PSYC 1010 6.0 H: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
FALL/WINTER, 2012-2013

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Email: jubis@yorku.ca. Be sure to indicate your course and section, and sign with your full name. Please do NOT email me for issues that can be dealt with by the teaching assistants (grades, make-up tests, what’s on the test, etc)

Website: Go to: http://moodle.yorku.ca
Click on “2012-2013”
Log in with your Passport York account
Click on the course
If you require assistance in accessing the website, please contact helpdesk@yorku.ca or call 416-736-5800 (I will not be able to help)

It is important that you logon to Moodle. If you do not, you will not have access to important course information or to your grades, and you will not receive important notifications/reminders that I email to the class.

Teaching Assistant Information: soon to be posted on the course website

Lectures: Fridays 2:30-5:30 Location CLH-L

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide you with a broad overview of the field of Psychology. We will begin by examining research methods that are commonly used in Psychology and this will be followed by an examination and comparison of the different perspectives that have been adopted for viewing and interpreting human behaviour. Some of the topics that will be covered are: Freudian theory, biological aspects of behaviour, personality, memory, motivation, social influence, learning, and psychological disorders.
**Required Text:**

This textbook is available in either a “loose-leaf” or a “hard cover” version (the loose-leaf version being the least costly), and is bundled with a Study Guide (containing practice test questions) and PsychPortal. PsychPortal, which is an excellent tool for studying and testing your understanding of course material, contains tutorials, quizzes, animations, flashcards, vocabulary and worksheets. Be sure to make good use of it!!

**READINGS (in order of instruction) AND TEST SCHEDULE**

**FALL TERM:**
INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY AND SCIENCE OF PSYCHOLOGY
Module 1 – The Story of Psychology
Module 2 – Thinking Critically with Psychological Science
Module 3 – Research Strategies

PERSONALITY
Module 40 – Psychodynamic Theories
Module 41 – Humanistic Theories
Module 42 – Trait Theories, Social-Cognitive Theories and the Self

TEST 1 - OCTOBER 19 (worth 28%)
Modules 1-3; 40-42; Video #14

LEARNING
Module 20 – Basic Learning Concepts and Classical Conditioning
Module 21 – Operant Conditioning
Module 22 – Effects of Biology and Cognition, and Learning by Observation

SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
Module 43 – Social Thinking
Module 44 – Social Influence
Module 45 – Antisocial Relations
Module 46 – Prosocial Relations (Pg 608-617 only)

CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE TWO-TRACK MIND
Module 7 – Brain States and Consciousness
Module 8 – Sleep and Dreams
Module 9 – Hypnosis
Module 10 – Drugs and Consciousness

THE BIOLOGY OF MIND
Module 4 – Neural and Hormonal Systems
Module 5 – Tools of Discovery and Older Brain Structures
Module 6 – The Cerebral Cortex and Our Divided Brain

TEST 2 - NOVEMBER 30 (worth 20%)
Modules 20-22; 43-46 (NOT pg 618-622); 7-10; 4-6; Video #19, 13
WINTER TERM:
MEMORY
Module 23 – Studying and Building Memories
Module 25 – Retrieval
Module 26 – Forgetting, Memory Construction and Improving Memory
(Omit Module 24)

THINKING, LANGUAGE AND INTELLIGENCE
Module 27 – Thinking
Module 28 – Language and Thought
Module 29 – Introduction to Intelligence
Module 30 – Assessing Intelligence
Module 31 – Genetic and Environmental Influences on Intelligence

MOTIVATION AND WORK, also EMOTIONS
Module 32 – Basic Motivational Concepts and Hunger
Module 33 – Sexual Orientation ONLY (section 33-4 on pg 442-448)
Module 34 – Motivation at Work
Module 35 – Introduction to Emotion
Module 36 – Expressed Emotion
Module 37 – Experienced Emotion

TEST 3 – MARCH 1st (worth 28%)
Modules 23, 25, 26; Modules 27-31, and Modules 32-37 (but omit sections 33-5 and 33-6)
Video #16

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS
Module 47 – Introduction to Psychological Disorders
Module 48 – Anxiety Disorders
Module 49 – Mood Disorders
Module 50 – Schizophrenia
Module 51 – Dissociative, Personality, and Eating Disorders

THERAPY
Module 52 – The Psychological Therapies
Module 53 – Evaluating Psychotherapies
Module 54 – The Biomedical Therapies

SENSATION AND PERCEPTION
Module 17 – Basic Principles of Sensation and Perception
Module 18 – Vision, and Perceptual Organization and Interpretation
Module 19 – Nonvisual Senses

EMOTIONS, STRESS AND HEALTH
Module – 38 – Stress and Health
Module – 39 – Promoting Health
**TEST 4 – MONDAY APRIL 8 (worth 20%)**
Modules 47-51; 52-54; 17-19; 38-39; Video #7, 23

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that because there are no classes on Friday, Mar 29 (Good Friday), the university has set Monday, April 8th as a make-up day for ALL Friday classes.

**On-Line Open-Forum Discussion:** (accessed through the course website)
You are strongly encouraged to participate in this general discussion forum where you are free to discuss with classmates, course-related issues or any psychology-related topic or concern. Discussions will be monitored regularly by a teaching assistant.

