

Psychology 202 A BioPsychology Fall 2009

5 credits. Place: BAG 131, Time: M,T,W,TH: 9:30-10:20.

Website: <http://courses.washington.edu/psy222>

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Content: We perceive the world around us and act upon it, learn and have emotions... How do we explain this complex behavior? This course provides an introduction to the various scientific perspectives and methods that have contributed to our understanding of the Biology of Behavior.

Textbook: "Biopsychology", by John P.J. Pinel; 7th Edition (2009), or Custom Edition.

Note: The Study Guide (By M.J. Mana and J.P.J. Pinel) is not required, but it is a useful resource, intended to help students with the material covered in the text.

Grading

- There will be **3 quarter exams** and **one final exam**. The material for these tests will come from **lecture** and **reading assignments**.
- The **dates** of these exams are indicated in the **schedule**.
- Tests will include multiple-choice, true-false, and other objective questions.
- Tests will emphasize the material covered since the previous exam, but they may also require knowledge of material already tested.
- Each of these 4 tests will have the **same value**.
- The **final grade** will be based on the **best 3** out of the 4 possible scores. Thus, **one** of the quarter exams, or the final exam, can be missed or dropped without penalty. However, additional missed exams will contribute a score of "0" towards the final grade.
- **There will be no make-up tests for any of the exams and final.** However, students that miss one exam for unavoidable reasons (death or serious illness in the immediate family, accidents, serious illness of the student, and university sanctioned activities) will be allowed to make-up for the missed test with a special test or special activities if **adequate proof** (University Code) is presented to the instructor.
- Enthusiasm and overall participation in the course are encouraged.
- Extra Credit: see website.

Grading Scale for Exams

% Correct--Score

95 & up	4.0
94 “	3.9
92 “	3.8
91 “	3.7
89 “	3.6
88 “	3.5
86 “	3.4
85 “	3.3
83 “	3.2
82 “	3.1
80 “	3.0

% Correct--Score

79 & up	2.9
77 “	2.8
76 “	2.7
74 “	2.6
73 “	2.5
71 “	2.4
70 “	2.3
68 “	2.2
67 “	2.1
65 “	2.0
64 “	1.9

% Correct--Score

62 & up	1.8
61 “	1.7
59 “	1.6
58 “	1.5
56 “	1.4
55 “	1.3
53 “	1.2
52 “	1.1
50 “	1.0
49 “	0.9
48 “	0.7

Psych 202 A Schedule (Fall 2009)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading (Biopsychology by Pinel)</u>
1. September 30	Introduction The Anatomy of the Nervous System	Chap 1.1 Chap 3
2. October 5	The Anatomy of the Nervous System Neural Conduction and Synaptic Transmission	Chap 3 Chap 4
3. October 12	Neural Conduction and Synaptic Transmission	Chap 4
4. October 19	Monday, October 19th REVIEW Tuesday, October 20th EXAM 1 Sensory Systems The Visual System	Chap 6
5. October 26	The Visual System	Chap 6
6. November 2	Principles of Sensory System Organization Tuesday, November 3rd REVIEW Wednesday, November 4th EXAM 2 Audition	Chap 7.1 Chap 7.2
7. November 9	Audition Wednesday, November 11th HOLIDAY, NO CLASS Development of the Nervous System	Chap 7.2 Chap 9.1
8. November 16	Learning, Memory and Amnesia Learning, Memory and Amnesia	Chap 11 Chap 11
9. November 23	Monday, November 23rd REVIEW Tuesday November 24th EXAM 3 Hunger, Eating and Health	Chap 12
	Thursday, Friday November 26th-27th HOLIDAY (NO CLASS, NO QUIZ SECTION)	
10. November 30	Hunger, Eating and Health Sleep, Dreaming and Circadian Rhythms	Chap 12 Chap 14
11. December 7	Drug Addiction and the Brain's Reward System	Chap 15
	Friday, December 11th: QUARTER ENDS	
<u>EXAM 4 (Final):</u>	Wednesday, December 16th 8:30 – 10:20 AM.	

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