

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
COURSE OUTLINE

PSYCHOLOGY 260

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesday: 2 - 3 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 - 11 a.m.

The course will cover the range of perspectives used in the study of human behavior, lightly sampling from what is known from the broad spectrum of human behavior. The textbook is Psychology Today, An Introduction, 5th Edition by Bootzin, Loftus and Zojonc. The textbook is central to the course, while lectures shall go more in depth in areas where the book is weak, areas of more interesting research, classical studies and recent trends.

The perspective of the course will be of psychology as a basic rather than applied science, with the emphasis on research and theory, and scientific investigation rather than treatment of problems.

There shall be 3 exams; exact dates will be announced in class. They will cover the text and lectures equally.

- First: About the first week in October.  
Covering Chapters 1 through 6.  
Worth 25% of the course.
- Second: About the first week in November.  
Covering Chapters 1 through 10.  
Worth 30% of the class.
- Third: Exam week in December.  
Covering Chapters 1 through 14.  
Worth 35% of the class.

In addition, there shall be weekly assignments, due at the beginning of the first class of the week. These are progress reports, and shall answer 4 questions about the previous weeks lectures and readings.

- #1 - What did I find interesting and personally relevant. Why. What does it mean to me, and what do I think about it.
- #2 - What was boring, poorly presented, or had no personal relevance. Why?
- #3 - What I didn't understand. What was over my head. Why?
- #4 - What I want to know more about. What I would like to study further on my own.