

# General Psychology

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PSY 1010 — Section 01 — CRN 23666

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## Required Materials

*Introducing Psychology*,  
2nd Ed., by Schachter, Gilbert  
and Wegner.

*iClicker*. Available at campus  
bookstore along with the text  
book.

## Important Dates

Classwork Starts	12 Jan
Last Day to add without a signature	16 Jan
Drop/Audit Fee Begins (\$10 per class)	22 Jan
\$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee	27 Jan
Last day for a refund, Pell Grant census, Last day to drop without receiving a "W" grade	2 Feb
Courses dropped for nonpayment	4 Feb
Last day to Add/Audit	6 Feb
Graduation application deadline for Summer 2015	2 Mar
Last day to DROP classes	6 Mar
Last day for complete withdrawal	10 Apr
Graduation application deadline for	1 Apr
Classwork ends	29 Apr
Final Exam (7:00am to 9:00am)	7 May

## Course Description

For students in all disciplines who are interested in the fundamental scientific principles of behavior. The student will study learning, motivation, emotion, personality, mental disorders, treatment alternatives and other related subjects as part of the course. Critical thinking will be explored in examining these aspects of behavior. Students will have frequent examinations as part of the course require-

ments. This course satisfies general education requirements in the social sciences area. 3 lecture hours per week.



**Location:** McDonald Center 104

**Lecture:** Tuesdays & Thursdays — 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Fees:** None

**General Education:** This course fulfills a general education requirement in the social sciences area.

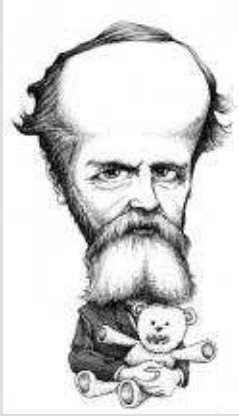
## Succeeding in this Course

In order to succeed in this course, your participation will be vital. The course will operate on the philosophy that active engagement with material fosters quality learning. There will be ample opportunity for in-class participation through the use of clickers. Students are expected to read the textbook prior to class and be prepared to participate in class to maximize the learning experience. A typical session will consist of a combination of lecture, demonstrations, video, and discussion. When absent, you will be responsible for all material covered in class, and for any an-

nouncements. Lectures cannot possibly cover everything in the textbook. Therefore some material covered in the text will not be addressed in class. Conversely, there will be times when I discuss material in lecture that is not in the textbook. This may include specific examples, or other material related to the topic being covered.

**Attendance.** There is no attendance policy for this course, but a portion of your grade is based on in-class participation. Absences may result in lost learning and participation opportunities which will impact your final grade.

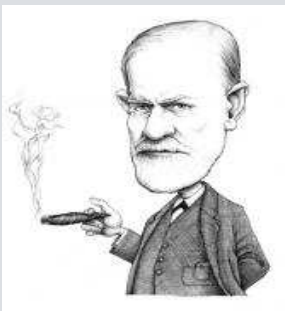




William James

"Education survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten."

- B.F. Skinner



Sigmund Freud

## Social Science Program Objectives

As an outcome of taking courses in the Social Science program, students shall:

1. Demonstrate the ability to examine human behaviors in a structured and organized way as a means of understanding the human condition. Measured by examination and/or oral and written reports.
2. Demonstrate the ability to recognize the ideas, people and events that are generally thought to be important by social scientists. Measured by examination and/or oral or written reports.

3. Develop a perceptual frame of reference based on social scientific knowledge. Measured by the presence of an attitudinal frame of reference which would be expressed in written or oral activities.

4. Exhibit concepts of critical thinking and scientific methodology in examining human behavior. Measured by the presence of an attitudinal frame of reference which would be displayed in written or oral activities.

