

Psych 240 Discussion Section: Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

Section 026 (Friday, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm) 1112 SPH2; Section 028 (Thursday, 9:00 am – 10:00 am) 1060 EH; Section 030 (Friday, 9:00 am – 10:00 am) 1060 EH

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Welcome to our class! Our discussion section is intended to be an engaging, hands-on supplement to the course lecture. We will 1) clarify concepts from lecture and assigned readings, 2) discuss important principles and apply them via activities to build upon what we learn in lecture, 3) take weekly quizzes on the lecture and textbook material (as well as go over the quiz answers from the week before), and 4) discuss each week's Coglab activities

Section Expectations

Attendance: On-time attendance to section is mandatory. If you miss a section, it is your responsibility to contact me to see if any in-class assignments were missed. If you will be missing section due to observance of religious holidays you must notify me by September 16th (please check with the university's religious holiday calendar ASAP). I understand that sometimes students need to miss a section due to serious illness or a prior engagement.

Participation: As these are discussion sections your participation is also mandatory. I will be counting on you to help guide discussion section topics so please raise questions, offer ideas, and make contributions in other ways to ensure that our discussions are as productive as possible.

It will also be important to follow a few general guidelines to ensure that our discussion sections run smoothly and are enjoyable for everyone.

- Respect others' potentially differing opinions and their right to express them.

Questions/comments should be directed at the underlying ideas and not as judgments of the individual(s) who hold those ideas.

- Participate, but self-regulate. Everyone should and will have the chance to contribute to discussions.

- I reserve the right to ask students engaging in disruptive behavior (e.g. sleeping in class, using cellphones or laptops inappropriately, or being otherwise rude/confrontational) to leave section early (refer to Quiz Policy for how this would affect your grade).

Quiz Policy: Quizzes will be administered via CANVAS in the final 10-20 minutes of each section, therefore on-time attendance at the entire section is required. You cannot arrive late to section each week and then expect to take the quiz at the end and receive credit. Also, keep in mind that if you are not able to take the quiz, you will receive a 0 for that week's section. Make-up quizzes will not be allowed as you guys have 2 "freebies," the two lowest quizzes that will be dropped at the end of the semester. Only under EXTRAORDINARY circumstances will I make any exceptions to the above rules (e.g. an extended illness that is documented by UHS or another physician), and even so, these exceptions will be at my discretion. If you have any concerns/further questions about this policy feel free to speak to me either after sections, at office hours, or via email. Please bring your laptops to section each week (and make sure they have enough charge) so that you are able to take the online quizzes. I will also have a few extra paper copies of the quiz in case someone does forget their laptop on occasion.

Office Hours: You are welcome to visit me during office hours to discuss topics and concerns related to the course on a first come, first served basis. See above for times and location. If you have a time conflict with my scheduled office hours, you may contact me via email to set up an appointment. Please contact me to request a scheduled appointment at least two days in advance.

E-mail Policy: I will do my best to answer your e-mails about course-related issues by the end of the following business day. Business hours are defined as 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. If you do not receive a response within 48 hours after sending an email (excluding weekends), please resend the email as it may have become buried in my inbox. If you have a substantive question (i.e. a question on course material), I would very much prefer that we talk in/after discussion, or during office hours, where I can explain things in detail.

Academic Integrity: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/acadintegrity/students/> The University does not tolerate academic dishonesty. You must submit your own original work and cite sources whenever necessary. If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, you will be reported to the Psych Department, as well as the University for disciplinary proceedings. Simply put, do not cheat or plagiarize, the consequences are not worth it and can affect your future for years to come.

Special Accommodations: I am happy to accommodate your needs if you have a special testing need or disability. Please provide me with documentation from the University Office for Services for Students with Disabilities within the first two weeks of the semester (<http://www.umich.edu/~sswd/>)