

PSYC82F: Theoretical Psychology
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Textbook: A. Kukla, Methods of Theoretical Psychology (photocopied manuscript to be purchased in class).

Grading: A midterm and a final essay test, worth 40% and 60% of the final grade.

Lectures and Readings:

11/9. The enterprise of theoretical psychology [ch. 1]

18/9. Concepts and Propositions [ch. 2, pp. 19-40]

25/9. Arguments [ch. 2, pp. 40-56]

2/10. Theories and data [ch. 3]

16/10. Theory Construction and Evaluation [ch. 4]

23/10. Midterm exam [results will be posted before the drop date]

30/10. The Derivation and Testing of Empirical Hypotheses [ch. 5]

6/11. Necessary Propositions [ch. 8]

13/11. Conceptual Issues [ch. 9]

20/11. Theoretical Amplification [ch. 6]

27/11. Theoretical Simplification [ch. 7]

4/12. The contingent a priori in psychology [ch. 10]