

Fall 2021, Lockhart Hall Room 2L17
Fundamentals of Animal Learning (PSYC-2800/3, 001)

Instructor

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Drop-in visits are welcome anytime. if you wish to see me at a specific time please contact me for an appointment via e-mail.

Course Content

This course examines forms of learning and cognition widely shared by humans and nonhumans, such as habituation, Pavlovian and instrumental conditioning, observational learning, memory, timing, and counting.

Required Text

Domjan, M. (2015). *The Principles of Learning and Behavior* (7th Edition, e-book).

Cengage/Wadsworth, Belmont: CA. ISBN:1-285-08856-5.

Course Link URL: <https://login.nelsonbrain.com/course/MTPP4PPQFXLZ>

Course Link Instructions:

Course Key: MTPP-4PPQ-FXLZ

Course Webpage and Email

The lectures, syllabus, and grades can all be found on the course's Nexus webpage. If you are registered for this course, you should be able to access this webpage. If you wish to contact your professor, please use your assigned University of Winnipeg webmail address (e.g., hellebuyck-connor@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca). If you use a different email address, your message may be quarantined by the university's aggressive spam filter and may not be received by the professor.

Grade Components

Tests. There will be 3 tests during the term. The tests will be composed of multiple choice, short answer, and long answer questions. Short and long answer questions will be randomly selected from a question list handed out 1 week before the test. Tests are closed book and are NOT cumulative. Prepare your answers and checking them for correctness is the key to success in this course. Tests will assess BOTH your understanding of the textbook and materials from lectures. Please bring your student ID card with you to the test. No devices other than a calculator is required. Make-up tests or assignments are not given on the basis of a "less than expected" grade.

Assignment. The assignment requires students to derive predictions for a set of fictional experiments using the Rescorla-Wagner model. This assignment can be hand written. Information about the assignment will be posted in NEXUS and discussed in class. Late assignments will be reduced by one point per regular working day (Monday to Friday only), unless excused by the Professor.

Unofficial Grades

The cutoffs below will be used to determine your course letter grade, but the instructor, Department of Psychology, the University of Winnipeg Senate, and the Registrar retain the right to modify grading cutoffs. In most cases official final grades will agree with unofficial grades.

A+	95 –100% (discretionary)
A	88 – 94.5%
A-	82 – 87.5%
B+	76 – 81.5%
B	70 – 75.5%
C+	64 – 69.5%
C	58 – 63.5%
D	50 – 57.5%
F	0 – 49.5%

Schedule

- Unit 1: Chapters 1, 2, 3, & 4 (stop at the bottom of Page 106)
Test 1: Mon Oct 4 (20 points)
- Unit 2: Chapter 4 (Pages 107 -111 only), 5, 6, 7
 Reading Week: Oct 11-15 (No classes)
Rescorla-Wagner Assignment: Monday Nov 1 (10 points)
Test 2: Mon Nov 8 (30 points)
- Unit 3: Chapters 9, 10, 11, & 12 (omit 363-377)
 Last Class: Dec 3 (Tuesday, a make-up day)
Test 3: TBA (sometime Dec 10 to 23) in the Fall Evaluation Period (40 points)

Note: Readings may be dropped, but they will never be added.

September 2021						
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October 2021						
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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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Missed Exams and Alternative Exam Dates

If you are ill or have a family emergency, a make-up exam can be scheduled by contacting the professor BEFORE or ON the day of the exam (by e-mail). If you contact the instructor AFTER missing an exam, you may be asked to write a make-up exam with a 10% penalty (i.e., if you scored 80% on the make-up exam, it will be listed as 70% on the grade sheet). This penalty is to prevent students from taking extra days to study when their peers wrote the exam on time.

University Regulations

Please acquaint yourself with university regulations, policies and procedures, including grade appeals and academic misconduct, <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>.

All students, faculty, and staff have the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect. Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams or during lectures/laboratories are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204.786.9771 or <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility-services/> to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide an opportunity for students to make-up work and/or examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar, in the section, <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/dates.html>.

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