

# HISTORY OF PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC85)

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## Course Outline

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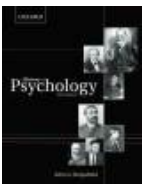
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**Textbook:** John G. Benjafield's (2010) *A history of psychology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*. Published by Oxford University Press.

**Lectures:** Thursdays in SW143, 1-3 pm

**Midterm Exam:** Thursday October 25, 2012 in class

**Blackboard Usage:**

- Lecture slides will be posted on Wednesday evenings on Blackboard.
- Midterm grades will be posted in the Grade Book.
- Please check the Blackboard Announcements regularly to make sure you keep up to date with what's happening in the course.

**Goals of the course:**

The course offers an overview of developments in psychology both as a *profession* and as a *discipline*. Special attention is given to:

- a. The philosophical contributions of the ancient Greeks.
- b. The emergence of science during the Renaissance.
- c. French, English, and German contributions to psychology.
- d. Major developments related to psychology in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- e. The founding of experimental psychology.
- f. Schools of psychology including: behaviourism, structuralism, phenomenology, existentialism, functionalism and cognitivism.

**Evaluation:**

(1) Midterm test and Final exam, each with 50 multiple choice questions (25 from the text and 25 from the lecture material).

\*In terms of textbook content, the midterm will cover the first half of the textbook: Chapters 1-8 (inclusive). The final exam will cover the second half of the textbook: Chapter 9-16 (inclusive).

(2) 15 page term paper on a topic of your choice related to the history of psychology.

\*Apart from 15 pages of content, you also need to include a title page and a reference section. More details about the paper will be posted to Blackboard, so stay tuned!

Your final grade is based on: Midterm (1/3), Final Exam (1/3), and Paper (1/3).