

**Psychology 101-074**  
**Fall 2006**  
**Union County College**

**SYLLABUS**

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**Class Meetings:** Saturday 9:00 - 12:00  
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**Required Text:** Invitation to Psychology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition  
Wade and Tavris (authors)

**DATES/TOPICS**

October 14	Learning and Conditioning
October 21	Memory
October 28	Intelligence/Assessment
November 4	EXAM
November 11	Personality/Development
November 18	Diagnosis/Abnormal Psychology I
November 25	NO CLASS
December 2	Abnormal Psychology II
December 9	Psychotherapy/Treatment
December 16	FINAL EXAM

This syllabus represents the time period during which Dr. Schwartz has assumed instructor responsibilities for this section. Students will not be responsible for material covered prior to this time period.

Exams will be a combination of multiple-choice and short essay questions. Each exam will represent 40% of your final grade. A paper assignment will represent the remaining 20% of your final grade. The paper will be due on DEC. 9<sup>th</sup>. The paper should be a minimum of 10 pages in length, double-spaced with one-inch margins. It is expected that you will research your chosen topic and present both "sides" in a clear and concise manner, with clear indication of references throughout the paper. You should then conclude the paper by stating your own thoughts and impressions, and supporting them with the information provided. You may choose from one of the following topics:

- 1) Do diagnostic labels help or hinder in the treatment of people with mental disorders?
- 2) Should children be encouraged or discouraged in adopting traditional sex roles?
- 3) Does violence on TV, movies, music videos, etc., have an adverse effect on society?
- 4) Can suicide ever be a rational decision? Why or why not?
- 5) Topic of your own choosing -- with permission first from the instructor.