

Psychology 204: Psychology as a Social Science
Winter Term, 1988

Lecture Place and Time: 138 Gilbert, 12:30 - 1:50 T/TH

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Reading Assignments: Readings will be assigned from the textbook, Psychology, Second Edition by Roediger, Rushton, Capaldi, and Paris (Little, Brown and Company, 1987). Except for the assignment for the first class period, all assignments should be read before you come to the lecture on the day they are assigned.

Final Grades: Your final grade will be based on your performance in two midterm exams (20% each), a final exam (35%), and discussion section (25%). The total number of points you can earn in this course is 300:

Midterm 1 -	60 points (60 questions @ 1 point each)
Midterm 2 -	60 points (60 questions @ 1 point each)
Final -	105 points (105 questions @ 1 point each)
Discussion-	75 points

TOTAL	- 300 points
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Exams: There will be 2 midterm exams plus a final exam. All exams will be multiple choice. You will be permitted to keep the exam questions. We recommend that you circle your answers on your copy of the exam questions so that you can compare your answers to the answer key that will be provided later. All three exams will cover the material presented in the lectures as well as the material assigned for reading in the textbook. Please bring a No. 2 pencil to all three exams.

The first midterm exam (60 questions) will cover the material presented and assigned during the period that starts on the first class and ends on the first midterm exam date. The second midterm (60 questions) will cover the material presented and assigned after the first midterm. The final (105 questions) will cover all previous material AND the material presented after the second midterm. Of the 105 questions on the final, approximately

20 will cover material from the first third of the quarter, 20 from the second third of the quarter, and 65 from the final third of the quarter.

Because we recognize that some multiple choice questions are potentially ambiguous or somehow inaccurate we will give you the opportunity to record your response to such questions during the exam period. A "Question Comment" sheet will be available for you to indicate which if any questions you found ambiguous or incorrect and your reasons for disagreement. Completing this separate sheet will be entirely optional. We will then collect and file those sheets. If you later determine, by comparing your copy of the exam questions and the answer key, that one of the questions you answered incorrectly was also one of the questions that you commented on in the "Question Comment" sheet, you can request that we consider your comments and review your grade. Simply putting any old comment on the "Question Comment" sheet will not guarantee that we change your score; your comment must present a compelling argument for your question answer.

There will be no Make-Up Exams

Research Requirement: The Department of Psychology requires all students in PSY 202, 203, 204, and 205 to fulfill a research requirement by participating in the Human Subject Pool experiments or by turning in a written research paper. Information about how to participate in Human Subject Pool experiments will be given to you in a handout titled "How to Fulfill the Research Requirement by Participating in Human Subject Pool Experiments." Students who want to fulfill the requirement with a written project should talk to Dr. Freyd as soon as possible. Anyone not fulfilling the research requirement by the day of the final exam will receive an "I".

Discussion Sections: You must be registered for a discussion section. (Discussion sections begin the week of January 11.) The 75 points you can earn in discussion section are based on attendance (27 points), quizzes (40 points), and participation (8 points): There will be three surprise quizzes worth 20 points each. Your scores on the highest two quizzes will be used and your lowest score will be dropped. In addition you will receive three points for each of the 9 scheduled section meetings you attend. Finally 8 points can be earned for class participation in discussion. You should know that not all discussion sections will receive a surprise quiz in a given week. Your section instructor will tell you more about the format of discussion sections when you meet during the week of January 11.

Lecture Topics

Assigned Readings

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| 1. Thursday Jan 7 | Introduction | Chapter 1
(pages 19-35) |
| 2. Tuesday Jan 12 | Intelligence & Experimental Method | Chapter 11 |
| 3. Thursday Jan 14 | The Nervous System | Chapter 2 |
| 4. Tuesday Jan 19 | Sensory Processes | Chapter 3 |
| 5. Thursday Jan 21 | Infant Perception | |
| 6. Tuesday Jan 26 | Review and Special Topics | |
| 7. Thursday Jan 28 | FIRST MIDTERM | |
| 8. Tuesday Feb 2 | Attention | Chapter 5 |
| 9. Thursday Feb 4 | Perceptual Organization | Chapter 4 |
| 10. Tuesday Feb 9 | Pattern Recognition | |
| 11. Thursday Feb 11 | The Psychology of Reading | |
| 12. Tuesday Feb 16 | Review and Special Topics | |
| 13. Thursday Feb 18 | SECOND MIDTERM | |
| 14. Tuesday Feb 23 | Learning | Chapter 6 |
| 15. Thursday Feb 25 | Mental Imagery | |
| 16. Tuesday March 1 | Memory | Chapter 7 |
| 17. Thursday March 3 | Problem Solving & Reasoning | |
| 18. Tuesday March 8 | Psycholinguistics | Chapter 8 |
| 19. Thursday March 10 | Review and Special Topics | |

Final Exam: March 14 8:00 AM