PSYS 481 - History of Psychology

**Time & Place:** Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:10 AM - 12:30 PM, Section 1, Gary Ransdell Hall (GRH) 3096

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 3:45-4:45 PM or by appointment

**Overview:** Psychology is the study of human behavior and of the human mind. While Psychology has a short official “history” as an independent discipline, it has a long past. We will trace the development of Psychology from its beginning on through to the present day.

**Grades:** The students' mastery of the course material will be assessed in a variety of ways. First, there will be four (4) exams, including the final. These exams will contain multiple choice, short answer, and/or essay questions. These four tests together will account for 80 percent of the final grade. There will be 5-6 quizzes at the beginning of selected classes -- these quizzes together will account for 20 percent of the final grade. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. There will be no makeups for missed quizzes. Therefore, regular class attendance is important. If you miss a quiz, it will count as the one that will be dropped.

Following calculation of the final average, letter grades for the course will be assigned according to these criteria:

- **A** - 90 percent of total points & above
- **B** - 80 to 89 percent
- **C** - 70 to 79 percent
- **D** - 60 to 69 percent
- **F** - 59 percent and below

**Makeup Policy:** If you know in advance that you must miss an exam, see me at least one day before the exam so that we can discuss the reason, and if the reason is legitimate, schedule a time for you to take a makeup exam. The makeup exams may be different in format from those used in the normal class period: for example, makeup exams may consist entirely of essay questions. Under any circumstances, I should be notified of the reason for the absence at the next class meeting. Depending on the situation, I may require written documentation of the reason for missing the exam (note from doctor, lawyer, pastor, etc.).

Failure to provide adequate documentation to me for the absence may result in a grade of zero for that exam.

Missed exams **must** be made up within two weeks of the scheduled exam date; makeup exams will not be given following the expiration of this two week period.

**Miscellaneous Information:** August 31 is the last day to drop a full semester course without a grade. October 14 is the last day to drop a full semester course with a grade of “W”. If there is an emergency and you must miss classes or an exam and you are unable to contact me personally (my telephone answering machine is not sufficient), you should contact the Academic Advising and Retention Center (745-5065), and they will notify me of your absence.

**Final Exam:**

Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) in Downing Student Union, 1074. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC).