

**Spring 2008**

**PSYCHOLOGY 5112 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT II:  
TEACHING PSYCHOLOGY**

**Monday 11:00-11:50 am, Room 428LS**

**Instructor: Dr. Robert J. Gatchel**  
**Office Hours: F. 9-11 am**  
**Location: 313 Life Science Building**

**General Description:** The purpose of this course is to begin to introduce students to some of the fundamental issues and challenges of classroom teaching at the University level. It is also intended to provide students with the opportunity to develop technical skills that will meet these challenges through hands-on experiences.

**Specific Requirements and Objectives:** The class will meet once a week on Mondays from 11-11:50 in Room 428LS. Preparation of course syllabi, demonstrations, and testing will be covered in detail. Special emphasis will be given to developing skills as a lecturer through opportunities to present mini-lectures and videotaped analysis of presentations. At the end of the course, students should have developed an increased awareness of the nature of the teaching enterprise, new understanding of ways in which one might approach designing, developing, and implementing an undergraduate-level course, and growth in skills required to face the college classroom with competence and confidence. Students will be required to complete various assignments during the Semester, and there will be one Final Essay Examination, which will consist of addressing various issues/methods reviewed during the course of the Semester.

**Text:** McKeachie, W.J. & Svinicki, M. McKeachie's Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research and Theory for College and University Teachers. 12<sup>th</sup> Edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 2006.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

January 14      Introduction  
                    Assignment: PART 1 of the Text.

January 21      No Class: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 28	The Course Syllabus <u>Assignment:</u> Develop a Course Syllabus for Introductory Psychology
February 4	Developing Effective Lectures <u>Assignment:</u> PART 2 of Text.
February 11	Teaching Tools <u>Assignment:</u> Attend two Introductory Psychology lectures by either Dr. Cox or Dr. Perrotti. Write a two-page critique of each of the lectures.
February 18	How to Create a Good Exam <u>Assignment:</u> Write a two-page paper on different types of exams that can be given, with a critique of the pros and cons of each type.
February 25	How to Deal with Problem Students <u>Assignment:</u> PART 3 of the Text
March 3	Lecturing <u>Assignment:</u> Videotape yourself giving a five-minute lecture to a group
March 10	Review Videotapes
March 17	Spring Break
March 24	Review Videotapes
March 31	Different Learning Techniques <u>Assignment:</u> PART 4 of the Text
April 7	Presentation of a 10-Minute Mini-Lecture to Class
April 14	Presentation of a 10-Minute Mini-Lecture to Class
April 21	Presentation of a 10-Minute Mini-Lecture to Class

April 28                      Presentation of a 10-Minute Mini-Lecture to Class

May 5                              Final Examination Week

**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.

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**Bomb Threats:** If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UT Arlington will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by the

bomb threat. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

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