

★ Fall 2013 ★

Welcome to
Introduction to Psychology PSY 1010
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Text and Equipment

S.K. Ciccarelli & J.N. White Psychology, 3rd edition, with access to the eBook, audiobook, and MyPsychLab.



The cover for the standard edition is shown on the left; the custom edition sold at the UT bookstore may have a different cover and say 1st edition, but the authors and title should be the same. The least expensive option is to purchase access to the ebook and online materials either from the bookstore or directly at the publisher's website for about \$104. If you prefer a hard copy of the textbook, the custom edition with the online access will be about \$130. If you purchase the text separately, you will need to purchase online access to MyPsychLab Plus. Virtually the entire course (other than classroom lectures and discussion) will be contained in MyPsychLab Plus, but you

you organize your thinking and to improve your composition skills. These are automatically graded and constitute 5% of your grade.

Finally, take the chapter exams. You only take these once and they constitute 75% of your grade. You can do assignments and exams before they are due but there will be a 20% penalty for every day they are late.

Course Description

This is a General Education Social Science Core course and there are no prerequisites. This course is designed to help you gain an appreciation of the scientific basis of the entire discipline of Psychology. You will learn about what psychologists study, how they study it, what they know (or might know), and, if you have some skepticism, you will recognize some of the difficulties in understanding behavior.

1. Describe how various research designs address different types of questions and

hypotheses

2. Articulate strengths and limitations of various research designs

3. Distinguish the nature of designs that permit causal inferences from those that do not

- Students will demonstrate an influence of psychological principles on their behavior, specifically study strategies
 - a. Demonstrate self-regulation in setting and achieving goals
 - 1. Regular and spaced study sessions in the form of recall practice quizzes
 - b. Assess your own performance accurately
 - 1. Use feedback from quizzes and study plan to realistically assess own knowledge
- Students will answer short essay questions with concise clear statements that directly address the question
 - a. Demonstrate professional writing conventions (e.g., grammar, audience awareness, formality) appropriate to purpose and context

Grading

Grades will be based ~75% on Exams, ~20% on Quick-Review Quizzes and Quizzes over the media assignments, and ~5% on Writing assignments. Knowledge of the material in the textbook and online material as well as successful completion of assignments will be demonstrated by correctly answering multiple choice questions on the textbook and content of the online assignments. You must submit assignments and exams on or before the due date. All assignments and exams are listed in the calendar in MyPsychLab.

Excused absences

You must inform the instructor if you have an excused absence as soon as you know about it. If you must attend a university event, turn in assignments before the due date; make arrangements to take exams early. If you are sick, you must provide some evidence of illness and let the instructor know as soon as you are able to have the automatic late penalty removed from your exam or assignment. Missed work must be made up before the last day of classes. If you cannot do this, you should withdraw from the course before the 10th week of the semester or petition for a medical or emergency withdrawal before the end of the course.

Information in the Textbook

This comprises about 75% of the course. You must understand the text, so keep a dictionary handy and use the glossary. For example, you will need to know what subjective means, the difference between effect and effort, and whether phenomena is a singular or plural word.

Assignments and Readings. These will vary for each chapter and are shown in the calendar. First read the text and do the study plan then go through the assignments and any other items in

short quick check quizzes to see how well you understand and remember the material. The

F = 59.9% and below

W - if you withdraw from the course after the end of the drop period.

IN - Incomplete grades are only assigned in extraordinary circumstances beyond the student's control and only if the student has completed at least 10 exams with a passing grade. Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to retake an entire course in order to complete this course.

Not Attending - Failure to do assignments and take exams will be reported to the registrar and

**The percentage is determined by dividing your total points by the total points possible on*

