General Psychology
(Psych2301, 3 Credit) Fall 2019

Course & Instructor Information
Instructor: Brittany Trubenstein, M.A.
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Office Hours: Mondays & Wednesday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Academic 204G
Additional office hours available (possibly through Skype or Zoom) as needed & by appointment.

Class Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:00 – 12:15 p.m. in Academic 004
Exams: ALL EXAMS ARE CUMULATIVE
Exam 1 – 9/26, Exam 2 – 10/31
Final Exam - Tuesday – 12/10 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.


Required Materials: Poll Everywhere Application on a Smart Phone, Laptop or Tablet, Note Taking Method; #2 Pencil

Required Skills:
1. Using the Blackboard Learning Management System
2. Using email with attachments
3. Creating and submitting files in commonly used word processing programs (e.g. Word or Google Docs)
4. Creating and submitting files in commonly used presentation processing programs (e.g. PowerPoint or Google Slides)

Prerequisites: None

Course Description:
While almost everyone has an interest in psychology, many individuals have misconceptions about psychological concepts. Throughout this course, you will explore many concepts relevant to developmental and social psychology. Samplings of topic’s to be discussed include psychological research, biopsychology (genetics, nervous & endocrine systems), Sleep, Sensation & Perception, Learning, Cognition & Intelligence, Memory, Personality & Social Psychology, Stress & Health, and Psychological Disorders.

Lectures and Readings:
Students are responsible for all material presented in lecture or covered in assigned readings. Prior to lecture, students are expected to have read any materials assigned for the week. Lectures are not meant to reiterate all material covered in the textbook but rather will emphasize and elaborate on key issues, and introduce additional new material not covered in the textbook.

Policies:
Class & Email Etiquette – Please be in your seats at the start of class. If you are late, please quietly take a seat in the back. If you know that you will need to leave early, please sit in the back and leave as quietly as possible. You are expected to silence your cellphone and refrain from using the internet while in lecture or discussion. It is distracting to the speaker and to those behind you! You are expected to always treat the instructor and classmates with respect. Any disrespect will not be tolerated, and you will be asked to leave. Repeated violations or dismissals will result in consultations with the instructor.
Communication - When emailing the instructor, include the class number (Psy2301) & your full name in the subject line. Keep in mind there are many students in this class, by adding this you will help me clearly identify you. Write in clear coherent sentences in the body of the paragraph. Remember, you are not texting your friend, you are writing to an instructor for help.

Grade Queries & Disputes – I will try to post grades for any assignments or exams by the following week. I do my best to ensure there are no mistakes for grading, but I am human, so mistakes can occasionally happen. For first 2 exams, you will have an opportunity to review the exam during the next lecture section. If you notice a discrepancy, please respectfully request that I evaluate the discrepancy. If you wish to dispute the grading of a question, you must submit your request in writing to me no later than the Thursday following the review of the exam. For example, if you want to dispute a grade on Exam 1 (taken on 9/26), you will be able to review your grade in class on 10/1 and the last day to submit a grade dispute for Exam 1 will be 10/3. Be prepared to dispute the grading of the question with support from the textbook and/or lecture notes.

Cheating – The following rules will be in place during exams. You will be reminded the lecture before the exam and you will be reminded of all rules before the exam. ANY breach of the rules will result in your exam materials being removed and receiving a zero as well as being reported to the Academic Integrity Office.

- There will be no hats, smart watches, or headphones worn during exams.
- There will be no electronic devices visible (including cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.) during exams.
- There will be no written materials (notes, lecture slides, book, etc.) visible during exams.
- There will be no talking during exams.

Cumulative Exams (57% of grade):
There will be two exams and a final for this course. In fairness to all students, there will be no change in the scheduled date or time of the exams. The first exam (9/26) will be 60 multiple choice/true false questions and will cover material from lectures 1-8 and book chapters 1 through 4. The second exam (10/31) will be 60 multiple choice/true false questions (20 questions from topics covered before Exam 1) and 40 questions covering lectures 9-17 and book chapters 5 through 8. The cumulative final exam (12/10) will be 80 multiple choice/true false questions (40 questions from topics covered before Exam 2) and 40 new questions covering lectures 18-25 and book chapters 9, 10, 12, 13, 15. A study guide will be provided via Blackboard before each exam. We will use a portion of lecture time on during the class before the exam to go over the study guide.

Participation (15% of grade):
You will be expected to participate in class discussions every class period. Participation will be evaluated via Poll Everywhere questions, in class assignments and in class discussions. Responses that are not thoughtful, helpful and contribute to the discussion in a meaningful way will receive a 0 for the day.

Mandatory Research Experience (10% of grade):
There is an experimental research requirement for all general psychology courses, designed to provide all students taking their first courses in psychology some knowledge of the procedures and conduct of psychological research. A principal aim of the requirement is for students to gain an appreciation of how psychology experiments work, while simultaneously acquiring new knowledge about areas of psychology that students may not encounter during lecture. To satisfy this requirement, students must complete four hours of experimental work by the last day of class. Failure to complete this requirement will result in a loss of up to 10% from your total grade. You will need to register at: http://angelostate.sona-systems.com/. For more information, see class handout.
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**Online Assignment (1% of grade):**
There will be one online assignment to replace class time (11/14) that will be missed due to my travel for a conference. Details on how to complete this assignment will be discussed in class and posted to Blackboard on November 12th, 2019. This online assignment will be due on 11/19.

