Psych 411: Evolutionary Psychology
Spring Semester, 2008
Kildee Hall, Room 108
MWF, 2:10-3:00pm

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Course Information

Course goals: Psych 411 is a course designed to look at how researchers in psychology are applying evolutionary theory to understanding human behavior. The purpose of the course is to discuss new theories of human behavior that are the result of applying evolutionary theory to problems in psychology.

Tentative Schedule

January 14 M    Course Introduction
January 16 W    Introduction to Evolutionary Psychology
January 18 F    Evolution of Humans
January 21 M    Martin Luther King Day, no class!
January 23 W  Evolution of Humans
January 25 F  Evolution of Humans
January 28 M  Evolution of Humans
January 30 W  Evolution of Language
February 1 F  Evolution of Language
February 4 M  Evolution of Language
February 6 W  Evolution of Mating
February 8 F  Evolution of Mating
February 11 M  Evolution of Mating
February 13 W  Midterm #1
February 15 F  Midterm #1
February 18 M  Evolution of Sex and Love
February 20 W  Evolution of Sex and Love
February 22 F  Evolution of Sex and Love
February 25 M  Evolution of Altruism
February 27 W  Evolution of Altruism
February 29 F  Evolution of Altruism
March 3 M  Evolution of Altruism
March 5 W  Evolution of Violence
March 7 F  Evolution of Violence
March 10 M  Evolution of Violence
March 12 W  Evolution of Violence
March 14 F  Evolution of Art
March 17 M  Spring Break, no class!
March 19 W  Spring Break, no class!
March 21 F  Spring Break, no class!
March 24 M  Evolution of Art
March 26 W  Midterm #2
March 28 F  Midterm #2
March 31 M  Evolution of Happiness
April 2 W  Evolution of Happiness
April 4 F  Evolution of Ethics
April 7 M  Evolution of Ethics
April 9 W  Evolution of Ethics
April 11 F  Evolution of Parenting
April 14 M  Evolution of Parenting
April 16 W  Evolution of Emotions
April 18 F  Evolution of Emotions
April 21 M  Evolution of Emotions
April 23 W  Evolution of Personality
April 25 F  Evolution of Personality
April 28 M  Objections to Evolutionary Psychology
April 30 W  Objections to Evolutionary Psychology
May 2 F  Evolutionary Philosophy of Life
May 7 W  Final Exam (closed book) 2:15 – 4:15 pm

Grading
Grades will be based on three closed book tests and one term paper and, one brief article summary. The grading scale is as follows:

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It is possible that some of these percentages will be adjusted down depending on class performance. Large numbers of class absences will, at the discretion of the instructor, also be cause for lowering a grade.

Points are assigned in the following manner:

Points
Exam #1 40
Exam #2 40
Final Exam 40
Term paper 40
Critical article 5
165 points total

Missed Examination Policy
If you are going to miss an examination, you need to contact the TA as soon as possible to discuss when the exam can be made up. All exams must be made up within one week of when they are given in class.