

## Basic Concepts in Psychology 100 (Spring, 1998)

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Jan 19	Introduction and Methods	Chap 1, Appendix A
Jan 26	Neuroscience	Chapter 2
Feb 2	Child Development; Adolescence/Adulthood	Chapters 3, 4
Feb 9	Sensation; Perception	Chapter 5, 6
Feb 16	Perception; <b>Exam 1 (Chapters 1 thru 5)</b>	Chapters 6
Feb 23	States of Consciousness; Learning	Chapter 7, 8
March 2	Memory; Thinking and Language	Chapter 9, 10
March 9	Spring Recess	
March 16	Intelligence	Chapters 11
March 23	Motivation; Emotion	Chapters 12, 13
March 30	Emotion; <b>Exam 2 (Chapters 6 thru 12)</b>	Chapter 13
April 6	Personality; Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14, 15
April 13	Therapies	Chapter 16
April 20	Stress and Health	Chapter 17
April 27	Social Psych; <b>Exam 3 (Chapters 13 thru 17)</b>	Chapter 18

**Exam 4 ( Final Exam; Cumulative)** This room; May 11 (Monday) 7:30 - 10:15 PM

**TEXTBOOK:** Myers, Psychology, 5th Edition - There is an a lot of reading in this course and I will expect you to keep up with material as it is assigned. The package available for this course includes the text, a computerized tutorial and an interactive graphic simulation program to demonstrate classic psychological experiments and processes. On each quiz, there will be material from the computerized tutorial program.

**COURSE GOALS:** This course offers an introduction to the major subareas within psychology. The goals of the class will be to gain an understanding of psychology's major concepts and to become skilled at relating the findings of basic research in psychology to their applications. A specific focus in the course will be on how biology and genetics influence specific aspects of behavior.

**GRADES:** There will be four multiple choice exams (including the final exam). The answers to the questions must be on scantrons which can be bought from the bookstore. Your final grade will be the average of your **best three** of the four. Your lowest grade obtained on the exams will be dropped. There will be **no make-up exams** for any reason! If you miss an exam, that will be the grade dropped. At the end of the course, if you are satisfied with the grades obtained on the first three exams, you may elect not to take the final exam. Only the final exam will be cumulative.

**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.

**EXPERIMENTAL PARTICIPATION:** Five hours of credit for participation as a subject in psychology experiments is **required** for this course. Failure to participate will result in a 2% reduction in the course grade for **each** hour short of the required five.

**HONOR CODE:** Your exam performance must be your own work. No written material may be used during exams. Taping lectures is permitted.

**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 class.