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“Hybrid” Course Structure:

• This course will combine reading material, text and PDFs, with in-class lectures, online lecture presentations, online self-assessments, on-line exams

• Wednesday class periods, all in-class lectures, are optional and focus on difficult material

• Monday and Friday class periods will be live, on-line question-and-answer sessions with the professor and/or TA

Presentation of Course Material

• The course material is divided into 12 Units

• Each Unit is designed to take either 1 or 2 weeks to complete  
  – 10 Units are designed to take 1 week  
  – 2 Units are designed to take 2 weeks

• Your mastery of the material will be determined in online Unit exams, which you may take at any time during the Unit’s scheduled time (1-2 weeks, depending on the Unit)

• Once you study the Unit material, you may take the Unit self assessments; these are optional and are provided to help you determine your level of proficiency
• Extra credit is given for taking the self assessments

• You must complete each Unit in the 1 or 2 weeks scheduled, otherwise you will receive no credit for that Unit

• Each course Unit is defined by a list of learning objectives (LOs).

• For example

Unit 10 is “Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders”
Unit 10 Learning Objectives (a partial list).
  10.1 Describe the symptoms of schizophrenia and discuss the evidence that some forms of schizophrenia are heritable.
  10.2 Discuss drugs that alleviate or produce the positive symptoms of schizophrenia
  10.3 Discuss research into the nature of a possible dopamine abnormality in the brains of schizophrenics.
  10.4 Discuss evidence based on population studies that the negative symptoms of schizophrenia may result from brain damage.

Course Material

• The primary material for each LO is presented in the text or, depending on the Unit, a PDF article (provided).

• Online presentations/PPTs, and the in-class lecture, will serve to extend and reinforce the text/PDF material

• Additional material is also provided online in MyPsychKit (included with the text) for those interested

Self-Assessments and Unit Exams

• Once you have completed study of the materials for a Unit, you may, at any time, take the Unit Exam – there is one for each Unit

• Each LO will have a corresponding online self assessment; these are for your benefit, but extra credit will be earned (see grading) for each assessment completed

• You are strongly encouraged to take the self assessments

• Self-assessments and Unit exams must be taken individually - taking Unit exams with assistance constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty
Grading
- There are 12 Unit exams; your two lowest grades will be dropped – allowing you to, for whatever reason, skip two Unit Exams.

- Additionally, 5 extra-credit points will be added to a Unit’s exam score if you complete all of that Unit’s self assessments (these cannot be carried over to another Unit if, for example, you did not take that Unit’s exam.

- To determine your course grade, then, the scores from your 10 highest Unit exams (including earned extra credit) will simply be added.

Grading Scale
- 94-100% A
- 90-93 A-
- 87-89 B+
- 84-86 B
- 80-83 B-
- 77-79 C+
- 74-76 C
- 70-73 C-
- 67-69 D+
- 64-66 D
- 60-63 D-
- <59 F

Academic Dishonesty
- As stated above, self-assessments and Unit exams must be taken individually - taking Unit exams with assistance constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty.

- We fully endorse the UF Honor Code - dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcode.php

- Zero, absolutely ZERO tolerance

- All cases will be reported to the Office of Student Affairs

Cellphone/txting policy during In-class Lectures
- No Cell phones/txting during class - you will be asked to put the phone away, and/or to leave

- An issue of simple, common courtesy to instructor and to your classmates

- Facilitates learning, as you will learn in this course, the suggestion that multi-tasking can aid in development of complex cognitive skills is not correct.