

**General Psychology Honors**  
Psychology 1030H  
Spring 2008

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**Class Time:** MWF 11:15am-12:05pm; Psychology Building, room 507A

**Required Texts:**

Weiten, W. (2007). *Psychology: Themes and Variations- Briefer version* (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Belmont: Wadsworth.

Hock, R. R. (2005). *Forty studies that changed psychology: Explorations into the history of psychological research* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall.

**Purpose of the Course:**

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. This course will provide a survey of the methods psychologists use to study behavior and the theories and findings drawn from this research. It will give you a broad background in the principles of psychology as well as introduce you to the major sub-disciplines within the field. While you will have the opportunity to gain some familiarity with all of the major areas of psychology in this course, you will find more detail in upper levels courses in the department.

**Attendance and Class Participation:**

While there is no formal attendance policy, class attendance is expected and strongly recommended. ***If you do not come to class you remain responsible for all material covered in class, including class demonstrations, films, and so forth. You also remain responsible for any announcements made in class, such as changes regarding the syllabus, exam dates, or assigned readings.*** Please read the assigned material before coming to class; doing so will allow me to clarify any questions you may have.

**Small assignments:**

There will be a few small assignments spaced throughout the semester that will be designed to reinforce learning of certain concepts. These small projects will total to 100 points and include a class project/paper and leading group discussion. Class participation will also factor into this portion of your grade. If you do not feel comfortable speaking up in class, it is perfectly acceptable for you to email any questions or comments that you would have liked to add to group discussion.

**Exams:**

There will be 2 exams during the course of the semester and one non-cumulative final, for a **total of three exams**. Exams will consist of multiple choice and essay questions. Each exam is worth 100 points. Lecture and class discussion can not possibly cover everything contained in a textbook. Therefore, some of the material in the text will not be dealt with in class. This does not mean that the material is unimportant – only that there is not enough time to cover it in class. Also, there sometimes will be things covered in class that are not in the text. ***In other words, you should pay attention to both the text material and the class material in your studying.***

Please arrive on time. If you arrive after the first person has finished the exam, you will not be allowed to take the exam. Please bring your UGA ID to exams; you may be asked to present it. Students may not retain copies of exam questions.

*Students caught cheating on exams will be punished severely, according to University regulations.*

### **Make-Up Exams:**

No make-up exams will be given, and exams will only be given during the scheduled time - unless you are participating in a university event and are required to be away from campus during the exam (documentation will be required). If you must miss an exam, see Dr. Claffey beforehand.

### **Grading:**

Your final grade will be determined by your performance on three exams, assignments, and class participation:

	<u>Total Possible Points</u>
Exams	300
<u>Assignments and participation</u>	<u>100</u>
Total	400

Grades will be based on the following distribution:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Percentages</u>	<u>Grade</u>
376-400	94-100%	A
360-375	90-93.9%	A-
348-359	87-89.9%	B+
336-347	84-86.9%	B
320-335	80-83.9%	B-
308-319	77-79.9%	C+
296-307	74-76.9%	C
280-295	70-73.9%	C-
240-279	60-69.9%	D
0-239	< 60%	F

*Please note that I do not round up scores.*

### **Research Points:**

The Psychology Department has a policy that students in PSYC 1101 are required to complete 6.5 credit hours of research participation. You may complete this requirement through (a) participation in research experiments, or (b) writing summaries of psychology articles. You must complete this requirement or you will receive an incomplete ("I") as your course grade - there are NO EXCEPTIONS. If you receive an "I" and the research requirement is not completed in the following three semesters, the "I" is automatically converted into a grade of "F." This research requirement will be explained in detail in a handout distributed on the first day of class. Register for participation at <http://experimetrix.com/uga>.

## **Academic Honesty**

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty" ([http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic\\_honesty/academic\\_honesty.htm](http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic_honesty/academic_honesty.htm)). Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. All coursework, including assignments and exams, turned in for credit will be assumed to be the student's own independent work (e.g., no cheating or copying). Your minimum penalty for being found guilty of academic dishonesty in this course will be a grade of "F" in the course; further penalties may include a note on your transcript or expulsion.

## **Exam Schedule:**

<b>Exam 1</b> (Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)	<b>Fri 2/15</b>
<b>Exam 2</b> (Chapters 7, 8, 10, 11)	<b>Wed 3/26</b>
<b>Final Exam</b> (Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15)	<b>Fri 5/2, <u>12pm</u></b>