

SYLLABUS
Introduction to Psychology
Psychology 101, Spring 2011
TuTh 11:10AM-12:30PM, TLC 302

Welcome to an introduction to psychology, from my personal and admittedly biased point of view. It is my sincere hope you'll leave this class with a good appreciation for all of the things that the field of psychology encompasses.

The book, Schacter, is a pretty good introduction, we'll supplement it with some other material on occasion, but in general we'll be book-bound. It has a website, <http://bcs.worthpublishers.com/schacter1e>.

Note that you are responsible for the material in each chapter, if we talk about it in class or not. You can pretty much bank on the fact that exams will be *primarily* focused on the material presented in class. I will generally make the slides available on the class' Blackboard site, <https://learn.skidmore.edu>, so you'll never need to worry too much about being 'lost'. That being said, here's the basic game plan with the chapters:

WEEK 1: *Ch. 1 & 2*
What are we talking about? Why should we care?

WEEK 2: *Ch. 3*
Neuroscience and Behavior

WEEK 3: *Ch. 4*
Perception

WEEK 4: *Ch. 5 & 6*
Learning, Memory, and Cognition

WEEK 5: *Ch. 7*
Language

WEEK 6: Exam I

WEEK 6+7: *Ch. 8*
Consciousness

SPRING BREAK

WEEK 8: *Ch. 9*
Intelligence

WEEK 9: *Ch. 11*
Development

WEEK 10: *Ch. 16*
Social Psychology

WEEK 11: Exam II

WEEK 12: *Ch. 10*
Personality

WEEK 13: *Ch. 13 & 14*
Psychopathology

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