SUNY Cortland
PSY 101-001, 002 (Introductory Psychology) - 3 credits
Sperry 105

The syllabus posted on WebCT will be updated as needed and is the Official Syllabus for the course.

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Course Materials

Text: Weiten, Wayne. (2010). *Psychology: Themes and Variations*, (8th edition), ISBN: 978-0-495-79044-3, Cengage Learning.
PsykTrek 3.0 CD Rom
Art and Lecture Notes (available online through the PSY 101 e-learning)

Course Description

Introduction to scientific study of behavior emphasizing motivation, emotion, perception, learning, thinking, personality, individual differences.

Examinations

There will be five exams given during the semester in the lecture hall on specific Fridays (see the calendar) and a sixth, two-section exam during final-exam week. These exams will count for **80% of your course grade**. Each of the five regular exams will consist of 50 multiple-choice items on material covered since the preceding exam. The material will be from lectures, labs, and assigned readings. The first section of the sixth exam will be similar to the preceding exams and will include 50 items on material covered after the fifth exam. The second, ***comprehensive***, section will be comprised of an additional 50 items covering material from the entire course. **Cell phones** must be **turned off** and put **out of sight during exams**. A few designated students sitting in the front row will have their cell phones on for emergency notification purposes.

Mastery Quizzes

There will be a Mastery Quiz approximately each week. Each is **due at 9:00 am** on the **day of the exam they precede**. You may take the quiz repeatedly until you earn the grade you desire. The **minimum grade** that will be recorded is **80%** (it can be higher). That means that if you score less than 80% you get a zero. Mastery quizzes will count for **10% of your course grade**. **Dr. King** will monitor the mastery Quizzes. Direct all questions and problem reports regarding the mastery quizzes to Dr. King.

The Laboratory

There are 16 laboratory sections that all meet in Old Main G11. **Attendance is mandatory** and all lab work must be done during the scheduled session and handed in to the lab assistant. You will be presented with computerized exercises that are related to the material covered in the lecture or in the text, and in a couple of cases new information. You will fill in work sheets that will be graded, and returned at the next meeting. Save your graded lab sheets. Total lab points will account for **10% of your course grade**. Requests for make-ups (approved by the Associate Dean or as the result of official college business) must be made to Dr. King. **Dr. King** will supervise the Labs and the TAs. Direct all questions and problems to him.

Attendance

Your **attendance** at the scheduled time for **classes (including some Fridays), labs**, and **exams** is **compulsory**. The College's attendance policy will be followed. This policy allows three absences for illness, family business etc. Absences beyond the three (including lab absences) shall be considered excessive, and each such absence will result in a reduction of 1/3 of a letter grade (e.g., B- to C+). The Associate Dean of the student's major will notify the instructors about **long-term absences** from campus because of emergencies such as surgery, accidents, or other extenuating circumstances. Each class will be photographed. These photos will be used to verify presence in the event of an attendance error. **If you are late and do not get into the photo there will be no way to verify your presence.**

Failure to appear at a test will result in a 0. If a test must be missed, your current instructor must be notified ahead of time in person not by email. A substitute test may be scheduled at the discretion of the faculty and may have formats other than multiple choice. Make-up exams must be completed within one week of your return to classes. It is your responsibility to arrange for a make-up exam with the current lecturer (Drs. Berger or King).

All grades will be posted to WebCT as soon as possible after a test. Lecture attendance records will be posted at least three times during the semester. Lab attendance and lab grade records will be posted weekly. Check the posted attendance and lab scores against your own records and report any errors to the current lecturer for lecture attendance, and to your lab instructor for lab attendance. The final record of attendance will be posted soon after the last class. Check this posting carefully and report any inaccuracies before the end of the finals period. **All appeals must be initiated (in writing to the PSY 101 professors) before the end of the final examination period.**

THE PSYCHOLOGY SECRETARIES HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT GRADES.

Course Help

It is **your responsibility to see the instructors and/or assistants if you have any problems or need help with course material.** Their hours will be announced and listed on WebCT. Help is also available from the student supplemental instructors (SI).

Optional Activity

Members of the Psychology Department may ask for volunteers for studies they are conducting. We believe your participation will help you better understand elements of human behavior and give you a better appreciation of the kinds of research that psychologists do. Accordingly, for each experiment in which you participate, you will receive the equivalent of one (1) point toward your final grade. Up to (5) points may be earned in this way. These points may increase a student's grade up to 1/3 of a letter grade but will not exceed that limit. This represents a serious commitment. Your failure to show up as scheduled, and/or participate appropriately, will result in the removal of your extra-credit privilege. To participate you must be 18 years old or get written permission from a parent or guardian. Five non-experimental extra credit options will also be offered. The total number of extra credit points that can be earned will be five.

Important Note: We have had instances in the past where approximately 20 percent of the students have raised their final grade by such participation. However, these **extra points will not offset the reduction in your grade due to excessive absences,** so do not rely on them for that purpose.

Academic Dishonesty

Please note the College policies on plagiarism in the College Handbook. Specifically, "each student is expected to present his or her own work. All papers, examinations, and other assignments must be original or explicit acknowledgment must be given for the use of other persons' ideas or language" (p.47).

Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability and wish to request accommodations, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services located in B-1 Van Hoesen Hall or call (607) 753-2066 for an appointment. Information regarding your disability will be treated in a confidential manner. Because many accommodations require early planning, requests for accommodations should be made as early as possible.

FALL 2010 SEMESTER CALENDAR

DATES	**CHAPTERS & TESTS**
August 30, September 1	(1) **The Evolution of Psychology**
September **3***	(2) **The Research Enterprise in Psychology**
September 6	**NO CLASS – LABOR DAY**
September 8	(2) **The Research Enterprise in Psychology, Appendix B, Statistical Methods**
September **10**, 15	(3) **The Biological Bases of Behavior**
September 13 **(MONDAY)**	**EXAM #1 - CHAPTERS 1, 2, APPENDIX B**
September 20, 22	(4) **Sensation and Perception**
September 27, 29	(5) **Variations in Consciousness**
October **1**	**EXAM #2 - CHAPTERS 3, 4, 5**
October 4, 6	(6) **Learning**
October 11, 13	(7) **Human Memory**
October 15	**OCTOBER BREAK**
October 18	(8) **Language and Thought**
******October 20	(9) **Intelligence and Psychological Testing**
October **22**	**EXAM #3 - CHAPTERS 6, 7, 8**
October 25	(9) **Intelligence and Psychological Testing**
October 27, **29**	(10) **Motivation and Emotion**
November 1, 3	(11) **Human Development Across the Life Span**
November **5**	**EXAM #4 - CHAPTERS 9, 10, 11**
November 8, 10	(12) **Personality: Theory, Research, and Assessment**
November 15, 17	(13) **Stress, Coping, and Health**
November 22, 29	(14) **Psychological Disorders**
November 24, 26	**THANKSGIVING RECESS**
December 1	(15) **Treatment of Psychological Disorders**
December **3**	**EXAM #5 - CHAPTERS 12, 13, 14**
December 6	(15) **Treatment of Psychological Disorders**
December 8, **10**	(16) **Social Behavior**
December 13 or 14	**EXAM #6 SECTION 1: CHAPTERS 15, 16; SECTION 2: COMPREHENSIVE**

EXAMINATION SUMMARY

Exam 1, September **13**	MONDAY
Exam 2, October **1**	FRIDAY
Exam 3, October **22**	FRIDAY
Exam 4, November **5**	FRIDAY
Exam 5, December **3**	FRIDAY
Exam 6 & Final Exam December 13 or 14	MONDAY or TUESDAY

*__Boldface dates__ indicate Friday classes (Note that there are **classes only on some, but not all, Fridays**).
**Dr. King's lectures begin