

3F03 Summer Term 2002

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Required text: Psychology: An Evolutionary Approach
Steven J. Gaulin and Donald H. McBurney

Course content: This course will explore how evolutionary theory can help us to understand and make predictions about human behaviour in all domains of psychology, emphasizing human social behaviour. The behaviour of other species will also be considered where it sheds comparative light on the human animal.

Assessment: Best 2 of 3 midterm quizzes: 40%
5 weekly reaction papers 10%
Final exam 50%

Readings and quizzes: Readings will be fairly heavy in the first few weeks of class. Please try to do the readings for each class before you come to lecture. Quizzes will be given during the first hour of class and will cover material from the previous lectures and readings, but not that day's readings.

Reaction papers: One short empirical paper will be assigned for you to read for each class. You must write a one-page typed reaction paper to 5 of these readings. Reaction papers should be about one-half summary of the paper and one-half critique or synthesis.

Tentative schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Chapters</u>
June 25	Introduction and Overview	
June 27	Evolutionary Theory	1-2
July 2	Evolutionary Psychology	3-4
July 4	Perception and Consciousness	5-6
July 9	Learning and Cognition (quiz 1)	7-8
July 11	Personality	9
July 16	Mating	10
July 18	Families (quiz 2)	11
July 23	Motivation and Emotion	12
July 25	Health and Abnormal Psychology	13-14
July 30	Social Behaviour (quiz 3)	15
August 1	Culture	16
August 6	Review and Questions	
August 8	Final Exam	