

## EXERCISE PSYCHOLOGY

APK3405 – 10606 & 10607 ~ 3 Credit Hours ~ FALL 2021

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Office: Information provided in UF e-Learning course site.  
Email: Utilize the UF E-Learning Inbox for course related correspondence.  
Individual phone / video meetings available upon request.
- OFFICE HOURS:** Zoom meeting room links available in Course Syllabus Page  
Mondays: 4 – 5pm  
Wednesdays: 9 – 10am
- ACCESS:** Access course through Canvas on **UF e-Learning** (<https://elearning.ufl.edu/>) & the **Canvas** mobile app by **Instructure**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Overview examining scientific evidence related to the psychological factors associated with initiating, maintaining, & adapting exercise programming.

**COURSE OVERVIEW:** APK3405 - Exercise Psychology examines the dynamic influences that psychological factors and exercise behaviors exert upon one another. The field of exercise psychology actively promotes the scientist-practitioner model. Utilization of the scientist-practitioner model involves the ability to consume and appropriately apply contemporary theory and scientific findings to the practice of applied exercise psychology. Accordingly, APK3405 content and assignments emphasizes the theoretical and applied perspectives on the science and practice of exercise psychology.

Topics covered include examining how engagement in physical exercise catalyzes neural adaptations that influence stress response, affective experience, cognitive function, sleep patterns & perceptions of pain; how motivation, emotion, and attributions

influence exercise behavior; and how intervention programs can be leveraged to systematically improve exercise behavior.

**PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:** Students must hold Junior or Senior classification based on the UF Registrar's class Student Classifications system (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/student-classifications/>).

**REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED MATERIALS:**

- **Textbook:** Buckworth, J., Dishman, R., O'Connor, P., & Tomporowski, P. (2013). *Exercise Psychology* (2nd edition). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics. [ISBN-13: 978-1450407090]
- Additional materials will be assigned and available through the UF E-Learning course shell.

**COURSE FORMAT:** The course is organized into 12 modules. Within each module, students will have the opportunity to engage in course content and graded learning activities. The learning activities are designed to catalyze student achievement of the following course goals and objectives.

**COURSE GOALS & LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

**1. One goal of APK 3405 is to facilitate opportunities for student understanding of:**

- the scientific evidence and theoretical perspectives that provide insight into how psychological factors influence exercise behavior.
- the interdependence and interacting influence of psychological factors, exercise behavior, physical, and mental health.
- typical scientific protocols utilized in exercise psychology research.
- commonly utilized interventions designed to improve exercise behavior.

**2. A second goal of APK 3405 is to facilitate student skill development in:**

- retrieving, evaluating quality, and identifying applicability of emerging scientific literature in exercise psychology.
- engaging in critical, constructive, and diplomatic academic discussions of exercise psychology topics and scientific literature.
- effective written communication of scientific knowledge in exercise psychology.

## COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Requirements for class attendance (participation) and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

**PERSONAL CONDUCT POLICY:** Students are expected to exhibit behaviors that reflect highly upon themselves and the University. UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states:

***We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.***

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

***On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.***

The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Students are obliged to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult the instructor, graduate assistant, or teaching assistant in this class.

**EXAM & ASSIGNMENT MAKE-UP POLICY:** Unless excused based on University policies (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>), missed examinations and non-submitted or late assignments will be not be evaluated and will be assigned a grade of 0.

Obtaining approval for make-up exams or make-up assignments is the responsibility of the student. Students with medically or emergency related circumstances should utilize the UF Care Team's Contact My Instructor service (<https://care.dso.ufl.edu/instructor-notifications/>) provided by the UF Dean of Students Office.

Any non-medical or emergency related circumstances require students to submit a written request explaining why an exception is being requested. The written request must include official documentation that provides proof that the missed coursework was due to acceptable reasons outlined by University policy.

