

General Psychology 101010B

Fall 2006

SYLLABUS*

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OFFICE HOURS:

MWF 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
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CLASS SCHEDULE:

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.
Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
HAZY 219

TEXT:

Weiten, W. (2005). Psychology: Themes & Variations, 6th ed. (Briefer Version). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth. (Required)

Course Description

This course will provide you with a broad, general introduction to psychology; its basic subject matter, its approaches to gathering and evaluation evidence about the causes and correlates of behavior, and the means by which psychological knowledge can be applied to improve the quality of individual and communal life

Objectives

Demonstrate familiarity with the major activities that provide hallmarks of psychology education such as learning, motivation, emotion, personality, mental disorders, treatment alternatives and other related subjects.

Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.

Respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.

Understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.

Value empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, reason ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a science.

Recognize, understand, and respect the complexity of sociocultural and international diversity.

Develop insight into your own and others' behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management and self-improvement that may improve quality of life.

Have some fun learning about yourself and others.

ADA

"If you are a student with a physical or mental impairment and would like to request accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in Room 201 of the Student Services Center. The Disability Resource Center will determine your eligibility for services based upon complete professional documentation. If you are deemed eligible, the Disability Resource Center will further evaluate the effectiveness of your accommodation requests and will authorize reasonable accommodations that are appropriate for your disability."

Cell phones, pagers, and other electronic stuff: With respect to others, turn them off while in class.

Coursework

Exams: There will be fourteen (14) hourly exams covering each chapter, after we cover it. **YOU MUST DROP TWO GRADES** of the fourteen hourly examinations. **You cannot drop the Final Exam.** The **Final Exam will cover Chapter 15 only.** The **Final Exam** will be taken on Monday, December 11, in this classroom from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. The Final Exam may not be dropped.

Chapter Assignments: See attached Calendar schedule.

Attendance: *I will take attendance for administrative reasons. You will be rewarded for your attendance by having the opportunity to earn up to 40 bonus points via “pre-exam” instructions on the board, immediately before an exam.* These instructions given during the class period ARE NOT given again.

Final Grade: Your final grade will be based on the accumulation of points within the following criteria:

Fourteen Hourly Exams @ 80 points each	1120
Final Exam	80
Total	1200

Remember; you cannot drop the Final Exam, but you must drop one of the fourteen hourly exams. The “Drop Hourly Exam Form” must be filled out, signed, and presented in order to take the Final Exam. (There will be no make-up exams)

A	94%-100%	A-	90%-93%	B+	87%-89%	B	84%-86%
B-	80%-83%	C+	77%-79%	C	74%-76%	C-	70%-73%
D+	67%-69%	D	64%-66%	D-	60%-63%	F	59% AND BELOW

You can convert the points you have earned into a percentage by using the following formula.

Points you earned = your percentage
Points possible

Example: $\frac{130}{160}$ (points earned on 2 exams) = 81.25 = B-

Grade Checks: If you need to verify your grade for athletic/scholarship/financial aid purposes, etc...you may see me **before** or **after** class, during office hours, or make an appointment. I will **ONLY** report your grade on the official form provided for this purpose.

Rational: *Learning should be FUN! I am here to help you succeed, talk to me, we can generally work out a solution to your class related problem. Since “STUFF” happens, you have some “wiggle room” with the dropping of two exam grades. If there is a “REAL” emergency (not prepared, sleeping in, car trouble, relationship problems, etc are NOT emergencies) and you have missed one or two exams (your automatic drop) talk to me about it. If the situation was out of your control we may be able to arrange for a make-up, which will be different from the regular exam. I strongly urge you not to miss any of the exams.*

*I am here because I **want to be**. I want to share with you what I have learned about life so that you may consider alternatives your current lifestyle may not afford you. I have learned that if you work hard, are honorable in your dealings with others, you can be almost anything you desire. I would enjoy talking with you about psychology and its applications to your life. Psychological studies will lead you where you never dreamed of going and once you get there you will want to go further and to share your discoveries with others.*

Success tips: *read the assignment before class, do the little extras in the chapters, check out the back of the book, attend class, take some notes, and interact in class.*

- *The instructor specifically reserves the right to amend this syllabus at any time if he deems it necessary or appropriate to do so.*

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October

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	
1	2 Introductions Room Change to HAZY 219	3 HAZY 219 Syllabus, Procedures	4 Chapter 1 page 13	5 Chapter 1 Test due 10/7	6
8	9 Chapter 2 page 43	10 Chapter 2 Test due 10/11	11 Chapter 3 page 64	12	
15	16 Chapter 3 page 73	17 Chapter 3 Test due 10/19	18 Chapter 4 page 102	19 Chapter 4 page 111	20
22	23 Chapter 5 page 142	24 Chapter 5 page 146	25 Chapter 5 Test due 10/27	26 Chapter 6 page 171	27
29	30 Chapter 6 Test due 11/1	31 Chapter 7 page 204		Page numbers indicate major heading page lecture will cover.	
	Tests given at Testing Center are due by 10 PM on second full day after	chapter material is covered unless otherwise indicated due to holiday, etc.			

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November

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	
			1 Chapter 7 Test due 11/3	2 Chapter 8 page 238	3
5	6 Chapter 8 Test due 11/8	7 Chapter 9 page 274	8 Chapter 9 page 281	9 Chapter 9 Test due 11/11	10
12	13 Chapter 10 page 313	14 Chapter 10 Test due 11/16	15 Chapter 11 page 337	16 Chapter 11 page 347	17 Te
19	20 Chapter 12 page 369	21 Chapter 12 page 374	22	23	
			Thanksgiving Break		
26	27 Chapter 12 Test due 11/29	28 Chapter 13 page 405	29 Chapter 13 page 411	30 Chapter 13 Test due 12/2	

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December

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	
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3	4 Chapter 14 page441	5 Chapter 14 Test due 12/7	6 Chapter 15 page 463	7 Chapter 15 page 473	8
10	11 Chapter 15 Final Exam 12:00 -2:00 pm	12	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
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