

Psychology 204: Psychology as a Social Science

Instructor: Prof. Douglas Hintzman

Teaching Assistants: Whitney Henry and Kimberly Troxel

Text: Philip Zimbardo, *Psychology and Life*. (11th edition)

(This book will also be used next term in Psychology 205.)

Tentative Schedule:

Week	Readings	Notes
Jan. 8	Prologue	No discussion sections.
Jan. 13-15	Ch. 1 and Appendix	
Jan. 20-22	Ch. 3	
Jan. 27-29	Ch. 4	
Feb. 3-5	Ch. 5	
Feb. 10-12		<i>Midterm:</i> Friday, Feb. 12
Feb. 17-19	Ch. 6	
Feb. 24-26	Ch. 7	
Mar. 3-5	Ch. 9	
Mar. 10-12	Ch. 10	
Exam Week		<i>Final:</i> 3:15 p.m., Mon., March 17

Required Experiments: You are required to participate in 3 experiments during the quarter. These experiments are offered via the psychology department's Human Subjects Pool. The procedure for signing up for these experiments will be described in a future handout. (*Option:* For students who do not wish to participate in experiments, this requirement can be met by writing a 6-7 page paper on a topic agreed to in advance with the instructor. If you elect this option, you should get the instructor's approval of your paper topic *before Feb. 5.*) Students who fail to meet this requirement will be docked one full grade (e.g., from B+ to C+).

Exams: The midterm will consist of 60 multiple-choice questions. The final will be comprehensive, and consist of 90 multiple-choice questions. Final grades will be based on the sum of the two scores. Questions will be taken from text, lectures, and discussion sections.

Discussion sections will be devoted primarily to review, and the demonstration of research findings that illustrate important psychological principles.

Office Hours:

Douglas Hintzman	307 Straub	T 2:30-4, W 10-11:30 or by appointment
Whitney Henry	377 Straub	
Kimberly Troxel	392 Straub	

(Questions on the lectures should be directed to Prof. Hintzman. Questions on the readings should be directed to the teaching assistants.)