**COPYRIGHT STATEMENT:** The materials used in this course are copyrighted. Course content is the intellectual property of Garrett Beatty, and property of the University of Florida. Course content may not be duplicated in any format without explicit permission from the College of Health and Human Performance and UF. Course content may not be used for any commercial

purposes. Individuals violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action or legal litigation from the University.

**ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the Disability Resource Center by visiting their Get Started page at <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester. Accommodations are not retroactive, therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

**COURSE EVALUATIONS:** Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

**PRIVACY:** Students enrolled in this course are agreeing to have their video or audio content accessible to the members of this course, enrolled in this semester. All class meetings will be recorded and provided to the class for asynchronous access. Students engaging in this course will also develop multimedia content including audio and video presentations that will be accessible to all members of the class. Recordings will not be available to members outside of this course.

Per the State of Florida's House Bill 233, students are also permitted to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is defined as an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

## GETTING HELP:

### Health and Wellness

- U Matter, We Care (<https://care.dso.ufl.edu/>): If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or call 352-392-1575
- Contact My Instructor Service: <https://care.dso.ufl.edu/instructor-notifications/>
- Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>, 352-392-1575
- Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS) - Student Health Care Center, 392-1161
- University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies)  
<http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

### Academic Resources

- E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learning-support@ufl.edu](mailto:Learning-support@ufl.edu). <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>
- Career Connections Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://career.ufl.edu/>
- Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <http://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>
- Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <http://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>
- Student Complaints:
  - On-Campus Students: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>
  - On-Line Students: <http://distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/>

### INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

For suggestions or concerns related to IDEA, please reach out to any of the following:

- Dr. Linda Nguyen, APK IDEA Liaison, [linda.nguyen@hnp.ufl.edu](mailto:linda.nguyen@hnp.ufl.edu)
- Dr. Rachael Seidler, APK Graduate Coordinator, [rachaelseidler@ufl.edu](mailto:rachaelseidler@ufl.edu)
- Dr. Joslyn Ahlgren, APK Undergraduate Coordinator, [jahlgren@ufl.edu](mailto:jahlgren@ufl.edu)

## GRADING:

Student learning will be evaluated through module quizzes, two assignments, and two exams. Specific assignment details and grading rubrics will be provided on the course website <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>.

- **Quizzes:** Each course module includes a multiple choice quiz aimed at guiding and enhancing engagement in learning opportunities.
- **Yellowdig Learning Community:** Students are expected to engage in discussion of course relevant topics through the Yellowdig Learning Community. Points are earned during weekly periods that start on Wednesdays and end on Tuesdays. Students are expected to engage in Yellowdig discussions weekly and meet the weekly point earning goals.
- **Exams:** Students' knowledge of course content will be evaluated on two multiple choice exams. The exams will be developed from the assigned readings, lecture material, and other course activities (e.g., class discussions / activities, guest lectures, supplemental materials).
- **Optional Module Study Guides (2% Extra Credit Possible):** Optional study guides provide students the opportunity to prepare for the application portion of the exams.

### Final grade composition:

- Quizzes: 25%
- Yellowdig Engagement: 15%
- Exams: 60%
  - Exam 1 = 20%
  - Exam 2 = 20%
  - Exam 3 = 20%
- *Optional Study Guides: 2% (EC)*

### Notes:

- Grades will not be rounded
  - e.g. a 92.99% will not be rounded to a 93.00%.
- Grades of "I", "X", "H", or "N" will not be given except in cases of a documented, catastrophic occurrence.

### Course letter grades based on cumulative grade percentages:

Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A	93 - 100 %	4.00
A-	90 - 92.99 %	3.67
B+	87 - 89.99 %	3.33
B	83 - 86.99 %	3.00
B-	80 - 82.99 %	2.67
C+	77 - 79.99 %	2.33
C	73 - 76.99 %	2.00
C-	70 - 72.99 %	1.67
D+	67 - 69.99 %	1.33
D	63 - 66.99 %	1.00
D-	60 - 62.99 %	0.67
E	0 - 59.99 %	0.00

More detailed information regarding current UF grading policies can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>.

