



Motivation 3307

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Objectives



Reeve, J. (2009). **Understanding motivation and emotion (5th Ed.)**. New York: Wiley.

What do I have to do in this class?



- Four tests including the final. All tests cover the material directly preceding them. Tests will be administered in class on paper and will consist of primarily objective means of evaluation.
- Quizzes covering current material (perhaps including that not yet discussed in class but scheduled to be) will be given. Be ready by reading ahead.
- Periodic application papers will be required. These papers will provide the opportunity to show that you understand how the theories we discuss in class apply to real-world situations.
- **You will need the CPS classroom remote to take quizzes.**
- You may get extra course credit (up to 3 percentage points) by visiting: angelostate.sona-systems.com

By the end of the course, you should:

- Have working knowledge of motivation theory
- Understand several different perspectives on motivation and emotion
- Be able to apply these topics to home, work and other areas of life



Grades

Test performance (45%)

Quizzes (30%)

Papers (25%)

Withdrawal grades will be indicated by W. WP and/or WF grades are no longer given. Pay careful attention to this as we near the drop date.



- 1) I reserve the right to SLIGHTLY adjust a course grade, usually to account for "unusual circumstances" or other unforeseen events, etc., that may influence a student's grade undeservedly. I am the supreme authority; any adjustments that I make are not negotiable or debatable, and will always be to the student's benefit.
- 2) If you end the course with a failing average (55% or less) on the tests, you will fail the course. However, this rule is open to appeal.
- 3) If you miss more than 60% of the quizzes and mini-papers, you automatically fail the course. This rule is NOT open to appeal.

Important Statements

Persons with disabilities which warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to their being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at <http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf>.

Extra credit for research participation*

See the "Research Opportunities" link on the department homepage at:

www.angelo.edu/dept/psychology_sociology/

*Students can also obtain credit by participating in an "alternative activity." See the department homepage cited above for more information.



Mon/Wed 10-11am; 1-3pm
Tues/Thur 9:30-11am
Fri 10-11am
Others by appt.



What if I miss something?

- Tests – Makeup tests must be taken within 14 days of the original test date. You are responsible for contacting me to schedule the makeup.
- Finals— Must be taken on the assigned day at the assigned time (graduating seniors excepted in certain circumstances). I must know no later than 2 weeks in advance if circumstances may prevent you from taking the final at that time. Simply informing me of the circumstances DOES NOT guarantee their approval.
- Quizzes and Papers—cannot be made up. A percentage of quiz scores will be dropped after the term before final grades are calculated.

Schedules are tentative—make sure you attend class regularly to keep up.

- We will move through the text sequentially unless otherwise informed.
- Quizzes may be given at any time except on test days.
- **Excessive lateness will be penalized from 1-5%.**
- **I may occasionally sample attendance using sign-in sheets—this entire record will count as a quiz grade.**

Certification of Understanding

I have read the syllabus and understand all its components. I agree to participate in this class under these guidelines. Any disputes that may arise will be adjudicated using the syllabus as "course law." On issues where the syllabus is silent, the professor will have jurisdiction.