

Psychology 201
Mind and Brain
Spring 1998: TTH 12:30-1:50 (180 PLC)

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Text: Psychology and Life by Zimbardo and Gerrig.

Topics & Readings:

3/31	Introduction	Chapter 1
4/2	History	Chapter 1
4/7	Research Methods	Chapter 2
4/9	The Nervous System	Chapter 3
4/14	The Nervous System	Chapter 3
4/16	Sensation	Chapter 7
4/21	Sensation	Chapter 7
4/23	MIDTERM EXAM #1	
4/28	Perception	Chapter 8
4/30	Perception	Chapter 8
5/5	Learning	Chapter 9
5/7	Learning	Chapter 9
5/12	Memory	Chapter 10
5/14	Memory	Chapter 10
5/19	MIDTERM EXAM #2	
5/21	Language	Chapter 11
5/26	Language	Chapter 11
5/28	Guest Lecture	
6/2	Catch-up	
6/4	MIDTERM EXAM #3	

Course Content: This course covers experimental approaches to the study of the human mind and brain. Topics covered include the organization of the nervous system, sensation, perception, learning, memory, language, and thinking.

Grading: Your final grade will be based on 3 Exams (25% for Exam #1 and #2; and 20% for Exam #3), and the Lab grade (30%). The course grades are determined on a curve. You must complete all exams, the Lab section, as well as your experimental subject obligation in order to receive credit for the course.

Exams: There will be three multiple choice examinations. Each exam will cover material from the lectures, and reading assignments for the period immediately preceding the exam. No overall comprehensive final exam is required.

Only those students who present an officially documented excuse (i.e., doctor's excuse, court order) will be allowed to make up an exam. Makeup exams will be given *after* the regularly scheduled exam date and will consist of essay questions and multiple choice questions.

Lab/Discussion Sections: Part of the requirement for the course is to participate in lab sections. Each week an experiment/demonstration will be performed that will elaborate on some of the class material. There are no labs scheduled during the first week of classes or during the week of May 25 (due to the Memorial Day holiday). You will receive a lab syllabus and description of lab requirements in your lab section.

Psychology Department Research Requirement: The psychology department requires that all students enrolled in introductory courses (201 and 202) participate in psychology research. Specifically, you are required to participate in 4 experiments, lasting 1 hour each, over the course of the term. More information about this requirement will be provided in class. It is a good idea to complete your experimental subject obligation as early in the term as possible, since experiments are sometimes hard to find later in the term.

If you do not wish to participate in experiments, you may write a research paper instead. See your lab instructor to arrange for this option.