

INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY  
Psychology 105, Section 9  
Todd 125  
Tuesday & Thursday 1:25-2:40pm

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Required Textbook:	Weitan, W. (2007). Psychology: Themes and variations. 7th Ed. US: Thomas Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-495-09303-3	

To obtain a copy of this syllabus plus visit: [www.wsu.edu/psychology](http://www.wsu.edu/psychology) and click on [Class Links](#)

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### Course Objectives

This course is designed to introduce the study of Psychology as the science of behavior and mental processes. There are two main objectives: to provide a solid academic basis for students pursuing a degree in Psychology, and to introduce a variety of material from different fields of psychology for students satisfying a general education requirement. The material will cover several fundamental research orientations in Psychology. The course will increase awareness of the scientific method as well as the practical applications of the material covered.

### Course Requirements

Before you arrive in class, you are expected to read the assigned chapters and complete any assigned on-line quizzes. You are also expected to attend every lecture. Students with a university-sponsored absence must provide a Class Absence Request, signed by the supervising faculty member **prior** to the absence. Otherwise, students must upon request be able to provide documentation for their absence. Although the lectures follow the general outline of the textbook, additional information is frequently presented in class. You are responsible for all material presented in class.

Students are expected to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning. Please arrive on time and refrain from leaving early. Please do not talk in a disruptive manner during lectures. **Please turn off cell phones prior to class.** You are expected to ask questions, and participate in class discussions, as this will help you to more fully understand the material. All emails should state "Psych 105" in the subject line.

### Exams, Grading and Extra Credit

There will be four multiple-choice exams. These exams will cover material from lectures and from the text. **You must bring a blue bubble sheet and a #2 pencil with you to each exam; these are available at the Bookie.** The exam dates are listed below, but are tentative and subject to change depending on the pace of the class. The exams are NOT cumulative, but rather cover only the material presented since the previous exam. University regulations require that all students take the final exam during the scheduled time; exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

There will be **NO EARLY FINALS!** Rule 80 states “NO EARLY EXAMINATIONS. A student will not be granted special examinations for the purpose of leaving the institution before the close of the semester.”

Attention Students with Disabilities: Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability. If you have a disability and may need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please visit the Disability Resource Center (DRC). All accommodations **MUST** be approved through the DRC (Admin Annex Bldg, Room 205). Please stop by or call 509-335-3417 to make an appointment with a disability specialist. All disabilities must be documented in order to receive accommodations and should be brought to my attention as soon as possible so that we may discuss your options.

Make-up exams will be in essay format and can only be given with an absence that is excused in accordance with the Student Affairs office guidelines (French Ad 332). All makeup tests will now be given only on Fridays. Tests can start as early as 1:00 pm and must be completed no later than 3:30 pm. Ruth will monitor test takers in Johnson Tower 224. **Make-up exams must be taken within one week following the regularly scheduled exam.**

Cheating is not permitted. Cheating will result in a zero on the exam. A second infraction will result in a failing grade for the course. Cheating will be reported to Student Affairs.

Grades will be calculated in the following manner:

- Exam 1: 20%
- Exam 2: 20%
- Exam 3: 25%
- Final Exam: 25%
- In-class credit: 10%

<b>Grading Scale</b>	B+ = 89-87%	C+ = 79-77%	D+ = 69-67%
A = 100-94%	B = 86-84%	C = 76-74%	D = 66-60%
A- = 93-90%	B- = 83-80%	C- = 73-70%	F = 59-0%

Three hours of research participation or three (3) research papers of one page in length are **required** to successfully complete this course. Failure to complete the research papers or research hours will result in an “Incomplete” grade. The research papers entail writing your opinion or thoughts about an article from a psychology journal. These papers will be graded Pass/Fail. To learn more about these research papers visit [www.wsu.edu/psychology](http://www.wsu.edu/psychology) and click on [Class Links](#), then click on [Research Papers](#).

By signing up for a study, you are required to attend that research session unless you remove your name the day before. Missing a research session will result in a **negative** research credit. Upon completion of a research session, you will receive credit online within one week of participation. **If you completed your experimental credits in the past, you have satisfied this requirement, but must notify me.** I reserve the right to offer extra credit.

Good luck in the course. Please contact me by email if you have any questions or concerns.

### Tentative Course Schedule

<b>Week</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Class Topic</b>	<b>Book Chapter</b>
<b>1</b>	Aug 21	Class Overview/ The Evolution of Psychology	Chapter 1
	Aug 23	The Evolution of Psychology, The Research Enterprise in Psychology	Chapter 1, 2
<b>2</b>	Aug 28	The Research Enterprise in Psychology	Chapter 2
	Aug 30	The Research Enterprise in Psychology	Chapter 2
<b>3</b>	Sep 4	Biological Bases of Behavior	Chapter 3
	Sep 6	Biological Bases of Behavior	Chapter 3
<b>4</b>	Sep 11	Biological Bases of Behavior	Chapter 3
	Sep 13	EXAM I	Chapter 1, 2, 3
<b>5</b>	Sep 18	Learning	Chapter 6
	Sep 20	Learning	Chapter 6
<b>6</b>	Sep 25	Human Memory	Chapter 7
	Sep 27	Human Memory	Chapter 7
<b>7</b>	Oct 2	Human Memory	Chapter 7
	Oct 4	EXAM II	Chapter 6,7
<b>8</b>	Oct 9	Language and Thought	Chapter 8
	Oct 11	Language and Thought	Chapter 8
<b>9</b>	Oct 16	Motivation and Emotion	Chapter 9
	Oct 18	Motivation and Emotion	Chapter 9
<b>10</b>	Oct 23	Human Development across the Life Span	Chapter 11
	Oct 25	Human Development across the Life Span	Chapter 11
<b>11</b>	Oct 30	EXAM III	Chapter 8, 9, 11
	Nov 1	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14
<b>12</b>	Nov 6	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14
	Nov 8	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14
<b>13</b>	Nov 3	Treatment of Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15
	Nov 15	Treatment of Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15
<b>14</b>	Nov 20	<i>Thanksgiving Week- no class</i>	
	Nov 22	<i>Thanksgiving Week- no class</i>	
<b>15</b>	Nov 27	Treatment of Psychological Disorders	Chapter 15
	Nov 29	Social Behavior	Chapter 16
<b>16</b>	Dec 4	Social Behavior	Chapter 16
	Dec 6	Social Behavior <i>Last Day to turn in Research and Extra Credits</i>	Chapter 16
<b>17</b>	Dec 13	<i>FINAL EXAM 1:00- 3:00pm Todd 125</i>	Ch 14, 15, 16