Welcome to the class! I believe every student can earn an A. I am here to help you reach this goal. Whenever you may have questions, concerns, or doubts, please don’t hesitate to ask, call, e-mail, or text; I will make myself available to you as much as I can throughout this semester. If for any reason you want to drop the class, please see me first and we can discuss how to approach any problems. My goal is to have everyone successfully complete the course.

Course Description: This course provides students with a broad overview of the different fields of psychology including biological psychology, sensation and perception, learning and memory, language, thought and intelligence, motivation and emotion, human development, personality, abnormal behavior and therapy, human sexuality, social and applied psychology.

Student Performance/Learning Objectives. At the end of this course, students will be able to:
  a. Identify and describe major psychological concepts, contributors, and theories from historical to modern times.
  b. Illustrate an understanding of the process of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.
  c. Recognize the cultural/racial and gender biases in the research and practice of modern psychology and the attempts to create a more culturally/gender sensitive paradigm.
  d. Explain and classify psychological disorders and therapies and be able to describe the definitions and treatments and the stigmas, prejudices and cultural differences that exist.


Grading Breakdown

1) Attendance and Participation 5%
2) Presentation 5%
3) Homework Assignments (13) 15%
4) Term Paper (3 Phases) 15%
5) Weekly Quizzes (12) 15%
6) Midterm Exam 20%
7) Final Exam 25%

1) Attendance and Participation (5% of Grade)
   Attendance is mandatory. Absences and arriving late to class will negatively affect your grade in this course because you will miss important information that will help with
quizzes and exams. Additionally, participation in class creates a stronger learning environment. Your opinions and thoughts will help others think about the course materials from different perspectives.

2) Presentation (5% of Grade)
You will be required to watch 8 movie throughout the semester that tie in with class topics. Two to three students will volunteer to lead the class in discussion for each movie during a Wednesday. This involves 1) putting together a short presentation about the film, 2) analyzing the movie with psychology topics covered in class, and 3) preparing questions for students to discuss.

3) Homework Assignments (15% of Grade)
Every Tuesday, I will assign five key terms for you to research and define. These will be due the following Tuesday. The key terms will help you better understand the week’s material and aid in the preparation of the weekly quizzes.

4) Term Paper (15% of Grade)
A 4-5 page term paper will be assigned during the semester. You will submit the term paper in three phases.
- The first phase consists of preparatory work that includes research, a basic outline, and a paragraph stating your intent with the research.
- The second phase will be the first draft of your paper.
- The third phase will be the final draft.

5) Weekly Quizzes (15% of Grade)
Every Tuesday, you will take a quiz at the beginning of class that will cover material (lecture and reading) from the previous week.

6) Midterm Exam (20% of Grade)
On Thursday, March 18, I will hand out a take-home midterm. You will have five days to work on the exam. It is an open book and open note exam that will be due at the beginning of class on Tuesday, March 23.

7) Final Exam (25% of Grade): Thursday, May 27, 6:50pm to 9:20pm
The final exam will cover the entire book, the lectures, and homework. To help prepare for the final exam, the last few days leading to the final exam will be dedicated to group work where students can help each other organize and prepare for the test. The exam will consist of multiple-choice, true or false, short and long answer questions.

Late Work
Late work will be accepted, however, points will be deducted accordingly. Students who submit work late due to medical reasons should provide written evidence from a doctor to the instructor, and notify the instructor in advance when at all possible.
# Spring 2010 Tentative Class Schedule—Subject to Change

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<td>Tuesday, January 26</td>
<td>Introductions, syllabus, discuss class purpose and goals</td>
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<td>Thursday, January 28</td>
<td>Day Topic: Science of Psychology</td>
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<td>➢ Presentation Sign-up</td>
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<td>Week Topic: Biological Basis of Behavior</td>
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<td>Week Topic: States of Consciousness</td>
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<td>Thursday, February 18</td>
<td>Watch Movie: Requiem for a Dream</td>
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<td>Watch Movie: Memento</td>
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<td>➢ Read Ch. 8</td>
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| Thursday, March 18  | *Watch Movie: Boys Don’t Cry*  
Assign Midterm Exam |                                              |
| **Tuesday, March 23**| Midterm Exam Due  
Week Topic: Stress and Health Psychology | ➢ *Read Ch. 11*  
➢ *Homework 7 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 8* |
| Thursday, March 25  |                                                   |                                              |
| Mar.30, Apr 2        | SPRING BREAK                                     | ➢                                             |
| **Tuesday, April 6** | Quiz 7  
Week Topic: Psychological Disorders | ➢ *Read Ch. 12*  
➢ *Homework 8 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 9* |
| **Thursday, April 8**| *Watch Movie: A Beautiful Mind*                   | ➢ *Phase 2 Due*                               |
| Tuesday, April 13    | Quiz 8  
Week Topic: Therapies                          | ➢ *Read Ch. 13*  
➢ *Homework 9 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 10* |
| **Thursday, April 15**| *Watch: Antwone Fisher*                          |                                              |
| Tuesday, April 20    | Quiz 9  
Week Topic: Personality                         | ➢ *Read Ch. 10*  
➢ *Homework 10 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 11* |
| **Thursday, April 22**|                                                   | ➢ *Assign Phase 3*                           |
| Tuesday, April 27    | Quiz 10  
Week Topic: Life-Span Development              | ➢ *Read Ch. 9*  
➢ *Homework 11 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 12* |
| **Thursday, April 29**| *Watch: Babies*                                  |                                              |
| **Tuesday, May 4**    | Quiz 11  
Week Topic: Social Psychology                   | ➢ *Read Ch. 14*  
➢ *Homework 12 Due*  
➢ *Assign Homework 13* |
| **Thursday, May 6**   | *Watch: Good Will Hunting*                        |                                              |
| **Tuesday, May 11**   | Quiz 12  
Week Topic: Cultural Psychology                | ➢ *Homework 13 Due*                          |
| **Thursday, May 13**  | *Watch: Selena*                                   | ➢ *Phase 3 Due*                              |
| May 18, 20            | Week off for Final Exam Preparation              |                                              |
| Thu, May 27           | *Final Exam* (6:50pm to 9:20pm)                   |                                              |