

PSYC82F: Theoretical Psychology
Fall, 1997

Instructor: A. Kukla [office hour: Monday 3-4 and by appointment, S-572]

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:

- 8/9. The enterprise of theoretical psychology [ch. 1]
- 15/9. Concepts and Propositions [ch. 2, pp. 19-40]
- 22/9. Arguments [ch. 2, pp. 40-56]
- 29/9. Theories and data [ch. 3]
- 6/10. Theory Construction and Evaluation [ch. 4]
- 13/10. Thanksgiving holiday
- 20/10. The Derivation and Testing of Empirical Hypotheses [ch. 5]
- 27/10. Midterm exam [results will be posted by the drop date of 3/11]
- 3/11. Theoretical Amplification [ch. 6]
- 10/11. Theoretical Simplification [ch. 7]
- 17/11. Necessary Propositions [ch. 8]
- 24/11. Conceptual Issues [ch. 9]
- 3/12. The contingent a priori in psychology [ch. 10]