

Grande Prairie Regional College
Psychology 2750 (Section A2)
Brain and Behaviour
Fall Term 2003

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Course Credit Hours: 3 (UT: Alberta)
Student Contact: 3 hours per week
Prerequisites: Biology 30 & PY1040

Textbooks:

- Pinel, J. P. (2003). Biopsychology. (5th Edition). Toronto: Pearson Education Canada, Inc.
- The accompanying Study Guide is highly recommended
- Publication Manual of the APA will be on reserve in College Library

Course Description:

If one is to understand the ongoing interactive process between human Biology and Psychology one must understand the Physiology and the Anatomy of the Nervous System. Therefore, it important for students to have a basic knowledge of the Central Nervous System (CNS)'s and Peripheral Nervous System (PNS)'s structure and function. The second part of the course is concerned with the relationship between biological functions and the human experience of psychological phenomena such as dreaming, mental illness, learning, emotions, motivations ...etc.

Additional Information:

1. The format of each exam will be discussed in class but they will not be comprehensive.
2. Exam grades are final and there is no substitute work for your poor exam grade.
3. The nature and topics of your written paper will discussed in class
4. It is your responsibility to read each and every chapter and assigned reading (if any) and attend all lectures.
5. Lectures will not always cover material in your chapters. Lectures may cover topics and include materials that are not covered by your textbook. It is therefore imperative that you attend every class as your exams may include materials from the lectures that are not covered by your textbook.
6. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. You should consult the section on cheating and plagiarism of current GPRC calendar.
7. It is expected that students will display a professional attitude and behaviour. These attitudes and behaviours are many and will be discussed in class. Any violation or misconduct may result in dismissal from the class.
8. Talk to me if you have concerns or you are experiencing difficulties that may have negative impact on your academic performance.

Evaluations

Exam 1	Chapters 1 – 4	
Exam 2	Chapters 6 – 8	(Both Exam1 & 2 worth 25% Total)
Exam 3	Chapters 5, 12-15	20%
Final Exam	Chapters 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18	30%
Written Papers & Presentation		25%

* Paper topics and presentation will be discussed in class

Grading System:

PLEASE note that Universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**. This means **DO NOT GET LESS THAN “C-” IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY.**

A+	4.0	95-100
A	4.0	90-94
A-	3.7	85-89
B+	3.3	80-84
B	3.0	75-79
B-	2.7	70-74
C+	2.3	65-69
C	2.0	60-64
C-	1.7	55-59
D+	1.3	53-54
D	1.0	50-52
F	0.0	00-49

TIMETABLE: PY2750-A2, Fall 2003

*Please note that the dates and the sequence of chapters are tentative and may change.

Dates	Topics	Evaluation
September 3-17	Chapters: 1-4	Exam 1
September 22- October 6	Chapters: 6-8	Exam 2 (25%)
October 8-29	Chapters: 5, 12-15	Exam 3 (20%)
November 3- December 8	Chapters: 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18	Final Exam (30%)
December 11-19	No Classes. Final Exam Period	Final Exams are Scheduled by the Registrar Office