

Syllabus

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**Course Number, Section Number, and Course Title: Psyc 6346,
Evolutionary Psychology**

Time and Place of Class Meetings: 3:30 pm to 4:50 pm, Life Sciences 102

Description of Course Content: The evolutionary basis of human behavior with comparisons to nonhuman animals.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will understand evolutionary principles and how they have come to influence all aspect of human psychological functioning.

Requirements: Prerequisite: Graduate Standing

Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials: Evolutionary Psychology by Workman and Reader. Weekly reading assignment will also be required and will be provided on a week to week basis.

Descriptions of major assignments and examinations with due dates: Three exams will be given, Feb. 12, March 11, and the final exam, May 8 at 2:00 pm. They will be short answers and longer essay type exams. The first exam will cover chapters 1—4 and lecture, the second will cover chapters 5—8 and lecture, and the final will cover chapters 9—13 and lecture.

A research proposal over any approved topic in evolutionary psychology will be due on the last day of classes, May 1. A preliminary draft of the proposal will be due on April 17. Feedback will be provided by April 24 for use in revising the original proposal. General APA format should be followed with an introduction, Method and Anticipated Results and Discussion sections. Title page with abstract and references are also included. The number of references needed to support your proposal can vary, but a good target would be 6 to 12. Generally about 10 pages of text is sufficient to develop and present a proposal of this sort. Proposals will

be evaluated with respect to the quality of the idea being tested, its relevance to evolutionary psychology, clarity of writing, adequacy of experimental design, appropriateness of statistical analysis, and the relationship to existing literature.

Grading Policy: The first two exams will be worth 25% each, and the final will be worth 30%. The last exam is worth more toward the final grade because it covers more material than the first two exams. The proposal is worth 20%.

Drop Policy: Normal university drop policies are in effect.

Americans With Disabilities Act:

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 - The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of federal legislation entitled *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with informing faculty of their need for accommodation and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels. Information regarding specific diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability. Also, you may visit the Office for Students with Disabilities in room 102 of University Hall or call them at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

"Scholastic 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." (Regents' Rules and Regulations, Series 50101, Section 2.2)

Student Support Services Available:

The University of Texas at Arlington supports a variety of student success programs to help you connect with the University and achieve academic success. These programs 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.

Final Review Week:

A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabi. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. Classes are held as scheduled during this week and lectures and presentations may be given.

E-Culture Policy:

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University email address as an official means of communication with students. Through the use of email, UT-Arlington is able to provide students with relevant and timely information, designed to facilitate student success. In particular, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of bills, and graduation may be sent to students through email.

All students are assigned an email account and information about activating and using it is available at www.uta.edu/email. New students (first semester at UTA) are able to activate their email account 24 hours after registering for courses. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active as long as a student is enrolled at UT-Arlington. Students are responsible for checking their email regularly.