



BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE

PSY 3710 (01) – 44919
MWF 11:00 – 11:50 am
FALL SEMESTER, 2014

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Fulfills Biological/Cognitive Psychology requirement for Psychology majors. Introduction to how the structure and function of the brain and the nervous system relate to specific psychological processes and overt behaviors including cognitive functions, sensory and motor systems, emotions, regulatory behaviors, reproductive behaviors, and psychopathology. 3 credits hours and 3 lecture hours.

PREREQUISITES

BIOL 1010 or BIOL 1610 or BIOL 1610A & PSY 1010 or PSY 1010A & PSY 2000 or BIOL 3110

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To understand the neurological processes that contribute to complex human behavior.

COURSE SPECIFIC

You will, at the end of this course:

- Understand structure and function of brain
- Understand how the nervous system relates to specific psychological processes and overt behavior

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Foundations of Behavioral Neuroscience (9th edition). Neil R. Carlson ISBN: 9780205968091

CLASS POLICIES

1. Know when due dates are
2. Know late work policy
3. Keep up on reading and come to class prepared for lecture and discussion

LATE WORK POLICY

Late work will only be accepted with a medical note from a doctor, hospital or physician. If a situation does arise during the semester that hinders your success in this course, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss AHEAD of time.

EARNING POINTS IN THIS COURSE

1. QUIZZES

All quizzes will be administered at the testing center. Please see course outline (below) for a detailed description of when each quiz will open and close. Study guides will be provided for you the week before each quiz opens. Each quiz will have 50 multiple choice questions, worth 2 points each, for a total of 100 points possible. You will have one hour (60 minutes) to take each quiz.

2. ASSIGNMENTS

Periodically I will ask you to turn in assignments that we complete during class. This is a way in which to reward those that choose to regularly attend class. Assignments can range from in class discussion questions, research article summaries to asking for your own opinion on a subject matter. This is a way to reward those that attend class for their participation! ☺

COURSE OUTLINE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Aug. 25 – Aug. 29	Ch. 1	
Sept. 1 – Sept. 5	Ch. 2	
Sept. 8 – Sept. 12	Ch. 3	Quiz 1 (Ch. 1-3) Sept. 11 - 14
Sept. 15 – Sept. 19	Ch. 4	
Sept. 22 – Sept. 26	Ch. 5	
Sept. 29 – Oct. 3	Ch. 6	Quiz 2 (Ch. 4-6) Oct. 2 – 5
Oct. 6 – Oct. 10	Ch. 7	
Oct. 13 – Oct. 15	Ch. 8	
Oct. 20 – Oct. 24	Ch. 10	Quiz 3 (Ch. 7, 8,10) Oct. 23 - 26
Oct. 27 – Oct. 31	Ch. 12	
Nov. 3 – Nov. 7	Ch. 13	
Nov. 10 – Nov. 14	Ch. 14	
Nov. 17 – Nov. 21	Ch. 14	Quiz 4 (Ch. 12 – 14) Nov. 20 – 25
Nov. 24	Quiz 4 Still Open Till Nov. 25 th	
Dec. 1 – Dec. 5	Ch. 15	
Dec. 8 – Dec. 12	Ch. 16	
Dec. 15 – Dec. 19	Finals Week	Quiz 5 (Ch. 15 & 16) TBA

EARNING POINTS

Quizzes	500 pts. (100 points * 5 Quizzes)
Assignments	150 (10 pts. x 15 Assignments)
Total points	650 pts.

GRADING SYSTEM

<u>Percentage (%)</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
100-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
Less than 60	F

PLEASE NOTE:

Click on this link - <http://www.dixie.edu/reg/syllabus/> - for comprehensive information on the Semester Dates, the Final Exam Schedule, University resources such as the library, Disability Resource Center, IT Student Help Desk, Online Writing Lab, Testing Center, Tutoring Center, and Writing Center. In addition, please review DSU policies and statements with regards to Academic Integrity, Disruptive Behavior and Absences related to university functions.

If you are a student with a medical, psychological, or learning disability or think you might have a disability and would like accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (652-7516) in the North Plaza. The Disability Resource Center (<http://dixie.edu/drcenter/>) will determine eligibility of the student requesting special services and determine the appropriate accommodations related to their disability.