

Psychology 100L: Syllabus

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Psychology 100 Laboratory Component

The laboratory component is an important part of your introductory psychology curriculum; as we are able to cover topics from lecture in-depth with hands-on experimentation. We will be using a variety of experimental methods during the course of the semester, including utilization of laboratory animals (Sprague Dawley rats) from the Macalester College animal facility. If you have any questions or concerns about the use of animal models in research here at Macalester College, I will be happy to talk with you.

In addition to learning the scientific method and conducting experiments, you will also learn how to write an American Psychological Association (APA) style paper. This is an invaluable skill regardless of your major area of study as similar formats are used in most disciplines.

Lab Reports

In the lab we will be conducting experiments where you will serve as both the investigator and the subject. Each lab topic will require a lab report where you will discuss the experimental process in paper format.

Writing Assignments

Six lab reports will be assigned throughout the semester; however the lowest paper grade will be dropped from final grade calculations (each lab report will be worth 60 points). You may choose to do all six and have the lowest grade dropped, or you may complete five of your choice and take a zero on the sixth paper. All papers are expected to be type written (and spell checked) using 12-point font with 1-inch margins (no smaller, no larger). They should also be brief, around 3-4 pages and double spaced.

Late Policy

Papers are due **at the beginning of your scheduled lab period**. I will accept late assignments, but will deduct points for each day the assignment is late. A late assignment will result in a 10% deduction beginning as soon as the paper is late. Students should try to notify me in advance if they require an extension – I am willing to work out a satisfactory agreement with students if needed in special circumstances.

Grading Policy (%)

Each lab report will be graded using a rubric that will be given to you before the assignment is due. The goal of this is to make clear the expectations for each assignment. I have made office hours available to students to discuss any grading issues with me.

100 - 93	A	82.9 - 80	B-	69.9 - 67	D+
92.9 - 90	A-	79.9 - 77	C+	66.9 - 60	D
89.9 - 87	B+	76.9 - 73	C	59.9 <	NC
86.9 - 83	B	72.9 - 70	C-		

Attendance and Absences

Missing labs will cause you to fall behind in subsequent labs and failure to turn in assignments during that lab period will result in a loss of points. With permission, you are encouraged to attend one of the other lab sessions during the week. If you know you will be unable to attend your scheduled lab, do not hesitate to talk to me and we can work out an arrangement for making up work and handing in assignments. This does not apply to unexcused absences. Space is limited and therefore movement between labs is not allowed unless you have talked to the instructor first.

You may not turn in a lab report for a lab session you did not attend. Attendance is required for a lab report to be submitted for a grade.

Class Participation

As a student, you are an active part of your own education. As such you will be expected to attend class. I do not take attendance, however for students on the cusp of a higher or lower grade, class engagement and participation will determine the final outcome of your grade.

Research Participation

Your final grade in Psyc100L will be greatly affected by your participation in research being conducted by upper level psychology students. You are required to complete credit hours of research. Research studies will be posted through our participation pool website, <http://macalester.sona-systems.com>. The instructions for using the website are detailed in the next section. Studies will usually be worth one full credit hour, but some may be worth more or less. Although research studies will occur throughout the term, participation opportunities will become increasingly rare towards the end of the semester. It is in your best interest to not wait to participate when studies become available.

Research Paper Option

If you would prefer not to participate in research, you may choose instead to write a 5 page literature review paper on a psychological topic of your choice. **Students must contact the instructor within two weeks of the beginning of Psyc100L if they need to utilize the paper option, as it is only available for extraordinary circumstances.** Extra credit cannot be obtained by utilizing the paper option.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Reasonable accommodations will be provided for students with physical, sensory, cognitive, learning, or psychological disabilities. Contact the Dean of Students Office (x6220) within the first two weeks of the semester to ensure accommodations are made.

Academic Honesty in Psyc100L

Plagiarism will not be tolerated in our lab and will result in automatic failure of that assignment, a -10% adjustment to your final Psyc100L grade, notification of the offense to the Dean of Students office, and the possibility of failing Psyc100. Assignments will be very specific when group work is appropriate. All other assignments assume that you will use your own words, and be the sole author of every assignment that you submit.

