

FALL, 2008

PSYCHOLOGY 5110-001: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT I

Monday 11-11:50 A.M.—Room 428LS

Instructor: Dr. Gatchel
Office Hours: Fridays, 9-11 am
Location: 313 Life Science

General Description: There are two primary goals of this course. The first is to provide new graduate students with a broad orientation of the facilities, responsibilities and assistance available to them as they launch their professional careers as psychologists. Important issues, such as academic integrity, ethics, and cultural diversity, will be discussed. Also, assistance, in terms of graduate advising and how to use the human subjects' research pool, will be reviewed.

Specific Requirements and Objectives: The class will meet once a week on Mondays from 11-11:50 in Room 428LS. After completing this Course, graduate students will be familiar with the "culture" of graduate education in the Department of Psychology at UT Arlington. The Course will help students in their transition from undergraduates to their new roles and professional responsibilities as members of the Department and Institution. Issues/questions they might have at the present time, or in the future, will be addressed. This Course will prepare them for their future activities as graduate students, classroom instructors and researchers. There will be one Final Essay Examination, which will consist of addressing various issues/topics reviewed during the course of the semester.

COURSE OUTLINE

August 25	General Orientation	Dr. Gatchel
September 1	Labor Day—No Class	
September 8	Graduate Student Advising	Ronda Miner
September 15	Institutional Review Board Policies	Dr. Downum
September 22	Human Subject Pool Issues	Dr. Jensen-Campbell
September 29	Academic Integrity	Dr. Gatchel
October 6	Undergraduate Advising Issues	Laura Wolf
October 13	GAPS: What is it?	Madeline Rex-Lear
October 20	Tour of Animal Research Facilities and Overview of Neuroscience Research	Dr. Fuchs
October 27	Cultural and Gender Diversity Issues	Dr. Basco
November 3	Science and the Government	Dr. Gatchel
November 10	American Psychological Association Ethical Standards	Dr. Gatchel
November 17	Professional Opportunities	Dr. Gatchel
November 24	Pearls of Wisdom	Dr. Gatchel
December 1	Last Day of Class—Final Examination	

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): If you are a student who requires accommodations in compliance with the ADA, please consult with me at the beginning of the semester. As a Faculty member, I am required by law to provide a reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Your responsibility is to inform me of documentation authorizing the specific accommodation. Student services at UT Arlington include the Office for Students with Disabilities (located in the lower level of the University Center) which is responsible for verifying and implementing accommodations to ensure equal opportunity in all programs and activities.

Student Support Services: The University supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. They include learning assistance, developmental education, advising and mentoring, admission and transition, and federally funded programs. Students requiring assistance academically, personally or socially should contact the Office of Student Success Programs at 817-272-6107 for more information and appropriate referrals.

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Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts (see Regents=Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22).

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Library Information:

Helen Hough is the Psychology Librarian. She can be reached at 817.272.7429, and by email at hough@uta.edu. You will find useful research information for psychology at <http://www.uta.edu/library/research/rt-psyc.html>.