

Psychology 202: Biopsychology Mini-Syllabus

The full version of the syllabus (which you are strongly encouraged to read) and all handouts for the course are available at the following web site: <http://shoreline.edu/dchris/psych202>

Basic Information

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Class Location:	Room 1102
Meeting Time:	Daily 11:30 – 12:20

Textbook

Carlson, N. R. (2011). *Foundations of behavioral neuroscience (8th Edition)*. Allyn and Bacon: New York.

Course Web Site

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Exams, Assignments, & Grading

There are five total formal tests in the course (4 regular exams and an optional final). Each test is worth 50 points. I will look at your 4 best test scores for the purpose of determining your grade. If you are satisfied with your performance after completing the 4th exam (Exam 4), you can skip the optional final. Students can choose to take the optional final (also worth 50 points) as an attempt to improve their lowest regular exam score. After each of the regular exams, there will be an extra credit session offering students the chance to add extra points to their exam score from the previous day. There are 2 separate required research paper assignments for this class (both are 2-3 pages in length and worth 15 points each). There are also several optional short papers and on-line test assignments that students may choose to do. I grade on a percentage scale which ranges from 96% = A (4.0) to 60% = D (1.0). Additional details on exams, assignments, and grading can be found in the full syllabus.

Important Dates in This Class

Exams		Optional Assignments and Deadlines	
1/26	Exam 1	1/17	Optional Reaction Paper #1 Due
2/10	Exam 2	1/25	Optional On-Line MC Test #1 Due
3/1	Exam 3	1/30	Optional Reaction Paper #2 Due
3/19	Exam 4	2/9	Optional On-Line MC Test #2 Due
3/23	Optional Final (11:30 a.m.)	2/21	Optional Reaction Paper #3 Due
		2/22	Last day to drop course with a "W"
		2/29	Optional On-Line MC Test #3 Due
	Required Writing Assignments		
2/6	Paper #1 Due	3/5	Optional Reaction Paper #4 Due
3/12	Paper #2 Due	3/16	Optional On-Line MC Test #4 Due

Just In Case This is the Last Day You Come to This Course...

If you have already registered for this course but later decide not to take it, PLEASE BE SURE TO OFFICIALLY DROP THE COURSE. Each quarter, a number of students get a grade of 0.0 (V) in this course because they forget to drop the class after they have stopped attending it. Please don't let this happen to you.