

Psychology/Sociology Department
Science and Health Division
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Introduction to Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2301 S1 WB
Course Title: Introduction to Psychology
Course Hours: 3
Prerequisites: None

Course Description: Presents a basic understanding of Psychological terms, theories, and methodologies in the scientific discipline that studies behavior and mental processes. Cognitive abilities such as problem solving, decision-making, and communication, affective states like building self-esteem, and sociability, and behavioral events where one participates as a group member are explored. Information acquisition, interpretation, and communication of a psychological nature are the basis on which this course is predicated. In this way, psychological principles are understandable in the context of biology, the brain, neurotransmitters and hormones, personality theory, learning principles, lifespan development, relationships, abnormal psychology and therapies. A wide application of a variety of topics is the focus of this introductory course. SCANS 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11.

Text Book: *Visualizing Psychology*, 2ND EDITION. Carpenter, Siri, & Huffman, Karen. Wiley, 2010

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to demonstrate competencies in the following areas:

- Identify objectives, methods, procedures and theories of psychology as a science
- Relate to a biological and biochemical understanding behavior, feelings, and thought
- Understand the basic theories of learning and application

- Identify personality theories and personality disorders and possible antecedent causes
- Describe developmental psychology and identify theories of development
- Describe gender issues and identify issues in psychology and diversity
- Identify psychopathology, nervous system disorders and therapy approaches
- Learn the basic terms of introductory psychology and the appropriate vocabulary

Course Requirements:

- Purchase and read the text book
- Purchase and use a thumb drive with minimum 2GB storage/memory
- Activate Odessa College email
- Check blackboard and Odessa College email daily
- Take exams on line
- Complete all assignments and turn in on time
- All work must be submitted through blackboard and must be saved in a rich text format file, no exceptions.
- Late work will not be accepted unless there is documented proof of a medical emergency.
- No work sent through email will be accepted. No exceptions.
- Conduct internet research
- Conduct research using the LRC
- Participate in online blogs

Academic Ethics:

All work you complete is expected to be your own work. Plagiarism and or collusion will not be tolerated. If unethical behavior is detected, all parties involved will be denied points for that project or exam. The questioned material and a report of the ethics violation will be submitted to the department chair for further action as deemed necessary by the chair.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free

to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability Services at 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Grading:

Grading is based on weighted total.

Tests:	10 @ 50 pts each =	500	30%
Assignments:	5 @ 100 pts each =	500	30%
Blogging:	2 @ 25 pts each =	50	10%
Final:	1 @ 100 pts	100	30%

Total points possible: 1100

A= 90%-100%

B= 80%-89%

C= 70%-79%

D= 60%-69%

F= 59% and below

Incomplete Policy:

A grade of "Incomplete" may be given only if (1) the student has passed all work completed, and (2) he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of "I" will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon, and signed by the instructor and the student

Note to students:

Keep track of all deadlines. The instructor will help you as much as possible to successfully complete this course, however, if you believe that you will not be able to stay in this course or if you fall to far behind in the course work, it is your responsibility to officially drop this course. If you do not, you will receive a F.

If you need help, please contact the instructor. I cannot help if I do not know you need it.

OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT NUMBERS:

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During the summer, there are no regular office hours.

However, I check email daily and you can call me on my cell 894-2233. Please do not call before 8am or after 9pm

