PSYC 1001 100
General Psychology
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11:00 am - 1:05 pm Muen E431

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WELCOME TO THE STUDY OF PSYCHOLOGY!
In this course, you will be exposed to many psychological principles and ideas. You will learn the answers to these and many other questions:

What do my dreams mean? (sleep and dreams)
Is it a good idea to get in a car and drive all night? (circadian rhythms, sleep)
How can I get my roommate to do my laundry? (operant conditioning)
What causes phobias? (classical conditioning)
How can I study better in less time? (memory)
What are intelligence tests used for? (intelligence)
Are intelligence tests biased in favor of Anglo Americans? (intelligence)
What causes multiple personality disorder? (psychological disorders)
What makes someone “crazy” or “insane”? (psychological disorders)
What makes someone a serial killer? (psychological disorders)
How can I keep from getting sick during midterms and finals? (stress and health)
What makes someone gay or lesbian? (motivation and emotion)
Are boys really more aggressive than girls? Why? (human development)
How do different theorists think we develop our personalities? (personality)
If I went to see a Freudian therapist, would there be a couch? (therapy)
What causes prejudice? (social psychology)
How could I scientifically determine whether or not violence on TV causes aggression? (research methods)
How does our own desire to look and feel good affect how we interpret events around us? (social psychology)
What do I do if my professor reminds me of my mother, who I hate? (Freud)
Lectures will include basic information as well as applications to real life. Normal recitation hours will be integrated into the two hour class here, so you can expect some in-class activities, discussions pertaining to class topics, and videos to support current topics.

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students are expected to read the assigned chapters, and to participate in class discussions and exercises.

2. Four multiple choice exams will be given, each worth 100 points. **Makeup exams will only be given in extreme cases, and will occur after the final on July 2 (exceptions are students on official university business).** An optional comprehensive final exam will be offered during the final exam time and will substitute for the lowest unit exam grade.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Attendance is required.

Although the course format will be mostly lecture-oriented, there will be some class exercises and some discussion when time allows. Students are encouraged to ask questions both during and after class. Students are responsible for announcements made during class time.

In order to assist each individual to perform to his/her potential, it is important for a student to inform the professor of any conditions which may require some modification of seating, testing, or other class requirements/practices.

**GRADING**

A course grade will be assigned to each student according to the student's percentage of the total course points (4 tests x 100 + attendance 100 = 500).
RESEARCH PARTICIPATION CREDIT

All students enrolled in Psychology 1001 at the University of Colorado at Boulder are required to gain experience with the scientific and experimental aspects of psychology. This requirement may be filled in one of two ways. By participating in laboratory experiments in psychology (Option I) or by writing a critical review of some published experiments in psychology (Option II). These two options require approximately equal amounts of work. Students not completing either Option I or Option II requirements will receive a grade of "IF" for the course. If either Option I or Option II requirements are completed within one year, the "IF" will be changed to the grade earned on the basis of exam scores and recitation grade. You will be given a form early in the semester on which to indicate which option you have chosen to fulfill the research participation requirement.

OPTION I: You agree to participate in experimental research conducted by members of the Department of Psychology or by students under the supervision of members of the faculty. A faculty committee reviews all experiments to insure that they do not involve invasion of your rights or privacy and do not use procedures which are either dangerous or morally or ethically objectionable. You do not have to participate in any experiment which you find, for any reason, unacceptable. However, if you make an appointment to participate in an experiment, and you are more than 15 minutes late or you do not cancel your appointment at least one hour in advance, you will be penalized by the addition of one hour to your participation requirement.

OPTION II: You agree to write a critical review of published psychology experiments. The exact nature of your review will be decided upon by discussion between you and your teaching assistant. Your review will be judged satisfactory or not satisfactory by your teaching assistant. The quality of the review will not affect your course grade.
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