

PSY 203
Psychology as a Science
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Textbook: Psychology, Darley, Glucksberg, Kinchla, 1988

Lecture Place and Time: 110 Fenton Hall, 11:00-12:20 T/TH.

Laboratory Place and Time: 179 Straub; you must be registered for one of the following laboratory sections:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:30	12:30	9:30	12:30	11:30
		10:30		12:30
		11:30		

(Note: Labs will begin meeting the week of April 3)

Reading Assignments: For each lecture, there will be a reading assignment from the textbook. Except for the assignment for the first class period, all assignments should be read before you come to the lecture on the day.

Laboratory Assignments: Each week you are required to attend the lab that you enrolled in at the beginning of the quarter. The labs will include 3 lab reports and two quizzes, each worth 10 points. The lab reports are due at the beginning of your lab section one week after the lab exercise. Please note that 2 points will be subtracted for each day that the report is late including weekends. The balance of the lab section will include review of the material for the two midterms as well as the final. Additionally, one lab section will be devoted to a discussion of the ethical principles created by the American Psychological Association. Please keep in mind that attendance to lab/discussion sections is mandatory and each absence will result in a loss of two points from your total score. Finally, in order to receive full credit for your lab reports, you must attend lab. That is, you may not miss lab and pick up the lab assignment afterwards.

Exams: There will be 2 midterm exams plus a final exam. All exams will be multiple choice. Each of the two midterm exams will contain 50 questions; the final exam will contain 100 questions. Each question on the 2 midterm exams and the final exam will be worth 1 point. 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 will cover the material presented and assigned

during the period that starts on the first class and ends on the first midterm exam date (April 20th). The second midterm exam will cover the material presented and assigned during the period that starts after the first midterm exam and ends on the second midterm exam date (May 11, 1989). The final exam will cover all previous material AND the material presented and assigned during the period that starts after the second midterm exam and ends on the final exam date. That is, of the 100 questions on the final exam, 25 questions will cover material from the first third of the quarter (i.e., the material tested on the first midterm exam), 25 questions will cover material from the second third of the quarter (i.e., material tested on the second midterm exam), and 50 questions will cover material from the final third of the quarter (i.e., material not previously tested).

Make-up Exams: You must take all exams on the day they are given unless you are ill or have a serious illness in your immediate family. Before accepting a medical excuse, we require a letter, signed by a physician on professional stationery. We will call the physician's office to verify the excuse.

If you must miss an examination for any other reason, see one of us by April 11, 1989. There will be no make ups for sports events, weddings, etc. unless you have made arrangements by April 11, 1989. "No makeup" means you get a zero for the exam. If you have a genuine, unforeseen emergency, talk to one of us. We have been known, although only rarely, to be flexible.

Makeups for midterms or finals will be given only to students with verified medical excuses or who have received prior permission for a makeup. All makeups will be essay exams. They will require somewhat more work than the in-class exams. We will try to apply the same grading standards to makeups and in-class exams although the equating of standards is necessarily subjective.

Final Exam: The final will be as specified in the time schedule, at of exam week. University rules prohibit giving the final early and we will not do so.

Lab Assignments and Make-Ups: It is our general policy that students should attend the lab for which they are registered. In the event that you are not able to attend your lab, it is your responsibility to arrange permission, with your laboratory assistant, to attend another lab. This alternative should be used only when necessary and should not be exploited. Your laboratory assistant has the option to disallow this alternative should it be overutilized.

Because there are numerous opportunities to attend labs, there will be no make-ups for quizzes or lab reports. Again, as mentioned earlier, you must attend lab in order to receive full credit for your lab assignment.

Plagiarism: While students are encouraged to study together and share ideas, any student who does not submit their own work for laboratory assignments, quizzes, or examinations will be confronted and appropriately consequences. Specifically, using another student's data, paraphrasing another person's work, copying, and similar activities constitute plagiarism and may be punishable by failing this course and possibly expulsion from this University.

Research Requirement: The Department of Psychology requires all students

in PSY 202, 203, 204, and 205 to fulfill a research requirement. This requirement can be fulfilled 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. Hamilton by May 1, 1989. Anyone not fulfilling the research requirement by June 7, 1989, will receive an "I".

Final Grades: Final grades will be based on the total number of points earned on (1) lab attendance, the 3 lab reports and 2 lab quizzes,, (2) the 2 midterm exams, and (3) the final exam. Letter grades will be assigned by an "average criterion reference" system. This system works in the following way: The five students who earn the five HIGHEST totals will serve as a reference point. More precisely, the average of the five highest totals will be the reference point. If your total number of points is

90% to 100%	of the average of the 5 highest totals, you will get an A
80% to 89%	" " " " " " " " " " " " a B
70% to 79%	" " " " " " " " " " " " a C
60% to 69%	" " " " " " " " " " " " a D
Less than 60%	" " " " " " " " " " " " an F

There are a maximum of 250 points for this course. The point breakdown constitutes the following:

3 Lab Reports - 10 points each	30 points (12% of total)
2 lab quizzes (10 points each)	20 points (8% of total)
Exam I	50 points (20% of total)
Exam II	50 points (20% of total)
Final Exam	<u>100 points (40% of total)</u>

Total 250 points

Please recall that attendance to labs is mandatory and each absence will result in a loss of two points from your total score.

Schedule

Dates:	Topic:	Reading:
Th Mar 30	History; research methods	Review Ch. 1
Tu Ap 4	Research methods; statistics; ethics	Appendix A
Th Ap 6	Biological Frameworks	Chapter 2
Tu Ap 11	Motivation and behavior	Chapter 11
Th Ap 13	Motivation and behavior	Chapter 12
Tu Ap 18	Life Span and development	
Th Ap 20	<u>Exam I</u>	
Tu Ap 25	Life span and development	Chapter 13
Th Ap 27	Gender role development	Chapter 14
Tu May 2	Social psychology	Chapter 19
Th May 4	Social psychology	Chapter 20
Tu May 9	Social psychology	
Th May 11	<u>Exam II</u>	
Tu May 16	Personality psychology	Chapter 15
Th May 18	Psychopathology	Chapter 16
Tu May 23	Psychopathology	Chapter 17
Th May 25	Assessment	
Tu May 30	Treatment of mental disorders	Chapter 18
Th Jun 1	Treatment of mental disorders	

Lab Syllabus:

Week of:

Mar 27	No labs
Ap 3	Discussion; research methods; statistics
Ap 10	Lab: The impact of motivation on behavior: an example of Experimental research methods
Ap 17	Exam review: chapters 1, 2, 11, 12, Appendix
Ap 24	Lab: levels of moral reasoning: an example of interview Research methods
May 1	Quiz: chapters 13 and 14; discussion: ethical principles Of the American Psychological Association
May 8	Exam review: chapters 13, 14, 19, 20
May 15	Lab: behavioral assessment: an example of single subject design
May 22	Quiz: chapters 15 and 16; review session for Final: all Assigned chapters as well as lab and lecture material
May 29	No labs (Holiday)