

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:

14/9. The enterprise of theoretical psychology [ch. 1]

21/9. Concepts and propositions [ch. 2, pp. 19-40]

28/9. Arguments [ch. 2, pp. 40-56]

5/10. Theories and data [ch. 3]

12/10. Thanksgiving holiday

19/10. Theory construction and evaluation [ch. 4]

26/10. Midterm exam [results will be posted before the drop date of 6/11]

2/11. The Derivation and testing of empirical hypotheses [ch. 5]

9/11. Theoretical amplification [ch. 6]

16/11. Theoretical simplification [ch. 7]

23/11. Necessary propositions [ch. 8]

30/11. Conceptual Issues [ch. 9]

7/12. The contingent a priori in psychology [ch. 10]