

Psychology 465-003: History and Systems of Psychology

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Course Goal: An overview of the people, ideas, and basic systems of psychology over time.

Text: A History of Psychology: 4th Edition, by King, Viney, & Woody. ISBN: 978-0205512133.

Grading: Four quizzes: 15% each
Paper on a figure in the History of Psychology: 15%
Group presentation: 15%
Attendance and participation: 10%

Course paper guidelines and requirements: A research paper is due on the last day of class. This paper will focus on a person in your text or someone not in the text who is highly relevant to the field of psychology. The paper will either a) investigate possible influences of upbringing and life events on the person's work, or b) summarize the person's work and critically review their contribution to the field of psychology. The paper will be written in APA style, including end-note citations and a reference section. The minimum length is six typed pages. The maximum length is 10 pages, **NOT** including references. Your subject and reason for picking them should be written on a 3x5 card with your name on it, and is due to me at the end of the second week of class.

Requirement is a minimum of four SCHOLARLY references:--usually academic journals (e.g., the History of Psychology or Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences), and a maximum of four secondary references. For these, you may consult biographies and autobiographies (for example, Hall's The life and Confessions of a Psychologist, Carl Rogers' On Becoming a Person), and original writings. If you use the web for research, beware: there's a large amount of **inaccurate** information out there. Inaccurate information **will** count against your grade. All sources must be referenced. The paper is due on the last day of class. Late papers will lose 25% credit.

Group Presentations: Groups will be assigned. Each group will be assigned a topic relating to a major system in psychology and expand upon it. Presentations will include powerpoint slides and will last from 30-45 minutes. Presentations will be, in part, peer-graded.

Extra credit: Students can enroll in Psyc 328 and earn an extra hour of course credit.

GMU Honor policy. As mature adults, you are expected to know and follow the GMU Honor Code. See: www.gmu.edu/catalog/acadpol.html#Honor. The instructor for this course reserves the right to enter a failing grade to any student found guilty of an honor code violation.

Documented Disabilities. If you are a student with disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 709-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

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