

syllabus

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This course provides an introduction to the art & science of psychology.

COURSE DESIGN

Learning is an interactive process. It is the instructor's responsibility to provide an environment within which you can explore this corner of the universe of knowledge. Your responsibility is to use all of the resources available to you to achieve your educational goals. These resources include:

READINGS

This course requires an understanding of the written material before you come to class. Reading assignments are specified in the class schedule. **Required Text:** Hockney & Hockney. Psychology (cur ed).

CLASS SESSIONS

Class sessions will build upon the information gained from the assigned readings, and will incorporate a variety of presentation media. Before coming to class, download or print the notes at www.psychnut.com. Attendance and participation are required throughout the semester. Failure to attend may negatively impact your grade. If you decide to drop the class, it is your responsibility to officially withdraw. Failing to withdraw risks your receiving a failing grade in this class.

EXAMS

Four tests will be given. There will be no makeup, alternative form, or rescheduled tests. Test dates are listed in the course schedule. The lowest score of the first three tests will be dropped. This allows you the flexibility needed for illness, death in the family, unexpected emergencies or your desire to skip a test. You can elect to skip any test, including the last one. But skipping a test doesn't eliminate the attendance requirement for class sessions.

QUIZZES

In order to help prepare you for the tests, quizzes covering sectional material will be given. These exercises are for your own information; to provide hallmarks of progress and are not graded.

TEAMS

Since social science is a team effort, it is highly recommended that you become an active participant of a student study group. In addition to providing opportunities to check answers and compare notes with others, teams will provide an opportunity to practice your cooperative skills. Your success will not be hindered by helping others study.

CONSULTATION

In addition to your independent study and our in-class work, I am available by email (prof@psychnut.com) and in person (by appointment).

GRADES

Your grade will be based upon my professional judgment of your mastery of the course material. Your performance on the exams is a key indicator of mastery level. The lowest of the 4 exams will be dropped.

schedule

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9:00 AM-12:10 PM

Week	Date	Topics
1	2/3	History of Psych
2	2/10	Sensation & Perception
3	2/17	HOLIDAY
4	2/24	Neurological Psych
5	3/2	EXAM 1
6	3/9	Developmental Psych
7	3/16	Thinking & Feeling
8	3/23	Learning
9	3/30	SPRING BREAK
10	4/6	Memory
11	4/13	EXAM 2
12	4/20	Personality
13	4/27	Social Psych
14	5/4	Abnormal 1
15	5/11	Abnormal 2
16	5/18	EXAM 3
17	5/25	COMPREHENSIVE FINAL