oct. 30-4 Nov. 6-11 Nov. 13 Nov.	Stress--what is it and how do we cope Psychological disorders Dealing with abnormality: psychotherapies Quiz four 40 pts. Ch. 12 (430-439), 14 (505-528) Ch. 16 & 17	14 (505-528) 16 + 12 (430-439) 17
15-20 Nov. 22-27 Nov. 2 Dec.	Dealing with the larger world: social psychology Culture/ethnicity/gender influences on behavior Quiz five 40 pts. Ch. 11, 18, & 19	18 11 & 19
4 Dec. 6 Dec.	Review for final exam, course evals Make-up quiz for those who need or choose to take it Ch. 4, 8, 12, 13, 14 all unassigned sections	
13 Dec.	Final Exam 100 points all previously covered material Fri. 10:30 AM to 1:15 PM	

## 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. Those students who do not complete the required five hours of research participation will be penalized 2 percentage points for each hour not completed (e.g., up to a total of a 10 percentage penalty toward their final grade).
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 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. 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. [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.