

Course Syllabus for PSYC 2301-6205
Introduction for Psychology

Spring 2011

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Class Day/Time: Tues., 6:30p-8:50p
Classroom: Rose of Sharon Missionary BC

Textbook: Carpenter, S. & Huffman, K. (2008). Visualizing Psychology-2nd Ed. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Course Description

This course is intended to present a basic understanding of psychological terms, theories, and methodologies. This scientific discipline focuses on behavior and mental processes, cognitive abilities and affective states. The main objective is to understand the history behind the discipline of psychology including how psychology evolved as a science, look at various fields that comprise the discipline of psychology and study the different perspectives psychologist use to explain human behaviors. An overview will be given of research methods, basic biological functions, consciousness, theories of learning, memory, intelligence, personality theories, and classification of abnormal behavior.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend every class. Excellent attendance may improve your grade. Please make every effort to attend and be on time. Attendance will be taken by sign-in sheet.

Course Calendar

January 18-Course Introduction, Ch. 1-Introduction to Research Methods

25-Ch. 2- Neuroscience and Biological Function

February 1-Ch.3- Stress and Health Psychology

8-Ch. 4- Sensation and Perception, Review for test #1

15- **Test #1 (Ch. 1-4)**, Ch. 5- States of Consciousness

22- Ch. 6-Learning

March 1- Ch. 7- Memory, Review for test #2

8- **Test # 2(Ch. 5-7)**, Ch. 8- Thinking, language and Intelligence

14- **Spring Break**

22- Ch. 9-Life Span Development I

29- Ch. 10- Life Span Development II

April 5- Ch. 11- Motivation and Emotion, Review for test #3

12- **Test #3 (Ch. 8-11)**, Ch. 12 & 13

19- Video, Review for test #4

26- Test #4 (Ch. 12 & 13)

May 3- Ch. 14- Therapy & 15- Social Psychology, Review for Final

Final Exam Will Be Tuesday May 10 From 6:00p-8:30p

*This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.

Grades

Your final grade is calculated by simple averaging. The numerical average grade is converted to a letter grade based on the following scale: 100-90 = A; 89-80 = B; 79-70 = C; 69-60 = D; 59 & Below = F.

Late Work/ Make-up Work Policy

Anything handed in after the date will receive a grade of zero (0). If for any reason you will miss a test, you must make arrangements with me **IN ADVANCE to make up the test at a designated time**. Talk to me individually in emergency cases.

Academic Ethics and "The Honor Code"

You are expected to do your own work without cheating. Tests should reflect your own efforts. If unethical is discovered, it will be forwarded to the department chair for disposition.

ADA Statement

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 special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this Office of Disability Services at 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

If course work is not complete, your options are an F or incomplete, if you meet the requirements below:

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 have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.