

Psychology 3307 (S10): Spring 2022
(Blended Synchronous)

Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Psychology

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Textbook: Goodwin, C. J. (2015). *A History of Modern Psychology*, 5th Ed. USA: John Wiley & Sons.

This textbook is also available as an [e-Textbook](#) which costs less and is also available on “rental” basis.

On-Line Readings: These will be posted on course site.

Course Objectives

This course will provide a historical context to psychological issues. To this end, the contributions of great scholars, scientists, and psychologists will be critically examined. Also, psychology's present and future status as a discipline will be discussed. The learning goal of the course is to help you develop an understanding and an appreciation of the intellectual history that has shaped contemporary psychology.

Course Structure

My aim in organizing lecture material is two-fold: **a)** to clarify and elaborate on issues from the textbook and **b)** to provide additional information to guide your understanding of the historical issues relevant for psychology.

<p>Course is “Blended Synchronous”: What does it mean?</p>

- Each week this course has been assigned a virtual 3-hour time slot **Thurs 4.00-6.50 pm.**
- You should **set aside this time each week** for this course just as you would for a regular in-class sessions.
- **The course is mostly on-line but "blended" with face-to-face on-campus sessions for tests**
- The on-line class time will be used in a variety of ways. Some of these will include a live or a pre-recorded lecture by me for about 2-2.5 hours which you are expected to “attend” on-line.
- Some of the on-line sessions will include class activities

Evaluation

- **Two Tests: 50%**

There will be **two tests** (25%, 25%) covering materials from the assigned text chapters, readings, and lectures. Tests will have multiple-choice questions and short-essay questions. These tests will not be cumulative.

- These tests must be completed during the scheduled class time.
- Missing a Test: You must inform me by **e-mail within 24 hours of the missed Test**. Only illness or other exceptional and unavoidable circumstances will be considered. Documentary evidence such as a doctor's note may be required.

* **Being out of town, or away due to work, or for attending a social or family event are not acceptable reasons for missing a test.**

* The make-up test, if offered, will be scheduled in the last week of classes (Apr 4-8), and may be modified; e.g., different questions, more essay questions instead of multiple-choice.

- **Social Contract on Academic Integrity (2%)**

- **Topic Reflections: 20%**

Your class attendance will be critical as these will be based on class lectures and class discussions.

Best 3 of these will be counted towards the final grade

- **Class activities 8%**

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- **Two Assignments: 20%**

*** **Missing Due dates for Topic Reflections, Activities, Assignments:**

- ONE TIME only extension of 2 days maximum may be granted upon request. No reason will be required.
 - If you are unable to meet the due date more than once, you should inform me within 24 hours of the due date. Same criteria of eligibility of reasons apply as for missing a test. If your reason is accepted, late submissions may not be marked until the end of the term (Apr 11)
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Class & Tasks Schedule
Thurs 4.00 pm- 6.50 pm.

* You must do your assigned **readings** prior to the class

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS	Tasks & Due Dates
Jan 13	Introduction: Why Study History of Psychology? Philosophy of Science	Chapt 1	<u>Class Activity #1</u> Social Contract Due Mon Jan 17
20	The Greek Philosophers: Plato & Aristotle Eastern Perspective: Hinduism & Buddhism	Readings On-Line	<u>Topic Reflections #1</u> Due Mon Jan 24
27	Renaissance & Descartes British Empiricists Locke, Hobbes	Chapt 2	<u>Class Activity #2</u>
Feb 3	19 th Century: Three Beginnings of Psychology German Physiologists: Wundt	Chapt 3, 4 Chapt 7: Pgs 175-189	Asgn: Time Machine Due Mon Feb 7
Feb 10	Test 1 (25%) On-Campus, In-class: Room Surrey Main 2820		
17	<i>Psychology of Adaptation:</i> Darwin Darwin's Legacy	Chapt 5	<u>Topic Reflections #2</u> Due Mon Feb 28
Feb 24	*** Reading Break: No Class ***		
Mar 3	Functionalism William James & G. Stanley Hall	Chapt 6 Chapt 7: Pgs 187-205	<u>Class Activity #3</u>
10	Applied Psychology Tainted History of Intelligence Testing	Chapt 8 Readings On-Line	<u>Topic Reflections #3</u> Due Mon Mar 14
17	Thorndike & Pavlov	Chapt 10	<u>Class Activity #4</u>
24	Behaviorism: Watson, Skinner	Chapt 11 Readings On-Line	<u>Topic Reflections #4</u> Due Mon Mar 28
Mar 31	Test 2 (25%)		
Apr 7	Psychopathology & Freud's Legacy	Chapt 12	<u>Topic Reflections #5</u> (Optional Bonus) Due Mon Apr 11
			Asgn: Looking back-Looking forward Due Fri Apr 15