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Spring 88

PSY 205
Psychology as a Social Science
180 PLC, 12:30-1:50 UH

Course Objectives:

1. To acquaint students with the broad areas of developmental, social, personality, and abnormal psychology. In particular, the course will be organized around the concept of self and identity. In other words, how do we know who we are, how did we get to be who we are, and how does our concept of who we are effect our behavior and relations with other people?
2. To provide an opportunity for students to learn more about themselves and how they see other people. Discussion sections, research participation, and extra credit activities are designed to increase your awareness and knowledge of yourself and your relationships with others.

Textbook:

Roediger, H.L., et al., Psychology, 2nd edition, 1987
Study Guide to accompany Psychology (required)

Instructors:

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Schedule of Topics and Exams

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
3/31	Concepts of Self and Identity	
4/5	Developmental Psychology The importance of early experience	Chapter 9
4/12	Development in Adolescence and through the Life Span	Chapter 10
4/19	Intelligence tests	Chapter 11
EXAM I on April 21!		
4/26	Social Psychology Conformity and Obedience	Chapter 17
5/3	Social Issues Battered Spouses	Chapter 18
5/10	Emotion and Stress	Chapter 13
EXAM II on May 12!		
5/17	Personality Personality Theories	Chapter 14
5/24	Abnormality and Deviance	Chapter 15
5/31	Psychotherapies	Chapter 16

FINAL EXAM, 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 7!

Exams and grading procedures:

There will be 2 midterm exams and a final exam.

Exam I will cover chapters 9-11, and discussions and lecture through April 19.

Exam II will cover chapters 17, 18, and 13, and discussions and lecture from April 26 through May 10.

The Final exam will be comprehensive but will stress mainly chapters 14-16, and lectures and discussions from May 17-June 2.

Your grade will be based on the following:

- 45% 1. One midterm exam. Your lowest score will be dropped.
- 45% 2. Final exam.
- 10% 3. Discussion section attendance.

Since one of your midterm scores will be dropped, there will be no make-ups given. It is in your best interest to take both of the midterms since the final is comprehensive. Each examination (including the final) will consist of 80 multiple choice questions from the book, lecture, and material covered in discussion sections. You will be given 2 points for attendance at each section.

Research Participation and Extra Credit:

The psychology department requires participation in research for introductory courses. In this course, you may meet that requirement in one of two ways:

1. Participation in ongoing research projects by being a subject in 3 experiments. (See additional handout).
2. Being a subject in your own experiments by filling out 3 of several personality inventories and writing a short report on your experience.

In addition, you may do up to 3 of the personality inventories for extra credit. They will each be worth 3 points, for a total of 9 extra credit points.

Packets for research and extra credit are available at Kinko's.

Cheating:

Anyone caught cheating will automatically fail the course.