

Psychology 110-P: Introduction to Psychology
Fall Semester 2007
TR, 11:00 am -12:15 pm
LC 120

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Required Text and Study Guide: Myers, D.G. (2005). *Exploring Psychology* (6th Edition in Modules), Worth Publishers: New York.

Myers, D.G. (2005). *Study Guide for Exploring Psychology* (6th Edition in Modules), Worth Publishers: New York. (Sold at the bookstore as a set with no charge for the study guide.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course has been developed to give the student a sample of the various sub-disciplines that make up the field of contemporary psychology. Topics include learning, intelligence, memory, personality, emotion, development, abnormal psychology, social psychology, and stress and health.

REQUIREMENTS

EXAMS

- There are four multiple-choice exams, and each exam is worth 25% of your grade.
- Each exam will cover material from readings and lectures.
- The content covered in the exams is *not* cumulative. That is, it covers only new material since the previous exam.
- Bring a photo ID to each exam as well as your UM (“C”) number.
- All four exams must be taken.

POSTING OF EXAM SCORES:

- Exam scores will be posted electronically on the MyUM System and on Blackboard.

MAKE-UP EXAMS:

- If you miss an exam, you must contact me or my assistant before the exam or prior to the next class.
- Make-up exams are only given in an emergency and with written documentation of the reason for missing the scheduled exam (e.g., doctor’s note).
- All make-up exams will be given immediately after the final during the second half of the scheduled final exam period.
- Only ONE makeup exam can be taken by an individual.

EXTRA CREDIT:

- Each exam will have optional questions based on information only given in class lectures that count as extra credit. There is no other way to earn extra credit in this class.

RESEARCH REQUIREMENT

The psychology department has a research participation requirement. Each student is required to earn 6 research participation points, either by participating in the department research subject pool or by writing critiques of research papers or doing some combination of research and writing. This requirement will be explained in greater detail on the first day of class.

If you choose to write critiques instead of participating in the research, the papers can be turned in at any time up until the last day of class: 11/29/07.

Failure to complete this requirement will result in an "incomplete" for the course. Please note that the University of Miami does not allow you to get a grade of incomplete if you are getting a D or F in this class and fail to do the research requirement. Unless you drop the class by the last drop date, you will receive the grade that you earned.

GRADING

The final grade is based on the cumulative points from the four exams. See the grading scale below for further details.

Grading Scale:

A+	97 – 100%	232-240 points	C+	77 – 79%	184-190 points
A	94 – 96%	225-231 points	C	74 – 76%	177-183 points
A-	90 – 93%	215-224 points	C-	70 – 73%	167-176 points
B+	87 – 89%	208-214 points	D+	67 – 69%	160-166 points
B	84 – 86%	201-207 points	D	60 – 66%	143-159 points
B-	80 – 83%	191-200 points	F	0 – 59%	0 – 142 points

ATTENDANCE: Class attendance is voluntary. However, many of the exam questions will come from material discussed in class. It is to your advantage to attend class and take good notes. If you miss a lecture, please get someone's notes. When you attend class, I expect you to be on time, pay attention, and stay for the entire class period.

CELL PHONES AND PAGERS: Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before class starts.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: The Undergraduate Honor Code is clear, as are the penalties for breaking it. Any attempt to cheat on an exam will result in a failing grade for the course and may result in suspension or expulsion from the University of Miami.

BLACKBOARD: This course will offer a website where you can access the syllabus, PowerPoint slides, handouts, assignments, grades, interesting links, etc. Please see the attached handout for instructions on how to access Blackboard.

PSYCH 110-P Fall Semester, 2006: TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE*

DATES	Topic	Modules**
8/23	Introduction to course/History of Psychology	1
8/28	Pre-testing for research	
8/30	Research Strategies and Statistics	2, appendix A
9/4, 9/6	Biology and Behavior	3-6
9/11, 9/13	States of Consciousness/ Review	15-16
9/18	EXAM #1	
9/20, 9/25	The Developing Person	7-10
9/27, 10/2	Learning	18-20
10/4, 10/9	Memory	21-22
10/11	Thinking/ Review	23
10/16	EXAM #2	
10/18	Intelligence	25
10/23	Motivation /Emotions	26, 29-30
10/25, 10/30	Social Psychology	43-44
11/1, 11/6	Stress & Illness/ Promoting Health / Review	31-32
11/8	EXAM #3	
11/13, 11/15	Personality	33-35
11/20	Psychological Disorders	36-38
11/22	No Class: THANKSGIVING	
11/27	Psychological Disorders (Cont'd.)	39
11/29	Therapy (Last day of class; Critiques due)	40-42
12/4	Optional Review for Final	
Final 12/6, Thursday	EXAM #4	
11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Make-up exam will be given 12:30-1:30 pm	

NOTES: *This schedule is tentative and may change.

**Please read modules *before* class and bring completed module assignments to class when that module will be discussed.