General Psychology

Psychology 1001, Section 100
9:30-10:45 Tuesday and Thursday

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TEXT:


ABOUT THIS COURSE AND YOUR INSTRUCTORS:

This course is designed to present the beginning psychology student with an overview of a field that is almost as diverse as its practitioners. Psychology has been defined as the scientific study of behavior, experience and thought processes. As such, it is a field of endeavor that has something of interest for just about everybody, at least for those of us who are behaving and experiencing and thinking.

As you have seen in Chapter 1 of your text, there are many different kinds of psychologists. Your instructors for the semester, although both professional psychologists, came to the study of their chosen field from quite different perspectives. Dr. Boggiano, who will teach the first half of the semester, approaches the study of psychology from a social and clinical perspective. Her primary interest is in human behavior. Dr. Calisher, who will be teaching the second half of the course, is a biological and experimental psychologist, equally interested in human and non-human animal behavior. Both Dr. Boggiano and Dr. Calisher are interested in the study of development. It is hoped that, by having first-hand experience with two very different approaches to psychology, you will gain a greater appreciation of the field as a whole and be in a better position to decide on specific areas of interest that you may choose to pursue as part of your undergraduate or graduate education.
READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR DR. BOGGIANO (pages from several chapters that students are not required to read will be specified during lecture).

Week of Jan. 15
Week of Jan. 22
Week of Jan. 29
Week of Feb. 5

no reading
Chapter 19
Chapter 20
Chapter 13

***Exam 1 - Feb. 8th***

Week of Feb. 12
Week of Feb. 19
Week of Feb. 26
Week of Mar. 5

Chapter 10
Chapter 15
Chapter 16
Chapter 17

***Exam 2 - Mar. 8th***

READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR DR. CALISHER:

Week of Mar. 12
Week of Mar. 19
Week of Mar. 26
Week of Apr. 2
Week of Apr. 9

Chapter 2
Chapter 11
Spring Break
Chapters 6 and 7
Chapter 9

***Exam 3 - Apr. 10th***

Week of Apr. 16
Week of Apr. 23
Week of Apr. 30

Chapter 3
Chapter 4
Chapter 5

***Exam 4 and Exam 5 (Final exam period)***
May 9, 1990 11:30AM - 2:30PM***
RECITATION SECTIONS:

RECITATIONS ARE NOT, REPEAT NOT OPTIONAL. Your recitation grade (150 points possible) is an important part of your semester grade.

RESEARCH REQUIREMENT:

SEE HANDOUTS. The number of research hours required will be announced at a later date, but rest assured, there WILL be a research requirement.

EXAMS AND EXAM SCHEDULE:

There will be five (5) exams during this semester, each worth 100 points and consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions.

Exam I and Exam II will be administered during Dr. Boggiano’s part of the course.

EXAM I: February 8. Will cover material presented in lecture and in chapters 1, 19, 20 & 13 of your text.

EXAM II: March 8. Will cover material presented in lecture and in chapters 10, 15, 16, & 17 of your text.

Exam III, Exam IV, and Exam V will be administered during Dr. Calisher’s part of the course.

PLEASE NOTE: Exam IV and Exam V will both be given during the final exam period, Wednesday, May 9, 1990, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

EXAM III: April 10. Will cover material presented in lecture and in chapters 2, 11, 6, & 7 of your text.

EXAM IV: May 9 (final exam period, see above): Will cover material presented in lecture and in chapters 9, 3, 4, & 5 of your text.

EXAM V: May 9 (final exam period, see above). This exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions, 40 of which will be taken DIRECTLY from Exams I, II, and III. The other 10 will be new questions, but will be limited to that material covered on Exams I, II, and III.

MAKE-UP EXAMS:

There will be NO make-up exams given. HOWEVER, students will be allowed to drop the lowest of their scores on Exams I, II, and III. Students may NOT drop any part of the final exam (which consists of Exams IV and V).
GRADING:

Because we recognize that there is no such thing as a perfect lecture, a perfect text, a perfect test, or believe it or not, a perfect student, we have devised a grading system based on a REFERENCE SCORE (RS). The RS is simply the mean (average) of the top 5% on an exam or for the semester. The calculated RS replaces 100% as the theoretical "best possible score." This compensates for whatever imperfections might be present in the tests.

For example, suppose that the top 5% on the first exam were as follows:

100, 98, 98, 98, 96, 96, 96, 96, 94, 94, 94, 94, & 92

The sum of these scores is 1440. The mean of these scores is 96. Therefore, the RS=96. What this does to the grading scale is illustrated below.

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<th>Normal Grading Scale</th>
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All grades will be based on a computed reference score. A reference score will be computed for each exam and, for the final course grade, a reference score will be computed for the SUM of ALL exams and recitation scores. Plus and minus grades will be assigned on all exams and for final course grades.

A FINAL WORD:

Both Dr. Boggiano and Dr. Calisher hope that you will find this course to be interesting and challenging. We look forward to a productive collaboration with our students as we all progress toward a greater understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live.