## WEEKLY COURSE SCHEDULE:

### Critical Semester Dates & UF Observed Holidays:

- September 6: Labor Day (Monday)
- October 8: UF Homecoming (Friday)
- November 11: Veterans Day (Thursday)
- November 24 – 26: Thanksgiving (Wednesday – Friday)
- December 8: Last day of Fall Classes (Wednesday)
- December 9 – 10: UF Fall Semester Reading Days (Thursday – Friday)
- Complete list available here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/dates-deadlines/2021-2022/#fall21text>

Week	Dates	Assigned Module & Schedule Notes	Assessments Due
1	August 23 - 27	Module 1 – Course Introduction	
2	Aug. 30 - Sept. 3	Module 2 – Basic Concepts in Exercise Psychology	<b>August 31</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 1 Opens</b>
3	September 6 - 10	<i>September 6 – U.S. Labor Day</i> Module 3 – Behavioral Neuroscience	<b>September 7</b> <b>Canvas Student Profile</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 1 Ends</b>
4	September 13 - 17	Module 4 – Theories of Behavior Change	<b>September 14</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 2 Ends</b>
5	September 20 - 24	<b>Exam Week</b> <b>Exam 1: Completed on Canvas with Honorlock</b> <b>Exam 1 Window: September 20 – 26</b>	<b>September 21</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 3 Ends</b> <b>September 26</b> <b>Modules 1 – 4 Quizzes</b> <b>Modules 1 – 4 Study Guides</b>
6	Sept. 27 - Oct. 1	Module 5 – Physical Activity Behavior Interventions	<b>September 28</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 4 Ends</b>
7	October 4 - 8	<i>October 8 – UF Homecoming</i> Module 6 – Perceived Exertion	<b>October 5</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 5 Ends</b>
8	October 11 - 15	Module 7 – Stress	<b>October 12</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 6 Ends</b>
9	October 18 - 22	Module 8 – Emotion	<b>October 19</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 7 Ends</b>
10	October 25 - 29	<b>Exam Week</b> <b>Exam 2: Completed on Canvas with Honorlock</b> <b>Exam 2 Window: October 25 – 31 (BOO!)</b>	<b>October 26</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 8 Ends</b> <b>October 31</b> <b>Modules 5 – 8 Quizzes</b> <b>Modules 5 – 8 Study Guides</b>

11	November 1 – 5	Module 9 – Self-Esteem	<b>November 2</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 9 Ends</b>
12	November 8 - 12	<i>November 11 – U.S. Veterans Day Holiday</i> Module 10 – Exercise & Cognitive Function	<b>November 9</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 10 Ends</b>
13	November 15 - 19	Module 11 – Exercise & Pain	<b>November 16</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 11 Ends</b>
14	November 22 - 26	<b><i>November 24 – 26: U.S. Thanksgiving Holiday</i></b>	<b>November 23</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 12 Ends</b>
15	Nov. 29 - Dec. 3	Module 12 – Correlates of Exercise & Physical Activity	<b>November 30</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 13 Ends</b>
16	December 6 - 10	<i>December 8: Final Day of Classes</i> <i>December 9 – 10: Reading Days</i> <b>Exam Week</b> <b>Exam 3: Completed on Canvas with Honorlock</b> <b>Exam 3 Window: December 6 – 8; 11 – 14</b>	<b>December 7</b> <b>Yellowdig Earning Period 14 Ends</b> <b>December 14</b> <b>Modules 9 – 12 Quizzes</b> <b>Modules 9 – 12 Study Guides</b>

## SUCCESS AND STUDY TIPS:

Quizzes & Optional Study Guides are designed as preparation tools for the course exams. Learning is a process that requires sustained incremental advancements that occurs over time following neural adaptation. More simply stated, cramming may yield short-term results, but this strategy does not induce meaningful or lasting learning.