

## **Psychology 10: Introduction to Psychology**

**Fall 2011**

**Meeting Time:** Monday and Wednesday, 12:00-1:10 PM

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday 1:30-2:30 PM, Wednesday 10:30-11:30 AM, and by appointment.

**Text and Readings:** The textbook for this class is Psychology, by Kowalski & Westen, 6th edition. Make sure that you have the correct edition. There is also a book of required readings for this class (Psychology in Context, 2nd edition, edited by Sattler & Shabatay). Both books are available at Huntley Bookstore.

**Student Learning Objectives:** This course covers a broad range of topics in psychology. The goal is to introduce you to some of the major research areas in psychology, and to give you a sense of the research topics psychologists are interested in, and the nature of psychological assessment and clinical practice. Some topics that we will cover include the biological bases of psychology, sensation and perception, development, social processes, personality theories, psychological disorders, and therapy. A portion of class time will also be spent discussing the readings from Psychology in Context and examining their implications for future work and for real world situations. **IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYBODY KEEP UP WITH THE READINGS, AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM. IF IT APPEARS THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT KEEPING UP WITH THE READINGS, WE WILL HAVE POP QUIZZES ON THIS MATERIAL.**

**Course Requirements:** This course will involve both exams and papers. There will be three exams during the semester, and a final exam to be held during the official exam period. There will also be two fairly short (2-3 pages) written assignments during the semester. Additionally, participation in psychological studies is a requirement of this course.

**Class Participation (5%):** Students will be required to attend class regularly, and to actively participate in class discussions.

**Exams during the semester: Exam I (10%)** will be held on October 3. **Exam II (15%)** will be held November 7. **Exam III (15%)** will be on November 28th. The second and third exams are weighted more to give you a chance to get used to my style of examination. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP EXAMS EXCEPT IN THE MOST EXTREME SITUATIONS (E.G. MEDICAL EMERGENCY).**

**Papers (20%--10% each):** Students will be required to write **two** 2-3 page reaction papers, each of which should focus on one of the readings from Psychology in Context. Students will be asked to describe and evaluate the readings, and to examine their relevance personally, at a societal level, and in relation to current event stories. The first paper is due October 24th, and the second paper is due November 21st. **LATE PAPERS WILL BE PENALIZED. Students must submit hard copies of their papers.**

**Research Participation (10%):** Throughout the semester, your participation in various studies being conducted at the colleges will be requested. To receive the 10% credit, you need to participate in **3** studies. Should you really not want to participate in the studies, you need to hand in a 2-page summary of a psychology journal article (not from the class readings) that you have read. **You must do one such paper for each study; if you don't participate in any studies you will need to turn in 3 papers.** Participation information and/or summary papers must be turned in by **December 7th**

**Final Exam (25%):** A cumulative final exam will be held on **Thursday December 15, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fletcher 110.**

## Schedule of Readings

T=text	PC= Psychology in Context
<u>Class dates</u>	<u>Topic and assigned readings</u>
Sept. 5/7	Introduction to the Class
	T-Ch. 1                      PC-Goleman
Sept. 12/14	The Scope & Methods of Psychology
	T-Ch. 2
Sept. 19/21	Personality Theories
	T-Ch. 12                      PC-Noda; Ashe & Rampersad
Sept. 26/28	Biology
	T-Ch. 3                      PC-Mairs; Rose
Oct. 3/5	Sensation & Perception
	T-Ch. 4                      PC-Sacks
<b>Exam I-Oct. 3</b>	
Oct. 10/12	Consciousness/Health, Stress, & Coping
	T-Ch. 9 & 11                      PC-Dotto
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>NO CLASS, FALL BREAK</b>
Oct. 19/24/26	Motivation & Emotion
	T-Ch. 10                      PC-Reeve; Pope Jr. & Hudson
<b>Paper #1 due October 24</b>	
Oct. 31/Nov.2	Learning/Memory
	T-Ch. 5&6                      PC-Goodwillie; Loftus & Ketcham
Nov. 7/9	Physical & Cognitive Development/Social Development
	T-Ch. 13                      PC-Escalante & Dirmann; Cowley
<b>Exam II-November 7</b>	
Nov. 14/16	Intelligence
	T-Ch. 8                      PC-Vigil
Nov. 21/23	Psychological Disorders
	T-Ch. 14                      PC-Storm; Davis
<b>Paper #2 due Nov. 21</b>	
Nov. 28/30	Treatment Approaches
	T-Ch. 15                      PC-Burns
<b>Exam III-Nov. 28</b>	
Dec. 5/7	Social Attitudes and Interpersonal Processes
	T-Ch. 16 & 17                      PC-Cialdini; Staples
<b>FINAL EXAM: Thurs. Dec. 15, 7:00-9:00 PM, Fletcher 110</b>	