**Homework Assignments (17% of grade):**
There will be weekly homework assignments that you will complete via Connect. These assignments are to help ensure that you understand the materials you are reading, and we are discussing in class. These assignments will become available at 12:00a.m on the Sunday starting the week and are due no later than 11:59 on the following Saturday. Completing these homework assignments are mandatory and should take you about 20 minutes to complete after reading each chapter. **DO NOT** wait until the last minute to attempt to complete them. After the 11:59p.m. deadline the assignment will no longer be available, and you will receive a 0 for that assignment. No Exceptions. Many of the questions seen in the assignments will be similar to the questions that will be on the exams, so it is in your best interest to use this as a study technique.

**Grading:**

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**Grade Breakdown:**
- 100% - 90% = A
- 89% - 80% = B
- 79% - 70% = C
- 69% - 60% = D
- 59% or lower = F

**2301 - General Psychology Schedule – Fall 2019 – Tuesday/Thursday 11:00a.m. – 12:15p.m**

*NOTE: This schedule is tentative and subject to change. However, exam dates will not change. Assigned readings are expected to be done before the designated date.

**Chapter 1 - What is Psychology?**
Tuesday 8/27/19 - Introduction and Class Set Up; Thursday 8/29/19 - Lecture 1 - Chapter 1 Sections 1.1 - 1.4; Saturday 8/31/19 - Chapter 1 Assignment Due 11:59p.m. Saturday

**Chapter 2 - Psychology's Scientific Method**
Tuesday 9/3/19 - Lecture 2 - Chapter 2 Sections 2.1-2.2; Thursday 3/5/19 - Lecture 3 - Chapter 2 Sections 2.3-2.6; Saturday 9/7/19 - Chapter 2 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

**Chapter 3 - Biological Foundations of Behavior**
Tuesday 9/10/19 - Lecture 4 - Chapter 3 Sections 3.1-3.3; Thursday 9/12/19 - Lecture 5 - Chapter 3 Sections 3.4-3.6; Saturday 9/14/19 - Chapter 3 Assignment Due 11:59p.m
Chapter 4 - Sensation and Perception
Tuesday 9/17/19 - Lecture 4 - Chapter 3 Sections 3.1-3.3; Thursday 9/19/19 - Lecture 5 - Chapter 3 Sections 3.4-3.6; Saturday 9/21/19 - Chapter 4 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Week 5 Review and Exam 1
Tuesday 9/24/19 - Lecture 8 - Wrap Up and Review; Thursday 9/26/19 – Exam 1

Chapter 5 - States of Consciousness
Tuesday 10/1/19 - Lecture 9 - Chapter 5 Sections 5.1-5.2 & Exam 1 Review; Thursday 10/3/19 - Lecture 10 - Chapter 5 Sections 5.3-5.5; Saturday 10/5/19 - Chapter 5 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 6 – Learning
Tuesday 10/8/19 - Lecture 11 - Chapter 6 Sections 6.1-6.3; Thursday 10/10/19 - Lecture 12 - Chapter 6 Sections 6.4-6.6; Saturday 10/12/19 - Chapter 6 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 7 – Memory
Tuesday 10/15/19 - Lecture 13 - Chapter 7 Sections 7.1-7.3; Thursday 10/17/19 - Lecture 14 - Chapter 7 Sections 7.4-7.6; Saturday 10/19/19 - Chapter 7 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 8 - Thinking, Intelligence and Language
Tuesday 10/22/19 - Lecture 15 - Chapter 8 Section 8.1; Thursday 10/24/19 - Lecture 16 - Chapter 8 Sections 8.2-8.4; Saturday 10/26/19 - Chapter 8 Assignment Due 11:59p.m. Note: Today is the last day to drop this class.

Week 10 Review and Exam 2
Tuesday 10/29/19 - Lecture 17 - Wrap Up and Review; Thursday 10/31/19 – Exam 2

Chapter 9 - Human Development
Tuesday 11/5/19 - Lecture 18 - Chapter 9 Sections 9.1-9.2 & Exam 2 Review; Thursday 11/7/19 - Lecture 19 - Chapter 9 Sections 9.3-9.4; Saturday 11/9/19 - Chapter 9 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 10 – Motivation
Tuesday 11/12/19 - Lecture 20 - Chapter 10 Sections 10.1 & 10.3; Thursday 11/14/19 - Lecture 19 - Instructor at Conference. No Class, Online Assignment; Saturday 11/9/19 - Chapter 10 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 12 – Personality
Tuesday 11/19/19 - Lecture 21 - Chapter 12 Sections 12.1-12.3 Online Assignment Due; Thursday 11/21/19 - Lecture 22 - Chapter 12 Sections 12.5 & 12.7-12.8; Saturday 11/23/19 - Chapter 12 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 15 - Psychological Disorders
Tuesday 11/26/19 - Lecture 23 - Chapter 15 Sections 15.1-15.3; Thursday 11/28/19 - Thanksgiving - No Class; Saturday 11/30/19 - Chapter 15 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Chapter 13 - Social Psychology
Tuesday 12/3/19 - Lecture 24 - Chapter 13 Sections 13.1-13.3; Thursday 12/5/19 - Lecture 25 - Chapter 13 Section 13.4 & Wrap Up and Review; Saturday 12/7/19 - Chapter 13 Assignment Due 11:59p.m

Final Exam December 10th, 2019 From 10:30AM to 12:30PM