Psychology 312: Syllabus 2017

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Course description: This course is designed to introduce students to topics and issues relating to the History of Psychology. The course emphasizes learning how to think, discuss, and write about the topics in a critical and coherent manner.

Course materials: Students are responsible for obtaining the course materials. Unless otherwise stated, the course materials are available as free podcasts from iTunes U: Psychology Professor Todd Daniel, "The Story of Psychology" and "Great Ideas in Psychology", and Christopher D. Green "This Week in the History of Psychology" (TWITHOP).

Course policies: Course materials and items discussed in class will be on the exam. This class operates in a seminar format. Come prepared to discuss the topics. No computers allowed.

Evaluation: Evaluations will be based on weekly quizzes, an exam, and class participation.

Grade Breakdown

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1. Weekly Quizzes (30%)

At the start of every class (except for first class and the exam day) you will receive a quiz lasting approximately 5 minutes. The quiz will concern one or more of the topics assigned for that day. Each quiz is worth 3% of your final grade. Missed quizzes will be assigned a grade of 0. You can drop the mark from one quiz. There will be no excused absences for quizzes. There will be no makeup quizzes. There will be no exceptions.

2. Exam (50%)

The exam will consist of short answer questions and at least one essay question. It will cover course materials and items discussed in class up to the end of Week 10. There will be no make up exam in this course. This means that if you miss an exam you will simply receive a zero. The only exceptions to this are validated medical excuses. Such excuses must be in the form of a written note from your doctor or from student health, attesting to the fact that on the day of the
exam you were too ill to be expected to function reasonably. Please note that although the Student Health Service will provide such validations for Final exams, they will not provide these for exams during term. Therefore in the event of a missed exam your medical excuse must be obtained from a private physician. If you should have a personal or psychological trauma and miss an examination, a written letter of explanation from your psychiatrist, psychologist, or student counselor must accompany such an excuse. A letter from the attending physician or clergy must validate exams missed due to a death in the family. In the absence of such written verification you will not be excused. All medical excuses must be personally presented to me as soon as you are able to return to class for a make up to be scheduled.

4. Class Participation (20%)

Based on quality, not quantity. That said, if you don’t participate, you will get a zero. Really.

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Psychology Department’s Position on Academic Misconduct

Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic misconduct are very serious concerns of the University. In all cases of suspected academic misconduct, the parties involved will be pursued to the fullest extent dictated by the guidelines of the University. Strong evidence of cheating or plagiarism may result in a zero credit for the work in question. According to the University Act (section 61), the President of UBC has the right to impose harsher penalties including (but not limited to) a failing grade for the course, suspension from the University, cancellation of scholarships, or a notation added to a student’s transcript.

All graded work in this course, unless otherwise specified, is to be original work done independently by individuals. If you have any questions as to whether or not what you are doing is even a borderline case of academic misconduct, please consult your instructor. For details on pertinent University policies and procedures, please see http://www.library.ubc.ca/clc/airc.html.

Further information about academic regulations, course withdrawal dates and credits can be found in the University Calendar. You are encouraged to read this material. If you run into trouble and need information about studying, preparing for exams, note taking or time management, free workshops and advice are available from the Student Resources Centre, which can be reached through the School and College Liaison Office at 822-4319.

Schedule & Topics

**Week 1, January 3: Syllabus** *(Plus Movie: Part 1)*

**Week 2, January 10: Evolution** *(& Movie: Part 2)*

*The Story of Psychology*

  Charles Darwin and Evolution

*TWITCHOP*

  *April 1-7*, Raymond Fancher on English polymath Francis Galton.
Week 3, January 17: Voluntarism/Structuralism

*The Story of Psychology*
- The beginnings of Psychology - Psychophysics.

*The Story of Psychology*
- William Wundt and Voluntarism

This Week In The History of Psychology (TWITHOP)
- **Nov 20-26.** David Robinson on the founder of experimental psychology Wilhelm Wundt.

Reading

Week 4, January 24: The Emergence of Functionalism

*The Story of Psychology*
- William James and Functionalism

TWITHOP
- **Oct 2-8.** Wayne Viney on the 1890 publication of William James's *Principles of Psychology*.

TWITHOP
- **Mar 25-31.** Katharine Milar on the first woman president of the APA, Mary Whiton Calkins

TWITHOP
- **Jan 14-20.** C. James Goodwin on E. B. Titchener’s “Society of Experimental Psychologists.”

Week 5, January 31: Functionalism: Dev/Psychoanalysis/Individual/ Ed Psychology

TWITHOP
- **Mar 4-10.** Dorothy Ross on the founder of the APA, Granville Stanley Hall.

TWITHOP
- **Aug 28-Sep 3.** Raymond Fancher on Sigmund Freud's only trip to the United States.

TWITHOP
- **Jan 7-13.** Robert H. Wozniak on the developmental and evolutionary psychologist, James Mark Baldwin.

TWITHOP
- **Oct 16-22.** John Shook on the life of the founder of the modern American school system, John Dewey.

TWITHOP
- **Sep 25-Oct 1.** Michael Sokal on James McKeen Cattell's 1917 dismissal from Columbia University; **AND** TWITHOP Shorts: James McKeen Cattell
Week 6, February 7: Functionalism: Intelligence & Personality Tests

*Great Ideas in Psychology*
Cognition-History of Intelligence Testing

*TWITHOP*
- **Feb 25-Mar 3.** William Tucker on the career of the controversial intelligence man, Cyril Burt.

*TWITHOP*
- **Nov 27-Dec 3.** William Tucker on the controversial ideas of personality theorist Raymond B. Cattell.

Week 7, February 14: Functionalism: Transition to Behaviorism

*The Story of Psychology*
Behaviorism

*TWITHOP*
- **Feb 18-24.** Charles Brewer on John B. Watson, the founder of behaviorism.

*TWITHOP*
- **Sep 18-24.** Alexandra Rutherford on B. F. Skinner's 1971 appearance on the cover of *Time* magazine.

*TWITHOP (Shorts):* Little Albert: A neurologically impaired child


------- February 21: Reading Week -------

Week 8, February 28: The Cognitive Movement (plus Gestalt Psychology)

*The Story of Psychology*
The Cognitive Movement

*The Story of Psychology*
The Cognitive Movement (Part 2)

*TWITHOP*
- **April 15-21.** Michael Wertheimer on the founder of *Gestalt* psychology, Max Wertheimer.
Week 9, March 7: Psychotherapy

Great Ideas in Psychology  
History of Ancient Psychotherapy  
Great Ideas in Psychology  
Reform & the History of Early Psychotherapy  
Great Ideas in Psychology  
Modern Psychotherapy: Freud & Behaviorism  
Great Ideas in Psychology  
Modern Psychotherapy: Humanistic, Gestalt & Cognitive

Optional  
TWITHOP  
Victorian Asylums

Week 10, March 14: The Human Brain

The Story of Psychology  
Beginnings of Psychology - The Brain as Organ of the Mind

TWITHOP  

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Jan 28-Feb 3. David Baker on the psychograph, the 1930s’ automatic phrenologist.

The Story of Psychology  
A Brief History of Lobotomy

Plus: Class Review Before Exam

Week 11, March 21: Exam

Week 12, March 28: Cognitive Neuroscience

Scientific American Frontiers: Severed Corpus Callosum  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfGwsAdS9Dc [A YouTube Video]

Week 13, April 4: Open Topic