

Fall 2015

## PSYC 4000

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## PSYC 4000: Comprehensive Exam

### Fall 2015

**Day, Time, and Place of Class Meetings:** November 2, 3, 4, & 5. 5PM-6PM, CC 101-F.

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#### Student Learning Outcomes:

- The objective of this zero credit course is for you to take the comprehensive Psychology Exit Exam, also known as the Major Field Test in Psychology. The exam consists of 140 multiple choice questions drawn from common areas of study within the field of psychology. More information about the test, including sample questions, can be found at <http://www.ets.org/mft/about/content/psychology>.
- From your performance in the Major Field Test in Psychology you will learn about the strengths and weaknesses of your knowledge of psychology.
- From your performance, and the performance of all other students, the Department of Psychology will learn about the strengths and weaknesses of our undergraduate program in Psychology. Performance data will be used to improve the program.

**Attendance Policy:** If you miss your exam administration date, there will be no makeup times. Please don't miss your exam as it could delay your graduation.

**Required Learning Resources:** Tickets for the exam can be purchased at the UNO Bookstore for approximately \$30. Please purchase your PSYC 4000 ticket no later than **Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**. You will receive a receipt and a "ticket", which is one of my business cards stamped with our department information on the back. **Please note: you MUST purchase your ticket at the bookstore. I am not allowed to accept payment from you in any form, so if you come to the test without your ticket, you will not be allowed to take the test.**

**Exam Location:** The exam will be given online in the Faculty-Staff Resource Center (FSRC) which is a computer lab located in the **University Computing Center Building (room CC 101-F)**.

**Dates:** The exam will be offered on the following four dates. It will last about 2.5 hours. Please rank order the dates below using the assignment in Moodle. **Dates will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis, so if only one of these dates works for you, please complete the Moodle assignment as soon as possible.** There are only 17 computers in the lab, so we have to split you into groups. Once a certain date fills up, all students who have not noted a date preference will automatically be signed up for the next available date.

**Option #1:** November 2 @5pm

**Option #2:** November 3 @5pm

**Option #3:** November 4 @5pm

**Option #4:** November 5 @5pm

**To take the test:** On your test date, bring your ticket to room CC 101-F to take the exam on a computer. Once everyone has signed up for a date, a reminder email will be sent. If any changes are necessary, they will be conveyed via email and Moodle, so **please check your UNO email account frequently.**

**Academic Integrity:** Academic integrity is fundamental to the process of learning and evaluating academic performance. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following: cheating, plagiarism, tampering with academic records and examinations, falsifying identity, and being an accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further information. The Code is available online at <http://www.studentaffairs.uno.edu>.

**Accommodations:** It is University policy to provide, on a flexible and individualized basis, reasonable accommodations to students who have disabilities that may affect their ability to participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. Students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services as well as their instructors to discuss their individual needs for accommodations. For more information, please go to <http://www.ods.uno.edu>.

#### Other Notes:

1. If circumstances change and you cannot graduate this semester, take the test anyway (especially if you pay for the exam). If you take the test this semester it will count toward a future graduation date.
2. If you register for this class and do not take the test, you will receive an "Incomplete" grade. Thus, if you cannot take the test please formally withdraw from the class.
3. Every semester at least one person simply forgets to show up to take the test. Please don't be that person. Don't lose your test ticket (receipt).

4. If you miss your exam administration date, there will be no makeup times. Please don't miss your exam as it could delay your graduation.
5. Students requiring special assistance or other accommodations due to a disability (or other university excused issue) should see Dr. Laird before they take the exam.
6. **As noted, this is a zero credit class. *The objective is for you to take the exam.* The point of the exam is to test your knowledge gained from your UNO psychology coursework. Your classes should have adequately prepared you to do well on the exam.** The point is NOT to force you to study and memorize additional material. However, if you want to study (e.g., your personality demands it) I recommend reading over a comprehensive, fairly current, introductory psychology textbook.
7. **Congratulations on being so close to graduation!**