

**SYLLABUS**  
**George Mason University**  
**Physiological Psychology – Psych 372-A01**  
**Summer 2013**

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**Class Hours & Location:** Monday thru Thursday, May 20 to June 20, 2013  
9:30 – 11:45 am  
Innovation Hall – Room 204

**Office Hours:** Mondays – 12:30 – 1:30 pm  
Or by appointment

**Office Location:** David King – Room 2063

**Phone:** 703 993-1748

**REQUIRED TEXT:** *Biological Psychology* 10<sup>th</sup> ed. (2010) by James W. Kalat  
(9<sup>th</sup> ed. or 11<sup>th</sup> ed. is also okay).  
Cengage Learning, Inc. Wadsworth Publishers  
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**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND REQUIREMENTS:**

Physiological psychology explores the biological, chemical, anatomical, and physiological aspects of the brain, demonstrating the integration of the fields of psychology and neuroscience. By course end, the student should be able to identify anatomical parts of the brain, and understand how physiological functioning relates to and influences human behavior.

**PARTICIPATION:** Class attendance will be taken in each class. Although not mandatory, regular class attendance (no more than 1 absence) can result in up to 1 point added to the final grade. Class attendance will be considered as participation in the course.

**LECTURE:** Lecture material will be taken from the assigned textbook. The student will be held responsible for all material discussed in class and the material contained in the text, unless otherwise noted by the instructor. It will be impossible to cover all material in class. Thus, the student must read, study, and review the chapters carefully in order to maintain a good class grade.

**Class Notes:** Class notes are on-line in the library e-reserves. You will receive a handout with all directions and password on the first day of class.

**EXAMS:** There will be an exam at the end of each week of the summer session – the second hour of each of the five Thursday classes. Each exam will be worth 20 points. There will be no makeup exams – no exceptions

**FINAL GRADE COMPOSITE:**

Attendance/Participation:	Up to 1 point
Exams - 5, 20 pt exams	Up to 100 points
<u>Possible Total points:</u>	<u>101 possible points</u>

**\*Keep in mind that the psychology department requires a minimum grade of C- in order for psychology majors to pass this course.**

**Honor Code:** Strict adherence to the GMU Honor Code as stated in the GMU catalog is expected and enforced.

**Accommodations :** If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Office of Disability Center (ODC) at 703-993-2474. All accommodations must be arranged through that office.

**GRADE BREAKDOWN:**

100 +	A+	74-76	C
95 +	A	70-73	C-
90-94	A-	60-69	D
87-89	B+	< 60	F
84-86	B		
80-83	B-		
77-79	C+		

**\*Deadlines for add and drop for classes:**

**Last day to drop with no tuition liability – May 24, 2013**

**COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to change)**

<b>Week one</b>	<b>Chapters 1 and 2</b>
<b>Week two</b>	<b>Chapters 3 and 4</b>
<b>Week three</b>	<b>Chapters 5 and 6</b>
<b>Week four</b>	<b>Chapters 8 and 13</b>
<b>Week five</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b>
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>June 20 - regular time (9:30am), regular classroom</b>

**There will be a 20 point exam in the second hour of each of the five Thursday classes. There will be NO makeup exams.**

**Monday, May 27 is Memorial Day. There will be no class.**