

## **Course: Psychology: History and Systems**

Time: 3:35pm – 5:25pm, Days: M, Location: Q103, Lecturer: Assistant Professor Mark E. Berg

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Text: A History of Psychology, Ideas & Context, *King, Viney & Woody*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition

### **Welcome:**

A core understanding of the history and philosophy of psychology forms an important base for all study in any area of psychology.

“The less we know about the past and the present the more insecure must prove our judgment of the future”.

Sigmund Freud

“History is not history unless it is truth”. Abraham Lincoln

"Historical knowledge councils against the glib acceptance of the latest fad or inflated idea". Harry Helson

### **Grading:**

	<b>Breakdown</b>	
Number	Assessment Item	Total % of Final Grade
1	Class Participation	5%
1	Midterm Exam	25%
6	Mini Reports	15%
1	Poster Project	15%
1	Poster Project Presentation	15%
1	Final Exam	25%

Class & research participation will be a subjective measure of your questions and comments during lectures and discussions and also your participation in 90 minutes worth of experimentation as a subject in psychological experiments (worth 2 points on the Sona system). Listed experiments are found on Stockton's Psychology homepage under the Research Link, <http://www.psycstockton.org/>. Group participation will also be considered in this measure.

The midterm exam will be a series of written essays taken from a pool of possible questions given in advance.

For the Mini Reports research any one of the major psychologists that have had an impact on the history of psychology. Spend 1 hour researching the person's life, history and impact on psychology and then summarize your findings in 2 pages or less.

The poster project will be discussed and worked on in a group, then produced as a group. The project will involve an investigation into any one of the major branches/systems of psychology.

The project poster presentation will also be discussed and worked on in a group and presented as a group with participation from all members. You will also be expected to view and comment on other students posters. Details will be advised.

The final exam will be in a similar format as the midterm but will cover the entire course. Questions will be taken from a pool of possible questions given in advance.

### **Office Hours:**

Office hours are best scheduled in advance by e-mail, best times are: Mon 1-3pm, Wed 10-11am & Fri 10-11am. Various other times are available by setting up an appointment.

I will be available many times (when not lecturing) to reply to e-mail questions and for IM chats on my Google Talk account: (drmarkberg).

Date	Topic	Chapter
01/19/11	Course Overview	
21	Critical Issues	1
24*	Critical Issues / Choose Group & Topic	2
26	Philosophical Issues	
28	Out of Class Research	
31*	Group Meeting / Ancient Psychological Thought	3
02/02/11	Ancient Psychological Thought	
4	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
7*	The Romans & Middle Ages	4
9	The Renaissance /Empiricism	5
11	Out of Class Research	
14*	Associationism and Utilitarianism	6
16	Rationalism	7
18	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
21*	Mechanization & Quantification	8
23	Naturalism & Humanitarian Reform	
25	Out of Class Research	9
28*	Midterm Review Session	
03/02/11	Group Meeting	
4	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
7*	Midterm Exam	
9	Psychophysics & Founding	10
11	Out of Class Research	
14-18	Spring Break / No Classes	
21	Developments After the Founding	11
23	Group Meeting	
25	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
28*	Functionalism	12
30	Behaviorism	13
04/01/11	Out of Class Research	
4*	Group Meeting	
6	Advising Day / No Classes	
8	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
11*	Gestalt	15
13	Psychoanalysis	16
15	Out of Class Research	
18*	Humanistic Psychology	17
20	Contemporary Psychology	18
22	Mini Report (5pm)	Mini Report (5pm)
25*	Group Presentations	
27	Group Presentations	
29	Final Exam Review Group Meetings	
05/02/11*	Final Exam	

\* indicates Monday