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Psychology Fundamentals

Psychology 9A / Psy Beh 11A

68080 / 54030

Winter Quarter, 2014

<https://eee.uci.edu/14w/68080>

Lectures Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 AM – 9:20 AM
Social Sciences Lecture Hall 100

Discussion sections

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| 1. Mon 1-1:50 | SST 220A | 68081/54031 | MD |
| 2. Mon 3-3:50 | SST 220A | 68082/54032 | DS |
| 3. Tues 4-4:50 | SST 220A | 68083/54033 | DK |
| 4. Tues 5-5:50 | SSTR 100 | 68084/54034 | ID |
| 5. Wed 1-1:50 | SST 220A | 68085/54035 | DS |
| 6. Fri 1-1:50 | SSL 145 | 68086/54036 | MD |
| 7. Fri 2-2:50 | SST 220A | 68087/54037 | ID |
| 8. Fri 3-3:50 | SST 220A | 68088/54038 | DK |

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Course Enrollment

1. To receive credit for the course, you must be registered for both the lecture and a discussion section. Discussion sections do not meet during the first week of class.

2. Psychology majors must be registered under Psych 9A. Psychology and Social Behavior majors must be registered under Psy Beh 11A. If you are enrolled in another major or are undecided/undeclared, you may register for either 9A or 11A.

3. Adds/drops before weeks 4-10 are handled online through the Registrar. After that time, instructor approval is required.

4. Psychology majors, Psychology and Social Behavior majors, and those who wish to transfer into one of these majors must take the Psych Fundamentals courses for a letter grade.

Grading

During this quarter, grades will be assigned on the basis of the total number of points earned by the student out of a total of 250 points: 90-100% As (225 points or above), 80-89% Bs (200-224 points), 70-79% Cs (175-199 points), 60-69% Ds (150-174 points), 59% and below Fs (149 or fewer points). The assignment of grades on this distribution will be based on points earned through exams. The total number of points possible is 250 = 100 (midterm) + 125 (final) + 25. The 25 points are added to each student's score so that the total possible is 250. Having assigned preliminary grades according to these guidelines, grades will then be adjusted to take into consideration extra credit points (see below).

Exams

There will be a midterm and a final in the Winter quarter. The midterm is worth 100 points and will count for 40% of the final grade. The final is worth 125 points and will count for 50% of the final grade. About 20% of the final exam will be cumulative, testing knowledge of material covered in the first half of the quarter. Exams will include both objective (multiple choice) questions and essay questions. Questions on exams are designed to test your understanding of basic terminology (*e.g.*, "transduction"), your grasp of important concepts (*e.g.*, "cognition"), your ability to apply these concepts to practical situations, your knowledge of how these concepts are supported by research results, and your ability to integrate these areas. Please bring your **photo ID** and a **Scantron** (pink, F-288-PAR-L) to both midterm and final.

Exams will only be given on the scheduled dates at the scheduled times. The midterm is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00 AM, and the final is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 8:00 AM.

Extra Credit Points

You may earn up to six (6) extra credit points in one of two ways.

1. *Participation in experiments.* You can earn extra credit points by participating in laboratory experiments in the Social Sciences Lab. As a subject in an experiment, you have the opportunity to learn how social science experiments are conducted, and you help provide the subjects for the Schools' extensive research programs. You will receive 1.5 extra credit points for each hour of experimental participation, with your maximum participation limited to four hours (totaling six points). For information on how to sign up, go to http://hsl.ss.uci.edu/hsl_student-info.

(a) Procedure: Sign up online for experiments:

<https://uci.sona-systems.com/>

(b) Contract: If you agree to participate in an experiment, you form a contract with the experimenter to be present *punctually* at the time and place designated when you sign up. If you must cancel your appointment, you must use the uci.sona-systems.com website at least one hour before the experiment. The penalty for non-informed non-attendance is the *loss* of 1 extra credit point. Your participation in an experiment will be recorded by the laboratory assistant.

- (c) Opportunity: Experimenters may be able to recruit all the subjects they need before the end of the quarter, so that *early* participation is the safest way to ensure that you do not miss out on this easy way to accumulate points.

2. *Paper*. As an alternative to taking part in experiments, you can earn up to six (6) extra credit points by writing a 4-page double-spaced typewritten paper on a topic covered during the quarter. You **MUST** get the instructor's approval of the topic before submitting such a paper. The paper option can **NOT** be combined with option (1). All extra credit papers for the Winter quarter are due by the end of the final lecture in the tenth week of class: Thursday, March 13. Late papers receive no credit.

Teaching assistants

Independent of the discussion section that you are registered in, you are free to meet with any of the TAs during their office hours or by appointment to discuss any questions you may have regarding the course.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, forgery, dishonest conduct, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities. Students who are guilty of academic dishonesty will automatically receive a grade of F and will not be permitted to retake the course. See the "Schedule of Classes" for a detailed discussion of UCI's policies on academic dishonesty.

Course Website

Much of the material for this course will be made available on the course EEE website, including lecture notes and topic index, practice exam questions, announcements and sundry information. The course's home page has the URL:

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FINALLY, the TAs and I hope you will enjoy this course. We look forward to working with you and will do our best to make this course a valuable and rewarding experience.

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Lecture Schedule

First week (Jan. 7 & 9):	Tu: Administration & Introduction Th: Research Examples
Second week (Jan. 14 & 16):	Tu: Research Methods, Chapter 1 Th: Evolutionary Psychology, Chapter 2
Third week (Jan. 21 & 23):	Tu: Brain & Nervous System, Chapter 3 Th: Brain & Nervous System, Chapter 3
Fourth week (Jan. 28 & 30):	Tu: Brain & Nervous System, Chapter 3 Th: Brain & Nervous System, Chapter 3
Fifth week (Feb. 4 & 6):	Tu: MIDTERM EXAM, 8:00-9:20AM SSLH 100 Th: Midterm Review
Sixth week (Feb. 11 & 13):	Tu: Sensation, Chapter 4 Th: Sensation, Chapter 4
Seventh week (Feb. 18 & 20):	Tu: Sensation, Chapter 4 Th: Sensation, Chapter 4
Eighth week (Feb. 25 & 27):	Tu: Perception, Chapter 5 Th: Perception, Chapter 5
Ninth week (March 4 & 6):	Tu: Perception, Chapter 5 Th: Perception, Chapter 5
Tenth week (March 11 & 13):	Tu: Consciousness, Chapter 6 Th: Consciousness, Chapter 6; Review
Eleventh week (Tuesday, March 18):	Tu: FINAL EXAM, 8:00-10:00 AM SSLH 100

This schedule of lecture topics is subject to change as the Winter 2014 quarter progresses.