Psychology 1001-31
Syllabus Supplement

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Be sure to contact us with your questions throughout the semester. Our “office hours” are online but if you need to see someone face to face on campus, we can schedule a time. You will be doing work on the Moodle website used by all Psy 1001 students. Some elements of it apply differently to the different course versions and that is why we need this Sec. 31 Syllabus Supplement. Kate Briggs is the overall course manager but direct your questions and concerns to us, not her. Below is information about course components so that you know what to expect. Check the course syllabus for more complete information. You will be receiving periodic emails about the course so when you see Psy1001-31 in the subject line, don’t automatically delete it. Also, follow the News and Announcements Forum at the top of the course website for breaking news.

TEXTBOOK: We believe we have gotten students just about the best deal possible on a textbook. When you purchase the loose-leaf version of the course textbook (Lilienfeld, Lynn, Namy, Woolf, 3ed) in the bookstore you get a free subscription to MyPsychLab that you will access through a link on the course Moodle site (if you acquired a used copy of the book, you can purchase the assigned online component separately—see the main syllabus for details on that). The free MyPsychLab contains an online eBook, practice materials such as flashcards, video resources, and the weekly writing assignments. Each week you will submit an answer to the critical thinking questions that appear at the end of each chapter in the “Further Your Understanding” section. Your answers will be computer graded and checked for plagiarism. In addition, there will be a Moodle Chapter Quiz for you to complete. (More directions about all that are in the main course syllabus you will find on the Moodle site.)

LECTURES: The lectures given in Wiley Hall on MWF are recorded and posted online minutes after they happen (if you would like to attend the lectures in person, you are welcome to do so). You will be able to access them through Moodle and watch them on your own schedule—but DON’T get behind.

DISCUSSIONS: On the Moodle site, for each week you will see a section titled “Discussion Section Homework.” There, you will find links to the weekly group assignments and other information that we will provide for you. Our section is almost identical to the other versions (in-person lecture/in-person discussion or online lecture/in-person discussion) of the course: same textbook, same lectures, same exams, same goals for group work, and same grading structure.
The other sections do their group work in class face to face whereas you do yours by posting and responding to each other on the Forum. That requires some variation in the assignments but they fulfill the requirement that Psy 1001 students learn how to approach problems as psychologists and “Do psychology”. You are graded on contributions to your group’s work. Part of that is doing your part to make your group a well-functioning one. That means stepping up to get things going and helping to make a good group product. This isn’t complicated—you learned how to work in groups when you were in grade school. And you are getting experience on how psychologists (and people in all professions) do their work.

The basic discussion assignment format and point structure is this:
1) On Sunday at 11 PM (Tuesday 8AM the first week), a “DS Activity…” assignment appears under the “Discussion Sections” heading in the new unit on the course homepage. The deadline for completing your individual part and posting it on the weekly discussion forum is the following Wednesday at midnight. Most weeks you will receive 1 point for posting by the deadline and 1 additional point for a high quality (at least B level) post. Watch the weekly DS Activity instructions for exceptions.
2) After Wednesday midnight, everyone in the group should begin posting for the group assignment that is due the following Sunday at 11 PM. Your group must communicate Wed. to Sunday on the course Forum. Your posts constitute your group discussion and must be submitted by 7 PM Sunday (replies to posts after that will be counted). We will grade you on your participation in the group's work. Generally, you will receive 1 point for contributing to the discussion (usually more than 1 post) plus another 1 point for making substantive contributions (much more than “Looks good to me!”).
3) Your group work must be submitted by 11PM the following Sunday. If there is no Final Group post (see the assignments for instructions on how to format them), credit cannot be given as we do not know what the final group product is. Be respectful of each other’s schedules. Figure out early in the semester what is best for everyone. In past semesters, some groups waited until late Sunday to start but that was unfair to members who worked nights or had to get up early on Monday.
4) The assignments will be graded by the TA. Early in the week following the deadline, the grader for that week will send out a feedback email generally describing how the class did and saying how students may have lost points. If you have questions about grades, contact the TA who did the grading and sent out the email. Because there is plenty of time to work on your assignments and there is no specific time and place requirement to get this work done as there is in the in-person class, there are NO MAKE UPS for missed assignments. However, as you have extra credit opportunities in the REP system (see the main syllabus), you can easily make up missed points. If you are going to have difficulties getting assignments in, work ahead and arrange things with your group.
We will create groups using random assignment during the second week of classes once registration settles down. We will post the group rosters as soon as possible next to the syllabus and the Forum will become available to you then. One member will be designated leader and will select the group leader for the following week. You can also rotate leaders or elect one for the semester—your choice. You submit your own individual part and your group discussion posts but Leaders submit the final assignments for each group.

The first week’s assignment will be available at 8AM on the first day of classes. This will be an individual assignment only and we will be flexible on deadlines for this first one—submit your post as soon as you can.

**Overview of Discussion Assignment and Deadlines:**
2. Wednesday Midnight: Deadline to submit Individual post to Forum.
3. Wednesday to Sunday at 7PM: Members submit their own group discussion posts.
4. Sunday 11 PM: Deadline for group leaders to submit Final Group Post. There must be a final post so we know what the group has concluded. The Forum will stay open until Midnight for group members to check on the Final post to see it was submitted; submissions after 11 will not be counted unless the group has a Very Good excuse. There are no make ups for missed assignments.

**EXAMS:** Section 31 is titled as “Primarily Online” in the class schedule because you have the option to come to the computerized testing center in S121 Elliott Hall for the 3 midterm and final exams. However, you also have the option to take your exams at home using the ProctorU service. That involves having an online proctor monitor your exam. You will need a computer setup that makes it possible. On the course Moodle site you will find information about that. You MUST set up a ProctorU account and sign up there to take up exams. If you are curious about how it works, from the link on the course homepage go to the ProctorU website to see an intro video.

**In summary,** the basic course structure is this: Each week you have a textbook reading assignment and lectures to watch. The lectures are available on the Moodle site soon after they occur on MWF 1:25-2:15. You read the textbook, use MyPsychLab practice materials if you like, take the chapter quiz on Moodle, and do the MyPsychLab writing assignment. Finally, you have online individual and group assignments each week that you must complete before the deadlines.

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