

PSYC 100
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HOURS: TR 1030-1100 OR BY APPT

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
AUG 26	INTRODUCTION AND METHODS	CHAP 1, APP A
SEPT 2	BIOLOGICAL BASES OF BEHAVIOR	CHAP 2
SEPT 9	DEVELOPMENT	CHAP 3
SEPT 16	DEVELOPMENT; SENSATION/PERCEPTION	CHAPS 4,5
SEPT 23	PERCEPTION; QUIZ 1	CHAP 6
SEPT 30	CONSCIOUSNESS; LEARNING	CHAP 7,8
OCT 7	LEARNING	CHAP 8
OCT 14	MEMORY, THOUGHT	CHAPS 9,10
OCT 21	MENTAL ABILITIES	CHAP 11
OCT 28	MOTIVATION AND EMOTION	CHAPS 12,13
NOV 4	QUIZ 2; PERSONALITY THEORY	CHAP 14
NOV 11	MENTAL DISORDERS	CHAP 15
NOV 18	THERAPIES	CHAP 16
NOV 25	STRESS AND COPING; QUIZ 3	CHAP 17
DEC 2	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	CHAPS 18,19

DEC 17 (TUESDAY) FINAL EXAM; THIS ROOM 730AM-1015AM

TEXTBOOK: MYERS, PSYCHOLOGY, 4TH EDITION.

In addition to the text, the package available in the bookstore includes a computerized tutorial and a basic simulation program. Some questions on each exam will be taken from the tutorial package, and the simulation package explains some important concepts in the course. I expect that **you will keep up** with assigned reading, and with both the tutorial and simulation materials associated with each chapter as it is assigned.

COURSE GOALS. This course surveys many different subareas within Psychology. A focus is on how biological factors, perceptions and expectations, and learning influences many different aspects of behavior. To successfully complete this course, you must be able to answer factual questions about behavior, use your knowledge to draw conclusions from new data, interpret psychological data, and apply psychological principles to new situations.

GRADES: There will be four multiple choice exams (including the final exam). The first three are not cumulative, but the final **IS** cumulative. Your grade will be the average of your **BEST THREE** of the four; that is, your lowest grade will be dropped. If you miss an exam for any reason, ranging from oversleeping to your own death, that will be the exam dropped; **THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUPS**. However, if you are satisfied with your grade after the first three exams, you may omit the final. Answers **must** be on scantrons, which you must purchase at the bookstore.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION: A large class is not an ideal learning environment. Supplemental instruction [study skills, course content, test taking skills, etc] with a student who has already done well in this course is available. It is recommended for anyone who wants to do well in the course and **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to anyone whose first exam score is less than "C".

EXPERIMENTAL PARTICIPATION: Each student is required to accumulate five hours of credit for participation as a subject in psychology experiments. Alternate experiences (attending lectures on psychology experiments) may be substituted. **This is a course requirement, just as much as the exams.** Failure to participate will result in a 2% reduction in the course grade for **EACH** hour short of the required five. Experiments are posted outside of the psychology office in David King Hall. Plan to complete this requirement early in the semester.

HONOR CODE: Your exam performance must be your own work, but you may use any means you like to learn the material. I encourage studying in groups. Taping lectures is permitted. No written material may be used during exams.

SPECIAL HELP: If you have a disability documented by the Disability Support Services Office, which requires special conditions for exams (extended time, large type, etc.), see me the first week of classes.

ATTENDANCE: You are responsible for all information from each class meeting, including dates of tests and experiments, information not contained in the text, etc. If you miss a class, you should borrow notes from a classmate.

ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION OF COURSE INFORMATION: This course has a Listserv, which will allow me to distribute information, announcements, etc, to you by email. **YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE TO THE LISTSERV IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS INFORMATION.** To subscribe:

Log onto your email account

Send a message to the address listproc@gmu.edu.

The title of the message is Subscribe.

The actual message MUST read: subscribe psyc100-003 Your Name

PLEASE DO THIS WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF CLASS. I will repeat messages from the first two weeks, through the third week, but if you are not subscribed by the end of the second week, you will start to miss announcements of test dates, examples of test questions (with answers), how to use a course newsgroup to discuss topics with each other and me, answers to exams (after the exam, of course), etc.