

Imperial Valley College
PSY 200 Biological Psychology
Summer 2018

Instructor: Crystal McSee
Class Times: Mon-Thur 10:00am to 12:10pm (CRN# 30065)
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Required Textbook: Kalat, J.W. 2015. Biological Psychology 12th. Belmont, CA. Wadsworth ISBN: 978-1305105409

Course Description: An exploration of the biological basis of human behavior. The development, structure and functions of the nervous system is thoroughly examined to provide insight into its complex relationship with human behavior, thought, and feelings. The history of neuroscience and methods of scientific inquiry are reviewed. (CSU, UC)

Student Learning Outcome (IVC): Upon completion of the course, students will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and/or attitudes as being demonstrated by being able to:

- Describe the action potential and how communication takes place between neurons. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
- Critique current research in biopsychology including the ethical methodology and safeguards used in animal and human studies.(ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
- Demonstrate an understanding of psychological theory regarding the relationship between physiology; cognition and emotion. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3)
- Identify the biological and endocrine based causes of neurological and mental disorders. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4)

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. If you are absent, it is **your** responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is **your** responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

Write Up (2 @ 25pts)

You will be required to complete a write up for each film viewed in class. Further details on the content of each write up will be discussed further in class.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points, must be typed, written in twelve point font, and double spaced. Papers are due at the beginning of class; one class meeting after the film was shown. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

Tests (2 @ 75pts)

There will be a total of two tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth seventy-five points each. **Please have a #2 pencil and scantron with you when you come to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

**A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification along with documented proof of emergency, jury duty or medical appointment unable to be scheduled at a different time.

In-Class/Homework Assignments (10 @ 10pts)

There will be a number of assignments given to complete in class. This will be discussed further in class as it may vary.

Grading:

Write Up	(2 x 25pts)	50pts
Tests	(2 x 75pts)	150pts
In-Class Assignments	(10 x 10pts)	100pts

****Total of 300pts Possible****

300-250 points = A

249-200 points = B

199-150 points = C

149-100points = D

99 & below = F

Classroom Etiquette:

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Also, if you are bringing your laptop to class, no surfing the internet or logging on to any social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). This is disruptive to the class. Thank you in advance! ☺

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):

"Students with disabilities at Imperial Valley College are eligible for accommodations related to their disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Services are provided to students with mobility, visual, hearing, speech, and orthopedic impairments, learning disabilities, psychological disabilities, Acquired Brain Injury, and other health impairments. Services are provided on an individual basis and may include reader services, note taking, tutoring, counseling, sign language interpreting, priority registration, learning disability assessment, and adapted computer instruction."

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

Class Agenda

Date	Topic	Homework
Day 1 6/18/18	Introductions/Syllabus	Buy your Book for class
Day 2 6/19/18	Film & In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 1
Day 3 6/20/18	Chapter 1 In Class Assignment	
Day 4 6/21/18	Chapter 1 cont. In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 2
Day 5 6/25/18	Chapter 2 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 3
Day 6 6/26/18	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	
Day 7 6/27/18	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	
Day 8 6/28/18	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 4
Day 9 7/2/18	Chapter 4 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 7
Day 10 7/3/18	Chapter 7 In Class Assignment	
Day 11 7/4/18	No Class Independence Day	
Day 12 7/5/18	Chapter 7 cont. In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 8
Day 13 7/9/18	Chapter 8 In Class Assignment	Begin Preparing For Midterm
Day 14 7/10/18	Midterm Prep & Review	Study for Midterm (Ch. 1-4, 7-8) Please be on time
Day 15 7/11/18	Midterm (Ch.1-4, 7-8)	Read Chapter 9

Day 16 7/12/18	Chapter 9 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 10
Day 17 7/16/18	Chapter 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 11
Day 18 7/17/18	Chapter 11 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 12
Day 19 7/18/18	Chapter 12 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 13
Day 20 7/19/18	Chapter 13 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 14
Day 21 7/23/18	Chapter 14 In Class Assignment	
Day 22 7/24/18	Film & In Class Assignment	
Day 23 7/25/18	Final Prep & Review	Study for Final (Ch. 9-14) Please be on time
Day 24 7/26/18	FINAL (Ch. 9-14)	Enjoy Your Time Off Before The Fall Semester Begins! ☺