Course Syllabus for General Psychology
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Grades: Your final grade will be calculated from your scores on three tests and from your recitation grade. Each test and the recitation grade is worth 25% of your final grade. Three midterm tests and a final exam will be given during the semester. The lowest grade on the midterm tests will be dropped. If you miss a midterm test the grade for that test will be dropped. You may not miss more than one midterm test and EVERYONE MUST TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. A final score of 90-100% will be an A, 80-89% a B, 70-79% a C, 60-69% a D, and below 60% an F. Plus and minus grades will be depend on how high or low within a category your grade falls.

Tests: Tests will consists of multiple choice questions. The questions will cover material from the textbook, the lectures, and the recitations. The final exam will cover material from the final part of the semester and will include some questions from the earlier part of the course.

Recitations: You are required to attend a recitation once a week starting with the week of February 5. The recitations may include lectures, discussions, demonstrations, videos, and reviews. You will be graded for the recitation (the grade will include attendance); this grade will make up 25% of your final grade. You CANNOT drop your recitation grade and replace it with a midterm test score. The details of grading will be given to you by your recitation teacher.

Research Participant/Paper: You must serve as a participant for research studies or write papers on topics in psychology in order to receive a grade. The details of this requirement will be given later.

Tentative schedule of lecture topics & tests

Jan 17
Introduction

Jan 19, 22, 24
Chapter 1: Thinking Critically with Psychological Science

Jan 26, 29, 31
Chapter 2: Neuroscience and Behavior

Feb 2

Feb 5, 7, 9
Chapter 5: Sensation

Feb 12
Test #1

Feb 14, 16, 19
Chapter 6: Perception
Feb 21, 23, 26, 28
Mar 2, 5, 7, 9
Mar 12
Mar 14, 16, 19
Mar 21, 23
Apr 2
Apr 4, 6
Apr 9, 11, 13
Apr 16
Apr 18, 20, 23
Apr 25, 27, 30
May 2
May 4

Chapter 7: States of Consciousness
Chapter 8: Learning
Test #2
Chapter 9: Memory
Chapter 10: Thinking and Language
Chapter 13: Emotion
Chapter 4: The Developing Person
Test #3
Chapter 18: Social Psychology
Chapter 14: Personality
Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
Chapter 16: Therapy