You may consult with classmates or your group members for ideas, and properly cite published works, but the assignment must be written by you and only you. It is of the utmost importance that you properly cite the sources from which you procure your ideas for research. You must cite something anytime you utilize findings from research studies. Use paraphrasing, quotes or rewrite the ideas in your own voice, but always cite your source!

Macalester College Research Participation Pool

1. An account will be created for you at <http://macalester.sona-systems.com/>, and a temporary password will be emailed to you. Your login will be the same as your email.
2. When you login for the first time, click on **My Profile** and change your password and preferences. Your identity code is also located on this page, and will be used as your identification to researchers that you participated in their research. Be sure to write it down and bring it with you to any studies you participate in.
3. Your instructor will email you once studies begin posting to the webpage. Click **Study Sign Up** to sign up for a study's timeslot.
4. You can check your scheduled studies and participation by clicking on **My Schedule & Credits**.
5. You will receive an email receipt of your participation credit. If there are any discrepancies or questions, please email the instructor or the researcher directly.
6. **Please be respectful of the researcher's time when scheduling a timeslot. If you know you cannot make a previously scheduled timeslot it is important that you contact the researcher to cancel or reschedule.**



Lab Schedule Fall 2016
This syllabus may change!

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Lab Title</u>	<u>Lab Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sep. 06 & Sep. 08	Lab 01: Lab Introduction <i>Location: OLRI 352</i>	*	*	Syllabus, Schedule, and Assignments
Sep. 13 & Sep. 15	Lab 02: Animal Mazes I <i>Location: Olin-Rice 371 after lecture</i>	Read through articles	*	<i>Paylor & Rudy</i> and <i>Barnes Maze</i> Articles
Sep. 20 & Sep. 22	Lab 03: Animal Mazes II <i>Location: Olin-Rice 371 after lecture</i>	Read through articles	*	<i>Plus and Zero</i> <i>Maze</i> Articles
Sep. 27 & Sep. 29	Lab 04: Observing Behavior <i>Location: OLRI 349</i>	Lab Report #1 DUE	60	<i>Charlesworth</i> Article
Oct. 04 & Oct. 06	Lab 05: Shaping Rat Behavior I <i>Location: Olin-Rice 371 after lecture</i>	*	*	*
Oct. 11 & Oct. 13	Lab 06: Shaping Rat Behavior II <i>Location: Olin-Rice 371 after lecture</i>	Lab Report #2 DUE	60	*
Oct. 18 & 20	<i>Fall Break – No Labs</i>		*	*
Oct. 25 & Oct. 27	Lab 07: Information Literacy <i>Location: Library 206</i>	Lab Report #3 DUE	60	*
Nov. 01 & 03	<i>AALAS Conference – No Labs</i>		*	*

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<u>Week</u>	<u>Lab Title</u>	<u>Lab Assignment</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nov. 08 & Nov. 10	Lab 08: Cognitive Psychology <i>Location: OLRI 349</i>	*	*	<i>The Four Card Task, False Memories, and Blink Articles</i>
Nov. 15 & Nov. 17	Lab 09: Personality <i>Location: OLRI 352</i>	Lab Report #4 DUE	60	<i>Gosling, et al. Article</i>
Nov. 22 & 24	Thanksgiving Break – No Labs		*	*
Nov. 29 & Dec. 01	Lab 10: Social Psychology <i>Location: OLRI 352</i>	Lab Report #5 DUE	60	*
Dec. 06 & Dec. 08	Classes End – No Labs		60	*

Psychology Research Participation Adjustment

Credit Hours	Adjustment to final Psyc100L %
5.0 ≤	0
4.5	- 1%
4.0	- 2%
3.5	- 3%
3.0	- 4%
2.5	- 5%
2.0	- 6%
1.5	- 7%
1.0	-8%

Psyc100L (300 / Your Assignment Points) [+/- Participation Adjustment %] = Final %
Final Grade = _____ / 100%