

BEHAVIOR AND MOTIVATION
PSYC 3320-001, Spring 2012
MWF 1-2, LS 122

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Course Web Page: The course is on Blackboard

Course description: Theory and research involving relation of motivation and emotion to learning theory, social behavior, personality, and development.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1315.

Text: Petri & Govern, *Motivation: Theory, Research, and Applications*, 5th ed.

Study Guide: To be obtained on course Blackboard site and **is** required for this section.

Learning Objectives:

To understand different sources of human motivation (physiological, cognitive, social, and emotion) and their interrelationships.

To appreciate both the strengths and the limitations of different grand theories in the history of psychology, such as Will; Instinct; Drive; Cognitive information processing; Freudianism and ego psychology; Humanistic psychology.

To be able to apply this knowledge to different “real-world” settings including employment, education, sports, clinical practice, and criminal justice.

Examinations and Grading: There will be 4 tests, including a final, worth 100 points each. Each test will include 15 short-answer questions, most of them from the study guide and the remainder from lectures, worth 4 points each, and 2 essay questions worth 20 points each. The lowest of the 4 test grades will be dropped at the end of the end of the semester, giving a total of 300 points on tests.

There will also be a term paper worth 80 points (40 for depth and 40 for writing style) on a topic of the student’s choice but related to motivation and behavior. A few examples of past 3320 term paper topics will be posted on the course website. *The term paper will be submitted via Blackboard (in the Safe Assign mode which detects plagiarism) and is due on Friday May 4, 2012.*

Attendance will be taken for every class after the first one, and students can earn up to 20 points for attendance. 4 or fewer unexcused absences from lecture constitute perfect attendance; thereafter 2 points are taken off for every unexcused absence.

The maximum possible score is 300 (tests) + 80 (termpaper) + 20 (attendance) = 400. The grade ranges are

360-400 = A
 320-359 = B
 280-319 = C
 240-279 = D
 0-239 = F

Students can earn up to 10 points extra credit for participation in laboratory experiments under the SONA system (5 points per experiment credit). Also, the instructor may in some cases by discretion (more likely as you go down the grade scale) raise a grade for a student just below a cutoff point for constructive class and office hour participation – so it pays to keep your big trap OPEN and ask a lot of questions!

Approximate Class Schedule:

Readings	Topics	Dates
Ch. 2; ideas from Reeve; pp. 11-12	General theories, measurement	1/18 to 1/23
Chapter 1	Evolutionary influences	1/23 to 1/27
Chapter 3, review	Genetic contributions	1/27 to 2/3
EXAM 1	Monday, February 6	
Chapter 4	Physiological mechanisms of arousal	2/8 to 2/13
Chapter 5	Physiological mechanisms of regulation	2/15 to 2/20
Chapter 6	Learned motives	2/22 to 2/27
Chapter 7 up to p. 206, review	Incentive motivation	2/29 to 3/5
EXAM 2	Wednesday, March 7	
SPRING BREAK		3/12 to 3/16
Chapter 8	Hedonism and sensory stimulation	3/9 to 3/21
Chapter 9	Expectancy-value approaches	3/23 to 3/28
Chapter 10, review	Social motivation and consistency	3/30 to 4/4
EXAM 3	Friday, April 6	
Chapter 11	Attribution approaches	4/6 to 4/13
Chapter 12	Competence and control	4/13 to 4/18
Chapter 13	Emotions as motivators	4/20 to 4/25
Review, discussion of termpaper guidelines, makeup tests		4/27 to 5/4
FINAL EXAM (only on Chs. 11-13)	Monday, May 7	11am – 1:30pm

Be on time to take tests! Once one of your fellow students takes the tests and leaves the classroom, no more copies will be handed out that day.

There is no curve. Any make-up exams will be given during the **final week of classes**.

Students may earn up to 10 points extra credit for participation in experiments on the SONA system (<http://uta.sona-systems.com>). For those not wishing to participate in experiments there will be an alternative method of obtaining those points (e.g., reading and writing a short report on a journal article.)

Americans With Disabilities Act

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference to Public Law 93112---The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act - (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens. As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide “**reasonable accommodation**” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility primarily rests with **informing faculty at the beginning of the semester and in providing authorized documentation through designated** administrative channels.

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Bomb Threats

If anyone is tempted to call in a bomb threat, be aware that UTA will attempt to trace the phone call and prosecute all responsible parties. Every effort will be made to avoid cancellation of presentations/tests caused by bomb threats. Unannounced alternate sites will be available for these classes. Your instructor will make you aware of alternate class sites in the event that your classroom is not available.

Library Information

Helen Hough is the Psychology Librarian. She can be reached at (817) 272-7429, and by email at hough@uta.edu.