**Method of Evaluation:**

a) 4 TESTS:
There will be a total of 4 tests, and each will consist of about 90 multiple-choice questions and about 4 or 5 short-answer questions. These tests will not be cumulative (that is, they will contain only material covered since the previous test). For testing purposes, you are responsible for assigned modules in the text (even if the material was not covered in class), and all material presented in lectures and videos. (Videos are discussed below). Each test will contain one or two multiple-choice questions from each assigned video.

**IMPORTANT:** York photo ID (YU-card) is required to write all tests.

b) URPP: 4% of your grade is earned by participating in research studies (URPP). This is discussed further on the following page.

**Missed Tests:**
If you are unable to write a test for medical reasons or personal crisis, you must notify your teaching assistant by email NO LATER THAN 48 HOURS after the test. Also, you must provide appropriate documentation for your absence. If you miss a test for medical reasons, your physician must complete the “Attending Physician’s Statement” form that can be downloaded from the course website. Alternative medical notes will not be accepted. Hand in the completed form to your teaching assistant at the time of the make-up test. You will NOT be allowed to write a make-up test under any other circumstances! I would strongly advise against writing a test if you are ill, because grades will NOT BE ADJUSTED after-the-fact to compensate for such circumstances. Make-up tests are typically scheduled 7-10 days following the original test.

**Test Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:**
If you are registered with the Counselling and Disability Services and will be writing your tests through “alternative exams” (arranged by the Registrar’s Office), you must provide me with your letter of accommodation at the beginning of the course. It is important that you make arrangements with that office, for all four tests, at the beginning of the year. If you miss a test, you must make arrangements immediately to write a make-up test, and you must provide me with your documentation for missing the test.

**Undergraduate Research Participant Pool (URPP)**
The Department of Psychology requires that students earn 4% of their final grade by participating in research. This research is conducted by faculty and graduate students and has received ethical approval. The types of studies are quite varied and a number of them are on-line
studies. This 4% is earned by participating in research for a total of 6 hrs (6 credits). You can earn 3 credits (2%) by participating for 3 hrs in the fall term and earn another 3 credits (2%) by participating for 3 hrs in the winter term. **IMPORTANT:** you cannot earn all 6 credits (4%) in just one term. If you complete all 6 credits in the fall, or all 6 credits in the winter, you will earn only 2% and NOT 4%. Also, if you earn 3.5 credits in the fall, for instance, the .5 credits will NOT be carried over into the winter term.

You are strongly encouraged to partake in this research. Not only does it give you the opportunity to experience what types of studies are conducted in Psychology, but 4% can make a difference in your letter grade! Do not wait until the last minute to participate because your choices might be limited, and all available studies might be filled.

**URPP opens on Sept 5 and the deadline for participation for the fall term is Dec 21.**

If you prefer not to participate in research, you can choose to participate in the “paper stream” option instead. For this alternative, you must submit a 3-page summary of a psychology research article that will be assigned to you. If your paper is acceptable, you will earn 4% of your final grade. **IF YOU CHOOSE THIS “PAPER STREAM” OPTION, YOU MUST NOTIFY URPP at urpp@yorku.ca BY SEPTEMBER 30!!!!**

A link to URPP information will be set up on our course website as soon as that information becomes available. It will provide you with instructions about how to register with URPP, important URPP rules, as well as important dates and deadlines. In addition, a URPP representative will soon be visiting the class to provide details.

Be sure to provide your correct **course section** when you register with URPP or you may not receive credit for your participation.

**Videos:**
You will be required to view a number of videos that are relevant to some of the topics that we will be covering. These 25-min long videos are available on-line. One or two multiple-choice questions from a given video will be asked on a test, and the questions will be quite general in nature.

To view the videos, go to: [http://www.learner.org/resources/series138.html](http://www.learner.org/resources/series138.html) and click on the “VoD” icon located on the right of the video title. If you have trouble accessing the videos this way, try to simply google the title.

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TEST DATES and RESEARCH PARTICPATION (URPP)

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**URPP – (Research Participation)** (worth 4%)

**Please Note:**
If you require a particular grade in this course, please work now towards attaining it. This course does not offer extra assignments or tests at the end of the course to accommodate students who are a few marks short of their desired grade. Grades will be “rounded up” only when calculating your overall final grade (rounding up will not be done for individual test grades).

*The last day to withdraw from the course so that your grade does not appear on your transcript is February 15, 2013.*

**Marking Scheme Used In This Course:**

- A+ 90 and above
- A 80-89
- B+ 75-79
- B 70-74
- C+ 65-69
- C 60-64
- D+ 55-59
- D 50-54
- E 40-49
- F below 40

A regulation has been passed by the Senate of York University stating that students require a minimum grade of C (4.0) in PSYC. 1010 6.0 to be allowed to pursue a degree in Psychology, or to enrol in further Psychology courses even if they do not plan to major in Psychology.

**Cheating:**
York University considers cheating and plagiarism a serious offence.
Please go to: [www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/students/index.htm) and read the *Senate Policy on Academic Honesty* and complete the *Online Tutorial on Academic Integrity*. 