## Course Objectives

By the end of the semester students will be able to:

1. Define psychology (both historically and in current terms) and briefly describe the major subspecialties within modern psychology. Also, explain why psychology is both a basic and applied science and describe the methods used by psychology researchers. (Exam #1)
2. Describe the relationships among behavior, mental/physical processes, and the brain and nervous system, with special attention to sensation, visual perception, conscious awareness, and sleep. (Exam #2)
3. Define learning, briefly describe three types of learning and how that learning may be retained (stored) and retrieved (remembered) or forgotten (lost from memory). List and describe the role of basic emotions and the four theories of emotion. List and describe sources and theories of motivation. (Exam #3)
4. Define cognition, and summarize what is currently known about complex mental processes such as language, concept formation, and problem solving. Also, offer a brief critical evaluation of the concept of intelligence and its measurement. (Exam #4)
5. Briefly summarize the important aspects of development from conception through adulthood. List, describe and explain the central concepts related to personality, and how individual behavior and mental processes may be influenced by social processes. (Exam #5)
6. Define stress and describe its biological and psychological effects. List and describe the salient features of several common mental disorders and the treatment options currently in use today. (Exam #6)

## Academic Integrity

Dixie State University is committed to the highest standard of academic integrity. Dishonest conduct is unacceptable. Students must take all exams independently (without the help of others, except for appropriate disability services). No notes or

books are to be used when taking exams. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and/or plagiarism, may result in immediate dismissal from the course and a failing grade.

**In order to complete this course you must sign the SBS Dept. Academic Integrity Policy in Canvas.**



2003 Dave Coverly

## Classroom Conduct

As a university college student you are expected to conduct yourself in a professional and mature fashion. Please exhibit respect for your fellow classmates and myself, by turning off cell-phones and arriving on-time. A student who infringes on the rights of others or who in any way disturbs the orderly conduct of academic functions may be subject to probation, suspension, or dismissal. Physical or verbal abuse of any

person, theft of or damage of University property, unauthorized entry to University facilities, disruption of teaching or administration, misuse of University documents, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University is grounds for such disciplinary action.

For further information regarding student responsibilities related to academic integrity and student conduct, please refer to the following DSU policies, which can be viewed at

<http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/533.html>

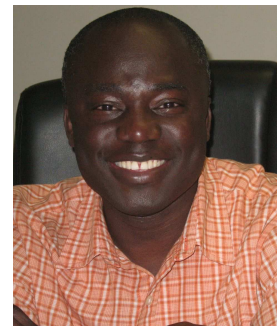
<http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec3/334.html>

## Students with Disabilities

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring reasonable academic adjustment, accommodations, or auxiliary aids to be successful in this class will need to contact the DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER Coordinator (Baako Wahabu) for eligibility determination. Proper documentation of impairment is required in order to

receive services or accommodations. DRC is located in the North Plaza Building. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule appointment to discuss the process. DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

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Baako Wahabu

## Course Requirements and Evaluation

### In-Class Clicker Participation



*iClickers* will be used in class as a teaching/learning tool. They are very easy to use. With them, you can answer multiple choice questions in real time so that both you and I can get immediate feedback. The clickers can also be used to anonymously poll the class on sensitive topics and to collect data for classroom demonstrations. You will need to bring your clicker to class every day. Using the clickers in class will count towards a classroom participation grade. We will begin counting clickers towards your grade in the third class period, but please bring them starting on the first day, if you have them.

You can purchase a clicker at the university bookstore. In order to receive credit for your classroom participation with the iClicker, you will need to register it. To register your iClicker, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.iclicker.com/registration/>
2. Enter your first and last names as they appear on your Student ID
3. For "student id" enter your DSU student ID number.
4. For "remote id" enter the code that appears on the back of your iclicker
5. Finally, enter the security code as it appears on the screen and press Enter.

Classroom participation points will be calculated as the percentage of days you participated in class with your *iclicker*, beginning in the 3rd class period (up to 100% participation). You will receive participation credit for a day if you respond to 70% or more of the questions given that day. (Note that 70% is approximate. The exact percentage will vary depending on the number of questions used on a particular day). Most days, class will begin with a clicker question, so if you arrive late, you will not get credit for the first question, but that doesn't mean you won't get credit for the day. Everyone is allotted 3 free absences, so if you have to miss class a few times for illness or personal reasons, this will not be a problem.

**"The exam with the lowest score will be dropped from your final grade. You cannot drop a missed exam."**

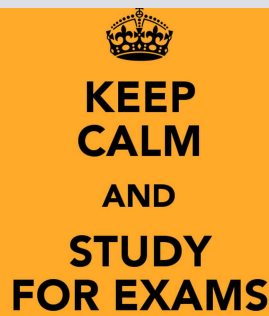
### Exams

There will be five *non-cumulative* mid-term exams, given over the course of the semester and one cumulative final exam. Each exam will be comprised of multiple choice and true-false questions. Each exam is worth 100 points. Exam questions will be taken primarily from lecture, but there will be questions based on the reading for each section. Students will be responsible for all information covered in class (films, guest lectures, and schedule changes) therefore both class attendance and reading the text carefully are important for academic success. The mid-

term exam with the lowest score will be dropped from your final grade.

