

PSYB45: BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION

WINTER 2013

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Course Information: LEC001: Fridays 12-3 AA112; LEC60: WebOption provided

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Required Reading Material: *Applied Behavior Analysis: Principles and Procedures for Modifying Behavior*, by Edward Sarafino

Additional required readings will be available through Blackboard

Blackboard

All course information including the syllabus and assigned readings will be available on the Blackboard system. Exam grades, course announcements, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will also be found on Blackboard. Finally, all class emails will be sent through Blackboard; thus, please be sure your listed email address is correct.

Course Email

All inquiries regarding the course, exams, office hours, lectures, etc. should be sent to the course email address: **PSYB45.2013@gmail.com**. Any emails sent to the personal email addresses of Dr. Uliaszek, Nadia, or Zenya will be deleted. In addition, any email asking for information already listed in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or in the syllabus will be deleted.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

A list of FAQs can be found on Blackboard. Please check this list before sending an email. This list will be updated regularly and will answer many of the common questions that students have regarding this class. You can find the FAQs under Announcements on Blackboard.

Course Requirements

Midterm Exam: Students will complete a multiple-choice exam approximately halfway through the course (time and place TBA). The exam will not exceed two hours. This exam will be worth 50% of the final grade.

Final Exam: Students will complete a multiple-choice exam during finals week (time and place TBA). The exam will not exceed two hours. This exam will be worth 50% of the final grade.

Class Schedule

Date	Topics	Reading
Jan 11	Defining Behavior/Areas of Application	Chapters 1, 2, 4
Jan 18	Data Usage and Functional Assessment	Chapters 3, 13
Jan 25	Respondent Conditioning	Chapters 21, 22
Feb 1	Implementing Respondent Conditioning	Chapters 23, 24
Feb 8	Implementing Respondent Conditioning	Chapters 25, 26
Feb 15	Operant Conditioning	Chapters 5, 6, 7
Feb 22	NO CLASS – Reading week	
March 1	Increasing Behaviors	Chapters 15, 16
March 8	Decreasing Behaviors	Chapters 17, 18, 19
March 15	New Behaviors	Chapters 10, 11, 12
March 22	Antecedent and Motivation	Chapters 8, 9, 14
March 29	NO CLASS – Good Friday	
April 5	Ethical Dilemmas and Future Directions	Chapters 27, 28
MONDAY April 8	Psychopathology and Psychotherapy	
Finals Week April 15-30	FINAL EXAM (TBA)	

Policies

Academic integrity: Cheating, copying, plagiarism, or any other serious breach of integrity is unacceptable at all times. Any occurrences of this type will be dealt with in accordance to the policies of the University of Toronto.

Photo IDs: A student must provide photo identification (ideally a student ID) on both the midterm and final exam days. The student will show the ID when handing in the test form. If a student does not provide photo ID, he or she has 24 hours to provide it to the professor.

Makeup exams: A makeup exam will be held approximately one week after the regularly schedule exam at a time and date to be determined. Students will be permitted to write a deferred midterm exam only in the event that they are unable to appear on the day of the exam due to a verified illness, a serious family emergency (e.g., a death in the family), or religious observances. With respect to absences due to illness, please note that students will only be permitted to write a deferred exam if they provide a valid UTSC Medical Certificate. The medical certificate must indicate: (a) that the student sought medical attention on the day of the exam (not the day before or after), (b) the nature/timeline of the student's problem and the diagnostic tests that were performed, and (c) how the problem prevented the student from writing the regularly scheduled midterm exam. Medical certificates must be signed by the physician and include his or her contact information in order to be considered valid. Students will be required to submit their medical certificates for verification before they will be permitted to write the deferred midterm exam.