Psych 411: Evolutionary Psychology
Spring Semester, 2013
Physics Hall Room 58
Mondays, 6:10 - 8:40pm

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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

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<td>January 14 M</td>
<td>Introduction to Evolutionary Psychology</td>
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<td>January 28 M</td>
<td>Evolution of Humans</td>
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<td>February 4 M</td>
<td>Evolution of Language</td>
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February 25 M  |  **Midterm #1**, Mating continued
March 4 M    |  Evolution of Sexual behavior
March 11 M   |  Evolution of Art
March 18 M   |  No class, Spring Break!
March 25 M   |  Evolution of Altruism
April 1 M    |  **Midterm #2**, Evolution of Ethics
April 8 M    |  **Midterm #2**, Evolution of Ethics
April 15 M   |  Evolution of Happiness
April 22 M   |  Evolution of Emotions
April 29 M   |  Objections to Evolutionary Psychology
May 6 M      |  Final Exam, 7pm – 9pm

**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. Because discussion is an important part of the class, and the class meets only once a week, repeated class absences (more than 1) will, at the discretion of the instructor, also be cause for lowering a grade.

Points are assigned in the following manner:

- Exam #1: 40 points
- Exam #2: 40 points
- Final Exam: 40 points
- Term paper: 40 points
- Critical article: 5 points

Total 165 points

**Missed Examination Policy**

Please do not contact the instructor if you miss an exam or need to take the exam at a non-standard time. All inquiries about missed exams and the missed examination policy should be directed to the TA, not the instructor. 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.