**You are expected to take all six exams.**

All mid-term exams will be administered online through CANVAS in the DSU Testing Center.



## Projected Course Calendar

This outline can only be an approximate guide; dates for particular lecture topics may change, and material may be added or deleted. However the dates and material for the exams will be listed unless changes are absolutely necessary. If changes affecting exams are made, they will be announced in class as soon as possible. Lecture dates in this outline are used to identify the lecture topics to be covered.



Date	Topic	Reading
1/13	Introduction; Syllabus	1
1/15	Evolution of Science	1
1/20 - 1/22	Methods in Psychology	2
<b>1/27-1/28</b>	<b>Exam 1 @ the Testing Center</b>	
1/29-2/3	Neuroscience and Behavior	3
2/5-2/10	Sensation and Perception	4
2/12-2/17	Consciousness and Sleep	5
<b>2/19-2/20</b>	<b>Exam 2 @ the Testing Center</b>	
2/24-2/26	Learning	6
3/3	Memory	7
3/5	Emotion/Motivation	8
<b>3/10-3/12</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	
<b>3/17-3/18</b>	<b>Exam 3 @ the Testing Center</b>	
3/19-3/24	Language & Thought	9
3/26	Intelligence	9
<b>3/31-4/1</b>	<b>Exam 4 @ the Testing Center</b>	
4/2-4/7	Development	10
4/9	Personality	11
4/14	Social Psychology	12
<b>4/16-4/17</b>	<b>Exam 5 @ the Testing Center</b>	
4/21-4/23	Stress & Health	15
4/28-4/30	Disorders & Treatment	13-14



**5/7**

**Final Cumulative Exam  
7:00am to 9:00am  
McDonald Rm. 104**

## Make-up Policy

Make-up exams will be allowed for students who miss a scheduled exam due to a documented emergency or illness. If you know ahead of time that you will be unable to take a scheduled exam, contact me as soon as possible to make arrangements to take the exam before the scheduled time.

**Policies for Absences Due to College Related Functions.** For students, such as student athletes, who travel as official representatives of the college, absences due to college functions will not negatively affect the student's grade. The student is required to provide the instructor with a schedule of days that will be missed and will be required to negotiate any scheduled work ahead of time with the instructor.

## Grading Scale

Final grades will be determined based on the amount of points earned out of the 550 points possible. Course grades will be awarded based on the percentage of total points earned according to the following scale:

### Grading Scale:

A	=	95-100%
A-	=	90-94%
B+	=	87-89%
B	=	83-86%
B-	=	80-82%
C+	=	77-79%
C	=	73-76%
C-	=	70-72%
D	=	60-69%
F	=	0-59%

## SEMESTER PUZZLE

Exam 1	_____	/100
Exam 2	_____	/100
Exam 3	_____	/100
Exam 4	_____	/100
Exam 5	_____	/100
Final	_____	/100
Participation	_____	/50
<b>Total*</b>	_____	<b>/550</b>

Grade = \_\_\_\_\_% = \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Drop lowest mid-term grade.**

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or fax us at  
(435) 656-4032



## Campus Resources

Disability Resource Center - [dixie.edu/drcenter](http://dixie.edu/drcenter)  
IT Student Help Desk - [dixie.edu/helpdesk](http://dixie.edu/helpdesk)  
Library - [library.dixie.edu](http://library.dixie.edu)  
Testing Center - [dixie.edu/testing](http://dixie.edu/testing)  
Tutoring Center - [dixie.edu/tutoring](http://dixie.edu/tutoring)  
Writing Center - [dixie.edu/english/dsc\\_writing\\_center.php](http://dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php)

## Dmail

You are required to frequently check your Dmail account. Important class and university information will be sent to your Dmail account, including DSU bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, notices of cancelled classes, reminders of important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSU and in your courses. To access your Dmail account, visit [go.dixie.edu/dmail](http://go.dixie.edu/dmail). If you do not know your Dmail username or you have forgotten your PIN, visit [go.dixie.edu/mydixie](http://go.dixie.edu/mydixie) and follow the respective instructions.