

YORK UNIVERSITY
HH/ PSYC 2240 3.0 M Biological Basis of Behaviour
(Winter, 2012)
Wednesday 7:00pm-10:00pm
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When sending email to the Course Director or TA, please put the **course name or number in the subject line** to ensure that your message is opened. Please refrain from asking question that could have been answered by simply reading this document.

Pre-requisite: AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 1010 6.00, with a minimum grade of C.

Required Text:

Kalat James, Biological Psychology, 10th Edition, Wadsworth Cengage, 2009.

Course Description:

Course emphasis will be placed on the biological basis of behavior. Topics will include biological correlates of behaviors such as memory and language. In addition, we shall examine biological basis of behavior such as emotions, sleep, drug actions and neuropsychological disorders.

Evaluation and Grading Schemes:

1. **Three tests** will be counted for the final course score. Exams are based on text, lectures and video presentations. Exams can be multiple choices, T/F, short answers, definitions and essays.

Test1_ 40%

Test2_ 40%

Test3_ 20%

Policy for Missed Tests

1. The student must contact the Teaching Assistant, Sabine Johnson and copy to the Course Director either in person or email within 48 hours of the test. In your email, you must state your name, student number, and the reason you cannot take the test. The student must show appropriate documentation to the T.A. who is in charge of Make-up Tests, verifying the circumstances for the missed test. Failure to provide appropriate documentation will result in a grade of "0%" for the missed test. A legitimately recognized reason for missing a test is a medical one. Test missed on the grounds of medical conditions must be supported by an attending physician's statement Form. The form could be downloaded from the Registrar's Office

Website: http://www.yorku.ca/grads/forms/NEW/attending_physician_statement.pdf

The document **MUST** state that the student is incapacitated to an extent that taking the test on the DATE of the test is not possible. **The department of Psychology encourages Course Directors to verify suspicious student claims with the physicians directly.** Failure to provide appropriate documentation will result in a grade of "0%" for the missed test.

2. We apologize ahead of time if the make-up exam time and date is inconvenient for you. All make-up tests will be held approximately one week following the original test date. You will be informed of the time and location of the exam when you contact the Teaching Assistant. Only one offer of make-up test date per student per test. Missing more than one test will trigger an investigation and may result in 0% for the second miss test.
3. *Non-medical circumstances must be supported by appropriate documentation* (i.e. death certificates, or obituary notice in the case of attending funeral for a close relative).
4. If any of the test dates specified in this syllabus is in conflict with a particular *religious holiday*, please email the teaching assistant and copy to the Course Director in the first three weeks of class. The claim will be checked against the list of recognized religious holidays.

Important York Policies

Academic Honesty (Senate Policy)

The Policy on Academic Honesty is a reaffirmation and clarification for members of the University of the general obligation to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty. It outlines the general responsibility of faculty to foster acceptable standards of academic conduct and of the student to be mindful of and abide by such standards. Faculty members are encouraged to pursue suspected cases of academic honesty with formal charges. Students should, however, review the York Academic Honesty policy for themselves at: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/legislation/senate/acadhonesty.htm>

Students might also wish to review the interactive on-line Tutorial for students on academic integrity, at: <http://www.yorku.ca/academicintegrity/tutorial.htm>

Religious Accommodation

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community, and making accommodations for observances of special significance to adherents. Should any of the dates specified in your course syllabus for an in-class test or examination pose such a conflict for you, contact the Course Director within the first three weeks of class. Similarly, should an assignment to be completed in a lab, practicum placement, workshop, etc., scheduled later in the term pose such a conflict, contact the Course Director immediately. More information is located here:

<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/regobs>

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<http://www.yorku.ca/scdr/studentconduct.html> for details) specifically prohibits theft of intellectual property by a student, which includes recording a Course Director's lecture without their permission or taking lecture material provided for a student online, modifying it, and/or using it for a student's own personal use or gain. The material provided by a Course Director is only to be used for a student's personal study when they take the course for which it was created. Use in any other way could result, at the minimum, in sanctions in accordance with the York's Student Code of Conduct and, at the maximum, will be breaking federal, provincial or municipal laws and will be acted on accordingly.

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPICS	READINGS
Jan. 4	Introduction	Ch. 1
Jan. 11	Neurons and communication	Ch. 2
Jan. 18	Synapses	Ch. 3
Jan. 25	Anatomy of the nervous system	Ch. 4
Feb. 1	<i>Test1 (Ch. 1-4) 40%</i>	
Feb. 8	Vision	Ch. 6
Feb. 10	<i>Last Day to drop a course without receiving a grade</i>	
Feb. 15	Reproductive Behaviour	Ch.11
Feb. 22	<i>Reading Week, no class</i>	
Feb. 29	Sleep	Ch. 9
Mar. 7	<i>Test2 (Ch. 6, 9, 11) 40%</i>	
Mar. 14	Internal Regulation	Ch. 10
Mar. 21	Memory	Ch 13
Mar. 28	<i>Test3 (Ch. 10, 13) 20%</i>	
	Happy Summer Holidays!!	