



COURSE INFORMATION

- **Meetings:** TU 1:05-2:20 PM
- **Location:** Kramer Dining Center 120
- **Required Textbook:**
 - Griggs, Richard A. (2006). Psychology: A Concise Introduction. Worth Publishers.
 - iClicker by Worth Publishers.
 - Website for the text: <http://www.worthpublishers.com/griggs>
- **Course Website:** on K-State Online (accessible from the K-State home page)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

- **Instructor:** Nicole Peck, M.S.
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- **Office Hours:** Before and after class in Kramer, and by appointment
- **Mailbox:** Bluemont Hall 492
- **Psychology Main Office Phone:** 532-6850 (*You may leave a message at this number*)

GTA INFORMATION

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Goal

To develop a basic understanding of the science of Psychology, human and animal behavior, and what it means to be a *critical thinker* in one's daily life.

The Daily Classroom Experience

Toward a basic understanding of Psychology, lectures, discussion, and occasional small group work will be used. An open, respectful atmosphere is encouraged at all times.

Grading

Your grade will be based on exams, attendance checks, and in-class activities. In addition, there is an experimental requirement to complete PSYCH 110.

Work in the Class:

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| • 4 Exams (worth 100 points each) | = 400 points |
| ✓ 4 Study Guides | = Extra credit on exams |
| • In-Class Activities & Attendance Checks (TBA) | = 150 points |
| • 4 Experiments or Reaction Papers | = No point value |

Total	= 550 points
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Your final grade will be determined from the points you receive out of 550 possible points. The grading scale follows: 100-90% = A; 89-80% = B; 79-70% = C; 69-60% = D; 60% and below = F. Grades ending in decimals of .5 or higher will be rounded to the next whole percentage.

1. Exams

There will be four exams during the semester. Questions on the exams will be multiple-choice. They will focus mainly on the material covered in class, with some questions from the textbook readings. Each exam will include questions only from recently covered material (i.e., none of the exams are comprehensive).

- Exams may be made up *only* in the instance of an illness, emergency, or pre-approved absence. Ultimately, it is the instructor's decision whether an exam may be made up or not. If you are ill or are in an urgent situation that requires you to miss an exam, there are helpful offices at K-State, including:
 - Lafene Health Center at 532-6544
 - Disability Support Services at 532-6441 (in Holton Hall 202)
 - The Office of Student Life at 532-6432 (in Holton Hall 102)
- Make-up exams will be given in the Psychology Main Office (Bluemont Hall 492). If you need to take a make-up exam, you should contact the instructor. You must take the make-up exam at the time agreed upon, or you will not be able to make up the exam. Make-up exams may include matching and short-answer style questions, in addition to multiple-choice questions.
- Your exam work must be your own work, without help from outside sources. Receiving unauthorized help on an exam is a violation of the Honor Pledge. Also, you are not permitted to have any electronic devices (including calculators, headphones, and cell phones) out during the exams.
- If your phone or pager rings during an exam, you will automatically lose 10 points.
- The final exam has been scheduled by the university for May 14, 2008. Everyone will take the final exam at this time; no one may take the exam earlier.

Exam Study Guides = Extra Credit on Exams

Prior to each exam, you will receive a study guide to complete. The study guide will not only help you study for the upcoming exam, but it will also be worth extra credit on the exam. The study guide is due at the beginning of the exam class period. No study guides will be accepted late. On the study guides, you may use class resources available to you, including the textbook, your notes, and the PAs. You also may consult with other students in the class; however, your written answers must be your own work (your own examples/answers in your own words). One student simply copying off of another student is not allowed. This is unfair to the student who did the work in the first place and will not be tolerated.

2. Attendance Checks & In-Class Activities

Attendance checks and in-class activities will comprise 150 points of the class. Attendance checks will simply be taken by going through the class roster and/or using the iClickers. Attendance may be checked at any point during the class period. If you are present, you earn points for that day. If you are absent, you do not get any points for that day. If you have another class immediately prior to or following PSYCH 110 that is across campus, which may cause you to be late to class or leave early from class, please discuss this with the instructor. You may be asked to provide a copy of your schedule.

In-class activities will be handled similarly to attendance checks. In-class activities usually will be worth more points than attendance checks, simply because they will require you to be present and actively involved during the entire class period.

Attendance Checks and In-Class Activities follow the same make-up guidelines as the exams. These in-class points may be made up *only* in the instance of a documented illness, emergency, or pre-approved absence. Ultimately, it is the instructor's decision whether an activity may be made up or not.

