PSYCHOLOGY 1A03E
January - April 2003
Introduction to Experimental Psychology

Lectures: Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Togo Salmon Hall B128

Professor: Dr. T.L. Lewis
Psychology - Room 110
Phone: (905) 525-9140 Ext. 23009
e-mail: LewisTL@McMaster.CA

Tutors: Nicole Conrad. E-mail: conradnj@mcmaster.ca
Ellen MacLellan. E-mail: maclelek@mcmaster.ca

Tutorials: Mondays 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. beginning January 20, 2003
Togo Salmon Hall B126 / B128


Evaluation:
- Written Assignment 10%
- Midterm Exam 40%
- Final Exam 50%

Websites

Course website: www.science.mcmaster.ca/psychology/psych1a3e
Monitor this weekly for announcements.

Textbook website: www.wwnorton.com/gleitman/ Contains online quizzes and lots of other goodies. Requires a password.

Textbook Information

Be sure to get the 5th Edition of the textbook with the WebBook password. If you have a 5th Edition of Gleitman already or purchase one used, you can purchase a WebBook password from the cashier at the bookstore for $25.

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 final exam is arranged by the university. The midterm exam is an in-class exam. If you cannot write the midterm exam at the scheduled time, you must contact me by phone or e-mail prior to the exam to make alternate arrangements. Failure to do so, will result in an automatic zero on the midterm exam.
Written Assignment

There are 2 written assignments, one due February 3rd before 7 p.m. and the other due March 10th 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!!

Grading Scheme

Grades will be assigned according to the following conventional scheme:

\[
\begin{align*}
90-100 & = A+ \\
85-89 & = A \\
80-84 & = A- \\
77-79 & = B+ \\
73-76 & = B \\
70-72 & = B- \\
67-69 & = C+ \\
63-66 & = C \\
60-62 & = C- \\
57-59 & = D+ \\
53-56 & = D \\
50-52 & = D- \\
0-49 & = F
\end{align*}
\]

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 this course outline and of the course requirements may be subject to change.

Tutorial Information

Tutorial classes are informal. Nicole and Ellen are available only 6-6:45 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!!

Ethics

You are responsible for complying with the "Statement on Academic Ethics" and the "Senate Resolutions on Academic Integrity" as found in the Senate Policy Statements distributed at registration and available in the Senate Office. Any student who infringes one of these resolutions will be treated according to the published policy.

Message from the Chair

The instructor cannot be responsible for returning long distance calls from students. Any student wishing to reach an instructor is invited to e-mail the instructor.
## Course Organization and Required Readings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>SECTION</th>
<th>READINGS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 6</td>
<td>Introduction and Research Methods</td>
<td>Chapter 1 (for background)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 13</td>
<td>Appendix 1 on Research Design</td>
<td>Appendix 2 on Statistics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 20</td>
<td>Brain and Behaviour</td>
<td>Chapter 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan. 27</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapter 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 3</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 10</td>
<td>MID-TERM EXAM (40%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb. 17</td>
<td>Sensation and Perception</td>
<td>Chapter 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 3</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapter 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 10</td>
<td>Learning</td>
<td>Chapter 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 17</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 24</td>
<td>Memory, Cognition, &amp; Language</td>
<td>Chapter 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mar. 31</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapter 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 7</td>
<td></td>
<td>Chapter 9 (345-371)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TBA</td>
<td>FINAL EXAM (50%)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Important Dates

- **Jan. 10**  Last day for registration in the course
- **Feb. 3**   Due date for written assignment #1
- **Feb. 10**  MIDTERM EXAM (40%)
- **Feb. 14**  Last day to withdraw from the course
- **Feb. 17**  No Class - Spring Break
- **March 10** DUE DATE FOR WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT #2
- **Apr. 7**   Last Class
- **TBA**      FINAL EXAM (50%)