Lectures: Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. in BSB 147

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Tutorials: Mondays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning January 23, 2006
Location TBA


Evaluation: Lab participation 5%
Written Assignment 10%
Midterm Exam 35%
Final Exam 50%

Websites

Course website: www.science.mcmaster.ca/psychology/psych1a3e
Monitor weekly for announcements.
Textbook website: www.wwnorton.com/gleitman/ Contains online quizzes and lots of other goodies. Requires the password that comes with your textbook purchase.

Textbook Information

Be sure to get the new 6th Edition of the textbook packaged with the WebBook password.

Exams

Each exam will consist of 100 multiple-choice questions and will cover only material since the last exam. You are responsible for knowing in detail and for understanding all material discussed in class and in the assigned chapters of the text. The midterm exam is an in-class exam. If you cannot or do not write the midterm exam at the scheduled time, follow the guidelines published in the Undergraduate Calendar on “Petitions for Relief for Missed Term Work.” If the petition is granted, you must contact me by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours to make alternate arrangements for the missed term work. Failure to contact me directly by phone or e-mail within those deadlines will result in an automatic zero on the midterm exam. The final exam is arranged by the university. If you cannot write the final exam at the scheduled time, you will be required to write a deferred exam during the July 2006 examination period.
Written Assignment

There are two written assignments, one due February 6th before 7 p.m. and the other due March 13th before 7 p.m. Only one counts toward your grade. If you do both, only the higher grade will count. We recommend doing the first one so that you have a second chance at a good grade. The assignment is worth a possible 10 marks and there is a penalty for lateness of 1 mark per day. So, don’t be late!! Since the web contains a lot of false information, website references (the www type) are not acceptable for this assignment. You must use only information contained in university library systems—which of course can be accessed via the web. If you do not understand this distinction, get clarification from your tutor. If you need help on how to use the resources at the library, check out http://library.mcmaster.ca/instruction/

Lab Participation

You get to participate in two real live Psychology experiments for 5% course credit. For details on how to sign up, see separate handout entitled Laboratory Assignment. There are penalties for not showing up on time for a study—so be sure to note contact information for the studies that you agreed to participate in so you can give notice if you need to cancel. Participation must be completed before the last class (April 3rd).

Grading Scheme

Grades will be assigned according to the following conventional scheme:

| 90-100 = A+ | 77-79 = B+ | 67-69 = C+ | 57-59 = D+ |
| 85-89 = A  | 73-76 = B  | 63-66 = C  | 53-56 = D  |
| 80-84 = A- | 70-72 = B- | 60-62 = C- | 50-52 = D- |
|            |        |        | 0-49 = F   |

Please note the following important points:

1. I reserve the right to adjust final marks up or down, on an individual basis.
2. The details of the course requirements may be subject to change.

Tutorial Information

Tutorial classes are informal. Your tutorial leaders are available only 5:30 -6:30 p.m. in the scheduled tutorial location. They are there to help you gain a better understanding of the material from the text and lectures and to help you with your written assignment. They may or may not have time to answer individual e-mail queries—so be sure to bring your questions to tutorial class!!
Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty consists of misrepresentation by deception or by other fraudulent means and can result in serious consequences, e.g. the grade of zero on an assignment, loss of credit with a notation on the transcript (notation reads: “Grade of F assigned for academic dishonesty”), and/or suspension or expulsion from the university.

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes academic dishonesty. For information on the various kinds of academic dishonesty please refer to the Academic Integrity Policy, specifically Appendix 3, located at http://www.mcmaster.ca/senate/academic/ac_integrity.htm

The following illustrates only two forms of academic dishonesty:

1. Plagiarism, e.g. the submission of work that is not one’s own or for which other credit has been obtained. See Definition Assignment for more details.

2. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

Important Dates

Jan. 12 Last day for registration in the course
Feb 6 Due date for written assignment #1
Feb. 13 MIDTERM EXAM (35%)
Feb. 20 No Class - Spring Break
March 3 Last day to withdraw from the course
March 13 Due date for written assignment #2
Apr. 5 Last Class
TBA FINAL EXAM (50%)
### Course Organization and Required Readings

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