3. Experimental Requirement

To give you a comprehensive understanding of experimentation in psychology, you are required to pick **one** of the following three options:

- A. Participate in four, 1- hour long experiments.
- B. Write four reaction papers to scientific articles (to receive credit for one reaction paper, it must be typed, double-spaced, in 12 pt. font with 1" margins).

C. Complete any combination of four experiments and reaction papers. Further descriptions of how to complete this requirement are on the “General Psychology Course Requirement” hand-outs (also online at K-State Online).

This requirement has no point value. Students who do not complete this requirement will receive an Incomplete in the course until the requirement is met. If the requirement is not met by the end of the next semester, the grade becomes an F. Individuals under the age of 18 cannot participate in experiments, and therefore should opt to write reaction papers. Experimental sessions are offered until the last day of classes for the semester. Reaction papers must be submitted on or before the last day of classes.

If you sign up for an experiment, but cannot attend it, you must cancel your appointment. This means either crossing your name off of the sign-up sheet or, for an emergency, calling the Psychology Office at 532-6850. **If you do not cancel an experiment you are signed up for, and you skip the experiment, you will lose ½ of an experimental credit.**

Policies

Disabilities

Any student with a disability who needs accommodations or other assistance during this course should a) contact the instructor as soon as possible, and/or b) contact KSU Disability Support Services on campus in Holton Hall 202 or at 532-6441.

Honor System

“Kansas State University has an Honor System based on personal integrity which is presumed to be sufficient assurance in academic matters one's work is performed honestly and without unauthorized assistance.

Undergraduate and graduate students, by registration, acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Honor System. The policies and procedures of the Honor System apply to all full and part-time students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate courses on-campus, off-campus, and via distance learning.

A component vital to the Honor System is the inclusion of the Honor Pledge which applies to all assignments, examinations, or other course work undertaken by students. The Honor Pledge is implied, *whether or not* it is stated: **“On my honor, as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work.”**

A grade of XF can result from a breach of academic honesty. The F indicates failure in the course; the X indicates the reason is an Honor Pledge violation.”

The information about the Honor Pledge is from the Honor System home web page at: <http://www.ksu.edu/honor>.

Disturbances

Turn off your cell phone or pager before class. Also, try to arrive on time. If you arrive after class has started, please enter the room quietly and take a seat by the door. Please do not pack up before class is finished. If students are packing up materials early and/or talking in a distracting way, the class period will run over the allotted time in order to make up for time missed.



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Tentative Class Schedule

Topic	Chapter in Text	Pages in Text	Dates
Class Introduction	--	--	1/17/08
Psychology's Roots	1	1-6	1/22/08
Research Methods	1	7-17	1/24/08
Research Methods cont.	1	17-21	1/29/08
Neural Systems	2	31-34, 40-45	1/31/08
Neural Systems cont.	2	35-39, 50-61	2/5/08
Study Session for Exam 1			2/7/08
Exam 1			2/12/08
Intro to Sensation / Vision	3	73-78, 81-88	2/14/08
Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch	3	88-90, Lecture notes	2/19/08
Perception	3	92-100	2/21/08
Consciousness, Sleep, & Dreaming	2	61-66	2/26/08
Consciousness & Drugs	Lecture notes	Lecture notes	2/28/08
Personality Theories	8	237-242, 249-255	3/4/08
Study Session for Exam 2			3/6/08
Exam 2			3/11/08
Learning	4	107-119	3/13/08
<i>Spring Break – No classes</i>			<i>3/17/07-3/21/07</i>
Learning	4	107-119	3/25/08
Memory	5	143-159	3/27/08
Reconstructing Memories	5	161-168	4/1/08
Thinking & Problem-solving	6	175-188	4/3/08
Language	7	209-210	4/8/08
Study Session for Exam 3			4/10/08
Exam 3			4/15/08
Human Development	7	203-216	4/17/08
Human Development	7	224-230	4/22/08
Social Psychology	9	267-287	4/24/08
Psychological Disorders	10	299-308	4/29/08
Psychological Disorders cont.	10	309-312	5/1/08
Therapies	10	314-325	5/6/08
Study session for Exam 4			5/8/08
Exam 4			Wednesday, 5/14/08 at 2:00 PM

*Schedule is subject to changes; alterations in the schedule will be announced in class.