

Course Review



On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog.

PSY 532: Psychological Effects of the Internet

Unit 1: Getting Started on the Internet

Name 9 technologies or past-times

- a) that WERE MENTIONED in Professor Gernsbacher's lecture video, Adam Conover's video, Clive Thompson's articles, or Jason Feifer's article
- b) as having PRECEDED the Internet; AND
- c) as NOT CURRENTLY feared, but as having been PREVIOUSLY feared; AND
- d) as having been previously feared in a way SIMILAR TO the way Internet-based technologies and past-times are currently feared.

Unit 2: Learning via the Internet

List five fundamental principles of learning on which Internet-based higher education capitalizes.

Unit 3: Educating via the Internet

List five challenges that college students face today and how Internet-based education can tackle each challenge.

Unit 4: Communicating via the Internet

Is the Internet making our communication briefer? _____ [yes or no]

Is the Internet making our interpersonal-communication more informal?
_____ [yes or no]

Explain what it means that the Internet is manifesting our preference for intransient and asynchronous communication.

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List six guidelines for emailing a professor.

Unit 5: Broadcasting via the Internet

Illustrate how the Internet can amplify communication by listing four instances (from the lecture video) when Internet-based **mass communication was intended (and hoped)** to go viral.

Illustrate how the Internet can amplify communication by listing four instances (from the lecture video) when Internet-based **interpersonal communication was NOT intended to go viral**, but did go viral because of the Internet.

Unit 6: Socializing on the Internet

Explain what interpersonal attraction is and how similarity attraction might underlie the success of online dating sites.

Explain what interpersonal aggression is and how interpersonal aggression might underlie the phenomenon of online bullying and trolling.

Unit 7: Emotion and the Internet

Explain what emotional contagion is and how emotional contagion might spread through the Internet (e.g., Kramer et al.'s Facebook study).

Identify four of the hypotheses discussed in class for why there are so many photos, gifs, and videos of cats on the Internet and why Internet-users get so much emotional pleasure from watching and sharing photos, gifs, and videos of cats.

Unit 8: Motivation and the Internet

List six of Huitt's (2011) sources of motivation and give one example each of how that source of motivation has affected your use of the Internet.

List five reasons why people binge watch (TV shows or movies).
