

Introduction to Psychology
Psyc 1315 Section 007
Spring 2009
Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00-8:20 pm
Life Science Building Room 122

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Required text: King, L. A. (2008). *The science of psychology: An appreciative view*. McGraw-Hill: New York. ISBN: 978-0-07-353188-5

Description of Course Content and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course will cover a wide range of Psychological concepts, theories, and topics. In particular, students will be exposed to various psychological approaches, including social, personality, neurological, cognitive, developmental, and clinical psychology via class lectures, audio/visual media, class discussions, activities, and/or handouts.

Successful completion of this course will require students to be able to discuss and/or identify a) some of the basic theories of psychology, b) some of the techniques and methods used by psychologists, and c) the application of psychology.

Attendance:

Not mandatory. However, regular class attendance is expected in this course. Attendance will be taken randomly throughout the course and if you are present those days I take attendance than you will receive 2 additional points on your final letter grade. Students will be accountable for all lecture material, and each examination will contain questions from the class readings and classroom lectures; therefore, it will be imperative that you not miss class.

Exams and Grading Policy:

Three exams will be given throughout the semester. Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exams will be structured with a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. Exam questions will be taken from class lectures and assigned readings. Make-up exams will only be administered if the student provides a **University approved excuse** (see Catalog) or any *documented* catastrophic events. If students miss an examination due to a **university-approved** absence or any *documented* catastrophic events of which they provide **written** approval to the instructor, they will be given an equivalent make-up exam at a time approved by the instructor (i.e., *not* during class time). If students miss an exam due to unapproved reasons, **they will not be able to make up the examination and will receive a zero on the examination missed.**

Research Participation Requirement:

Students enrolled in Psychology 1315 must complete a research participation requirement. Research participation is an experiential learning opportunity which enhances and deepens students' understanding of and appreciation for the scientific study of Psychology. This

requirement may be satisfied by serving as a participant in psychological research or by summarizing and evaluating published studies, in journals or in other approved sources. More details will be provided in an orientation session and in an informational handout.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN AN INCOMPLETE FOR THE CLASS.

You will then need to complete your requirement during the next semester or the incomplete will turn into an F regardless of your academic standing. *In order to satisfy this requirement, you MUST have an account in Sona REGARDLESS if you participate in research or write reviews.*

There is a total of 300 points to be earned during this course:

A = 300-270 points 100%-90%

B = 269-240 points 89%-80%

C = 239-210 points 79%-70%

D = 209-180 points 69%-60%

F = 59-0 points 59% and below

Drop for non-payment of tuition:

If you are dropped from this class for non-payment of tuition, you may secure an Enrollment Loan through the Bursar's Office. You may not continue to attend class until your Enrollment Loan has been applied to outstanding tuition fees.

Academic Resources: Resources are available for students who need extra help with study skills, time management, or note taking. The UTA Counseling Services (272-3671) and SOAR (272-3684) not only offer seminars to improve note taking and study skills but also to develop time management skills.

Academic Dishonesty:

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. Any form of academic dishonesty will be reported. "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or material 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, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22) 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.

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. I will only use your UTA email account when sending you information.

Drop Policy:

Students who drop this course must do so in accordance with the University of Texas at Arlington drop policy which can be found in the undergraduate catalog (<http://www.uta.edu/catalog/>). The last day to drop is: **April 3rd**.

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 *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 UTA 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.

Bomb Threats:

If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA 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.

Tentative Lecture/Topic Schedule:

Chapter 1-What is Psychology?

Chapter 2- Psychology's Scientific Methods

Chapter 3-Biological Foundations of Behavior

Chapter 4-Human Development

Chapter 5-Social Sensation and Perception

TEST: February 24th

Chapter 6-States of Consciousness

Chapter 7-Learning

Chapter 8-Memory

Chapter 9-Thinking, Intelligence, and Language

Chapter 10-Motivation and Emotion

Chapter 11-Personality

TEST: April 7th

Chapter 12-Social Psychology

Chapter 13-I/O Psychology

Chapter 14-Psychological Disorders

Chapter 15-Therapies

Chapter 16-Health Psychology

FINAL: Thursday, May 14th—8:15-10:45 pm

****Class will be cancelled: Feb. 5th due to conference****

****Spring Break is March 17th & 19th ☺****