



Department of Psychology

Psychology 205 (L02) –Principles of Psychology

Fall 2008

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Course Description and Goals

This course is designed for students who have little or no background in psychology. By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding of psychological theory and of the various methods used to study behaviour. My goal in this course is to develop: 1) student's ability to think critically about psychological issues, 2) student's reasoning and logic skills and, 3) student's ability to think creatively.

Lectures are intended to highlight and extend the material covered by your textbook. You are encouraged to become an active participant during lectures by asking questions, providing comments, and sharing in group discussions. You are responsible for all material covered in lectures, videos, textbook readings and discussions. If you must miss a lecture, arrange with another student to catch up on information missed.

Required Text

Kosslyn, S.M., & Rosenberg, R.S. (2006). *Fundamental of Psychology in Context* (3rd Ed.) Boston, MA: Pearson/Allyn and Bacon. Available at the University Bookstore.

Lecture Materials

Portions or outlines of the lecture material may be posted on Blackboard at the instructor's discretion.

Communicating with the Instructor via e-mail

A forum on Blackboard for general course questions will be available. All course related questions should be posted there. Otherwise, If you are still having trouble with course material or need to contact me, please see me before or after class, or you can contact me at 220-3047 or sticklan@ucalgary.ca to arrange for an appointment.

Evaluation

There will be two midterms and a final exam. The first midterm will be held on October 4 2008 and will be worth 30%. This midterm will cover chapters 1 to 4. The second will be held on November 15 2008 and will be worth 30%. This midterm will cover chapters 5, 7 – 10. The

final exam will be held on December 6 2008 and will be worth 40%. Mid terms are not cumulative, however the final exam will be.

The format of the tests will be multiple choice and/or short answer. Not all of the test material will be covered in class, as you are responsible for all assigned reading from the text, even if not covered in class. Likewise, some material covered in class will not be material from the textbook. For this reason, it is recommended that you attend lectures and read the textbook.

Grading Scale

A+	96-100%	B+	80-84%	C+	67-71%	D+	54-58%
A	90-95%	B	76-79%	C	63-66%	D	50-53%
A-	85-89%	B-	72-75%	C-	59-62%	F	0-49%

Grading

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades. In this course, all grades with a .5 or more will be rounded up to the next letter grade.

Lecture Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Title</i>
Sept. 13 2008	1 2	Psychology, yesterday and today The biology of mind and behavior
Sept. 20 2008	2 3	The biology of mind and behavior Sensation and perception
Sept. 27 2008	4	Learning
Oct. 4 2008	Midterm Chapter 5	Memory
<i>Oct. 11 2008</i>	<i>No Class</i>	<i>Thanksgiving week end</i>
Oct. 18 2008	7 8	Emotion and motivation Personality
Oct. 25 2008	8 9	Personality Psychology over the life span
Nov. 1 2008	9 10	Psychology over the life span Stress, health, and coping
<i>Nov. 8 2008</i>	<i>No Class</i>	<i>Reading Week</i>
Nov. 15 2008	Midterm Chapter 11	Psychological disorders
Nov. 22 2008	12	Treatment
Nov. 29 2008	13 6	Social psychology Language, thinking, and intelligence
Dec. 6 2008	Final Exam	

University of Calgary Curriculum Objectives:

The core competencies addressed in this course include several aspects. With respect to acquiring the information presented in this course, you are encouraged to use creative and critical thinking, and to analyze problems by using abstract reasoning. This course will increase your

depth of knowledge in a broad range of topics in psychology, integrating both physiological and theoretical aspects. It is anticipated that by the end of the course you will have increased your ability to think about psychological issues in a critical manner. It is also anticipated that this course will exercise your reasoning skills in an insightful and logical manner. Where appropriate, findings from recent research will be integrated into the course material.

It is my experience that students, who attend lectures, ask questions, and exercise critical thinking skills, relative to passive reading and/or rote memorization of the course information, tend to attain a better grade and report greater satisfaction from the course. Your participation in class discussions of course material will greatly enhance your experience of the class.

Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, test, etc.) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within fifteen days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next fifteen days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within fifteen days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and **have not** registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Absence From A Test

Make-up exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). You must contact the instructor before the scheduled examination or you will have forfeited any right to make up the exam. At the instructor's discretion, a make-up exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled exam. Except

in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup exam is written within two (2) weeks of the missed exam.

A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test for health reasons. The student will be required to pay any cost associated with the Physician Counselor Statement.

Student Organizations

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in the Administration building, room 170 or may be contacted at 220-5567.

Student Union VP Academic: Phone: 220-3911 suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
Student Union Faculty Rep.: Phone: 220-3913 socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a fee refund** is **September 19th, 2008**.
The last day to withdraw from this course is **December 5th, 2008**.