

Partial and Tentative Course Lectures and Readings *

Psyc2301: General Psychology (Blinn College)

Spring 2010

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Date	Topic	Reading Assignment
Week of 1/18	Orientation Introduction - Psychology, it's all just common sense, or is it?	Ch 1, pgs 1-25
Week of 1/25	Research Methods - Does ice cream cause violent crime? Research Methods (continued)	Ch2, pgs 27-55
Week of 2/1	Neurons - Boy, do we have nerve! The Brain - The biological computer	Ch 3, pgs 57-66 Ch 3, pgs 67-80
Week of 2/8	See, Hear, Smell, Taste & Touch - Oh, now that makes sense! Perception - Do you see what I see?	Ch 5, pgs 135-175 Ch 6 pgs 177-186
Week of 2/15	EXAM 1*	
Week of 2/22	Sleep - A nice place to visit, for about 25yrs. Sleep (Continued)	Ch 6, pgs 186-197
Week of 3/1	Altered States - Not just a movie starring William Hurt Altered States (continued)	Ch 6, pgs 197-211
Week of 3/8	Learning: Classical (respondent) - Enough to make a dog spit! Learning: Instrumental (operant) - How many times does a rat have to press a bar to get something to eat around here?	Ch 7, pgs 213-226 Ch 7, pgs 227-243
Week of 3/15	SPRING BREAK!	
Week of 3/22	Memory - Wait, it's on the tip of my tongue... Health, Stress & Coping - Disproportionate fright causes fight or flight (say that fast 10 times)!	Ch 8, pgs 245-277 Ch 16, pgs 517-547
Week of 3/29	EXAM 2*	
Week of 4/5	S - E - X - Lighten up, it's not a four-letter word Child development - How to grow your own healthy little human	Ch 11, pgs 343-350; 357-363 Ch 3, pgs 81-91; Ch 4, pgs 93-133
Week of 4/12	Personality: Psychodynamic Theories - It's not my fault, my id made me do it! Personality and Social Psychology: - When I win, it's skill...when you win it just dumb luck!	Ch 12, pgs 397-424 Ch 13, pgs 409-447
Week of 4/19	History & Modern Day Witch Hunts - Damned if they were, damned if they weren't Intro. to Abnormal Psyc. & Anxiety Disorders - I'm normal, it's the rest of the world that's whacko!	Handouts Ch 14, pgs 449-483
Week of 4/26	Psychoses & Schizophrenia - Beware, the CIA has implanted a bug in this syllabus because the President knows that I know he controls the stock market and manipulates the economy so that I always lose my money. He also uses the giant antennas and my television to steal my thoughts about how to make money and sells my ideas to telemarketers who continuously call me to taunt the fact that they are using my ideas...	Ch15, pgs 485-515
<p>FINALS BEGIN Thursday, May 6th</p> <p>T 7:05P - May 6 (7:45P-9:45P) MWF 8:00A - May 12 (7:45A-9:45A) MW 1:25 - May 10 (12:45-2:45) MW 2:50 - May 12 (3:15-5:15)</p> <p>SEE FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE TO VERIFY TEST TIMES</p>		

*Instructor reserves the right to vary schedule and readings given advance notice to students. Exam dates will remain unchanged if at all possible.

Exams are given the last class meeting of the week (so if you are a MW class, the exam is on W / If MWF class, the exam is on F)