

Introduction to Psychobiology

PSY 202 N Fall, 2007 TR: 8:00 - 9:15;

FLP 536

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Text: Biological Psychology, 2007, 9th Edition, J. Kalat, 0-495-09079-4

Course Description

PSY 202 deals with behavior viewed from a biological perspective. Survey of biological factors underlying control, development, sensation and perception, motivational states, sleep, emotions, learning, memory, and disorders. Prerequisite: PSY 110

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Dr. Durel teaches in a conceptual manner. Memorization is not required; strong verbal comprehension is required. Reading the text before the material is covered in lecture is recommended; using the text during class is recommended. Class attendance is expected. Material from lecture will be included on tests. Some official information will be posted on the Blackboard Courses web-site.

Four tests will each provide 25% of the course grade. (Test material is cumulative for concepts, but not for specific content.) Test format will be multiple choice. A make-up test - for an excused absence only - may differ in format and difficulty. Absence from a test must be excused promptly and the test made up promptly or during the final exam period at the instructor's convenience. Extra credit is generally not available.

All graded work requires this signed Honor Pledge (and will not be graded without it):
“On my honor, I have neither given nor received aid on this exam, paper, etc.”
Plagiarism, strictly defined, will not be tolerated. An Honor Code violation is sufficient cause for a failing grade in the course and Honor Court action.

Test dates may vary. Dates will be finalized one week in advance.

Please keep this syllabus with your class notes and refer to it.

Please turn off pagers, phones, recorders, etc. during class. no cell phone use during tests.

E-mail messages to Dr. Durel must have the student's last name and the course number on the subject line. Please use your university address as your return address. I do not open mail from unidentified persons.

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Tentative Schedule of Topics and Tests

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Aug.	23	Course orientation and requirements, text introduction; Clarifying Evolution; Ch 1: The Major Issues;	
	28	30	Ch 2: Nerve Cells & Nerve Impulses;
Sept	4	6	Ch 3: Communication: Synapses, Hormones, and Drugs;
	11	13*	Ch 3, cont'd.; Test 1 ; Ch 4: The Functioning Nervous System
	18	20	Review of test ; Ch 5: Development & Plasticity of the Brain
	25	27	Ch 6 & 7: Intro. to Sensation and Perception
Oct.	2*	4	TEST 2 ; Ch 9: Wakefulness & Sleep; Review of test 2; Ch 9, cont'd.
	9	11	Ch 10: Internal Regulation;
	16	18	Ch 10 cont'd.
	23	25	Ch 11: Reproductive Behaviors
Nov.	30	1	Ch 12: Emotional Behaviors
	6*	8	TEST 3 ; Ch 13: Biology of Learning & Memory; Review of test 3; Ch 13, cont'd.
	13	15	Ch 14: Cognitive Functions
	20		Individual Differences: Personality
		22	Thanksgiving
	27	29	Ch 15: Psychological Disorders
Dec	11*		Test 4: 8:30 - 10:30 (later than class time)

*** Date for graded work. Make arrangements early if you have a religious holyday conflict.**