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CALGARY

**Department of Psychology**  
**Psychology 205 (L60) – Principles of Psychology**  
**Summer 2009**

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### **Course Description and Goals**

This course provides a general introduction to the major areas of psychology. At the end of the course, you will be able to evaluate psychological information according to the scientific method and will have introductory-level knowledge of:

- psychology as a biological and social science
- the diverse sub-fields of psychology
- current theories for understanding different areas of psychology
- methodologies and terminology used in different areas of psychology

### **Prerequisite**

None

### **Required Text**

Kosslyn, S.M. & Rosenberg, R.S. (2007). *Fundamentals of Psychology in Context (Third Ed.)*. Toronto, Canada: Allyn and Bacon. (available in the bookstore)

### **Course Blackboard**

The course website is located on blackboard: <https://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login/>.

Notes for each week's classes will be posted at the beginning of the week. In addition, announcements and grades will be posted on this site.

### **Evaluation**

**Tests (30% of final grade each).** There will be two tests during this course (July 15 & July 29). Tests are non-cumulative and will feature multiple-choice and short-answer questions. The lecture schedule lists the topics covered on each test.

**Final exam (40% of final grade).** A non-cumulative final exam covering all material since test 2 (see lecture schedule for specific topics) will be written during the final exam period. The exam will be similar in format to the tests and you will be given 1.5 hours to write it.

### **Grading Scale**

|    |         |    |        |    |        |    |        |
|----|---------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| A+ | 96-100% | B+ | 80-84% | C+ | 67-71% | D+ | 54-58% |
| A  | 90-95%  | B  | 76-79% | C  | 63-66% | D  | 50-53% |
| A- | 85-89%  | B- | 72-75% | C- | 59-62% | F  | 0-49%  |

As stated in the University Calendar, it is at the instructor's discretion to round off either upward or downward to determine a final grade when the average of term work and final examinations is between two letter grades. To determine final letter grades, final percentage grades will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole percentage (e.g., 89.5% will be rounded up to 90% = A but 89.4% will be rounded down to 89% = A-).

### Tentative Lecture Schedule

| Date      | Topic   | Readings                  |
|-----------|---|---------------------------|
| July 6    | Intro and The Science of Psychology<br><i>Last day for registration and changes to registration. No fee refunds after today</i> | Ch 1                      |
| July 8    | Brain and Behaviour   | Ch 2                      |
| July 13   | Sensation and Perception  | Ch 3                      |
| July 15   | Test 1  | All material to date      |
| July 20   | Learning  | Ch 4                      |
| July 22   | Memory  | Ch 5                      |
| July 27   | Cognition and Intelligence  | Ch 6                      |
| July 29   | Test 2  | All material since Test 1 |
| Aug 3     | Alberta Heritage Day. University closed. No lectures.   |                           |
| Aug 5     | Developmental Psychology  | Ch 9                      |
| Aug 10    | Personality and Social Psychology   | Ch 8 & Ch 13              |
| Aug 12    | Psychological Disorders and Treatment   | Ch 11 & Ch 12             |
| Aug 13    | Last day to participate in research and allocate credits.   |                           |
| Aug 14    | Last day to withdraw.   |                           |
| Aug 17-19 | Final exam (scheduled by the Registrar)   | All material since Test 2 |

### Reappraisal of Grades

A student who feels that a piece of graded term work (e.g., term paper, essay, test) has been unfairly graded, may have the work re-graded as follows. The student shall discuss the work with the instructor within 15 days of being notified about the mark or of the item's return to the class. If not satisfied, the student shall immediately take the matter to the Head of the department offering the course, who will arrange for a reassessment of the work within the next 15 days. The reappraisal of term work may cause the grade to be raised, lowered, or to remain the same. If the student is not satisfied with the decision and wishes to appeal, the student shall address a letter of appeal to the Dean of the faculty offering the course within 15 days of the unfavourable decision. In the letter, the student must clearly and fully state the decision being appealed, the grounds for appeal, and the remedies being sought, along with any special circumstances that warrant an appeal of the reappraisal. The student should include as much written documentation as possible.

### Plagiarism and Other Academic Misconduct

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. Consequently, plagiarism or cheating on any assignment is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense. Plagiarism involves submitting or presenting work in a course as if it were the student's own work done expressly for

that particular course when, in fact, it is not. Students should examine sections of the University Calendar that present a Statement of Intellectual honesty and definitions and penalties associated with Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct.

### **Academic Accommodation**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 14 days after the start of this course.

### **Absence From A Test/Exam**

Makeup tests/exams are NOT an option without an official University medical excuse (see the University Calendar). A completed Physician/Counselor Statement will be required to confirm absence from a test/exam for health reasons; the student will be required to pay any cost associated with this Statement. Students who miss a test/exam have 48 hours to contact the instructor and to schedule a makeup test/exam. Students who do not schedule a makeup test/exam with the instructor within this 48-hour period forfeit the right to a makeup test/exam. At the instructor's discretion, a makeup test/exam may differ significantly (in form and/or content) from a regularly scheduled test/exam. Except in extenuating circumstances (documented by an official University medical excuse), a makeup test/exam must be written within 2 weeks of the missed test/exam.

### **Course Credits for Research Participation**

Students in most psychology courses are eligible to participate in Departmentally approved research and earn credits toward their final grades. A maximum of two credits (2%) per course, including this course, may be applied to the student's final grade. Students earn 0.5% (0.5 credits) for each full 30 minutes of participation. The demand for timeslots may exceed the supply in a given term. Thus, students are not guaranteed that there will be enough studies available to them to meet their credit requirements. Students should seek studies early in the term and should frequently check for open timeslots. Students can create an account and participate in Departmentally approved research studies at <http://ucalgary.sona-systems.com>. The last day to participate in studies and to assign or reassign earned credits to courses is **Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

### **Student Organizations**

Psychology students may wish to join the Psychology Undergraduate Students' Association (PSYCHS). They are located in Administration 170 and may be contacted at 220-5567.

**Student Union VP Academic:** Phone: 220-3911 [suvpaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca)  
**Student Union Faculty Rep.:** Phone: 220-3913 [socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

### **Important Dates**

The last day to drop this course and **still receive a fee refund** is **July 6th, 2009**. The last day to withdraw from this course is August **Aug 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.