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<th>COURSE:</th>
<th>PSY230 - BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY</th>
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<td>SPRING SEMESTER, 2014</td>
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<td>CLASS TIME &amp; LOCATION:</td>
<td>Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM – 9:20 AM</td>
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<td>RMSC 233</td>
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<td>Laboratory: M 2-5 PM RMSC 228</td>
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<td>COURSE WEB SITE:</td>
<td>All course materials such as grades, a current syllabus, course schedule, lecture slides, and assignments can be found on the course Moodle site that is accessible through your My.Wofford account. Important course announcements are sent via email so you must check your Wofford email daily.</td>
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<td>INSTRUCTOR:</td>
<td>David W. Pittman, Ph.D.</td>
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<td>CONTACT INFORMATION:</td>
<td>E-mail: <a href="mailto:pittmandw@wofford.edu">pittmandw@wofford.edu</a></td>
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<td>Phone: (864) 597 – 4644 (leave a message if no answer!)</td>
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<td>OFFICE:</td>
<td>RMSC 231B</td>
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<td>OFFICE HOURS:</td>
<td>MWF – 9:30-10:30 AM or by appointment (phone or e-mail to arrange a mutually acceptable time)</td>
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<td>COURSE DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, &amp; GOALS:</td>
<td>This class will introduce you to what is currently known about nervous system mechanisms that underlie both biology and behavior. Additionally, this course will provide you with a better understanding of the scientific methods that are used to generate this knowledge. Course Goals &amp; Outcomes: • Understand basic peripheral and central neuroanatomy • Know the reception, conduction, and transmission of neural signals • Know the stimuli, transduction mechanisms, &amp; neurology of the senses • Understand the basis of biological homeostatic systems • Understand the neural basis of emotions, learning, and memory • Understand the biological basis &amp; symptoms of neurological disorders • Be able to write a scientific report.</td>
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<td>EVALUATION:</td>
<td>Your final grade will be determined in the following manner:</td>
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<td>The exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer questions, and essays.</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Final Exam</td>
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<td>Lab Grade (see Moodle Site for list of assignments)</td>
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<td>Final Grade:</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Penalties for Late Assignments:</td>
<td>All work is assigned in advance with ample time to complete the assignment. Turning in assignments after the due time is not acceptable. There will be a 10 point deduction from the assignment grade for each 24 hr period that an assignment is late. If an assignment is 4 days late, the student will be assigned a WF for the course.</td>
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**COMPLETION OF WORK:** You must conduct each laboratory experiment and submit a complete lab report (Introduction, Methods, Results, & Discussion sections) to meet the requirements of this course. **If an assignment is 4 days late, you will receive a WF for the course.** In the event of special circumstances, arrangements for completing the work in a timely manner will be made.

**GRADING SCALE:** Letter grades will be assigned as follows: A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D = 60-69, and below 60 = F. This division is subject to modification, if necessary. If at anytime you have questions about your grades or grading in general, please make an appointment to see me.

**EXAM SCHEDULE:** The exam schedule is subject to change. A current schedule can be found on the course Moodle website accessible through your MyWofford account.

- **EXAM 1** - Monday, Feb. 24
- **EXAM 2** - Friday, Mar. 21
- **EXAM 3** - Friday, Apr. 18
- **EXAM 4** - Wednesday, May 7
- **Alternative FINAL EXAM Periods:**
  - Tuesday, May 13 9AM-noon & 2-5 PM
  - Weds, May 14 2-5PM
- **FINAL EXAM** - Thursday, May 15 9AM-noon

**MAKE-UP EXAMS:** There are NO make-up exams. The exam schedule is posted on the web site and all exams will be taken on the appropriate date. Special arrangements may be made in the case of medical, personal, or emergency situations - **IF I AM NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EXAM.** My voice mail (office phone: 597-4644) is available 24 hours a day and it has a time stamp to identify when you called. You must notify me if you are going to miss an exam - **NO EXCUSES.**

**ABSENCE POLICY:** In accordance with the policy of the college, **attendance of all class meetings is mandatory.** Attendance of class will be monitored. In the case of excused absences (refer to the Student Handbook for definition) every effort will be made to assist in the comprehension of the missed work. Students with 2 unexcused absences will result in a report to the Dean’s office and an additional unexcused absence (3rd absence) will result in the student being dropped (WF / WP) from the course.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** The integrity of the academic programs of the college and the value of the credentials of graduates of the college are threatened by acts of academic dishonesty. All acts of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the Student Honor Code.


Academic dishonesty includes acts such as cheating, manipulating data, and plagiarism. All exams & quizzes are to be taken without the aid of notes, books, or other people. You are encouraged to study with your classmates. All lab reports are subject to policies on plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** The ADA requires that all qualified persons have equal opportunity and access to education regardless of the presence of any disabling conditions. It is the student’s responsibility to inform me of any special accommodations needed. Students needing special accommodations for a testing situation must notify me in advance (at least 1 week) of the exam.

*This syllabus is subject to change upon notification.*