

Course Syllabus for Psychology 120: Introduction to Psychology - Fall 2010

Section: 1718

Room: F507

Time: 11:00 to 12:15

Days: Monday and Wednesday

Dates: See below

Text: Introduction to Psychology: 9th Edition. By Plotnik, Kouyoudjian

Recommended: Power Study CD by Doyle

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Course Description: 3 hours lecture. Introduction to the facts and theories which seek to explain and understand human thought and behavior including such topics as personality, psychotherapy, learning, memory, interpersonal relationships, adjustment and biological influences. Prerequisite: None

Grades and Learning Outcomes: To receive credit for this class you must be able to:

- Compare and contrast the philosophy of different schools of psychology and their interpretation of behavior.
- Apply scientific methods to the exploration of human behavior.
- Describe basic the functions of the central nervous systems and their relationship to behavior.
- Explain and contrast various psychological phenomena related to sensation and perception
- Classify states of consciousness, including sleep, hypnosis and drug effects.
- Produce examples and strategies that improve the function of memory.
- Label and describe operant conditioning, observational learning, and classical conditioning leading to behavioral change.
- Discuss limitations and contrast the different theories of intelligence.
- Compare and contrast theories of emotions and an individuals behavior and reaction to stress
- Explore and define characteristics of the developmental stages from birth to adult behaviors.
- Discuss and elaborate on the theories of the development and the consistency of personality.
- Classify different mental disorders and identify possible treatments in reference to the DSM.
- Produce explanations and predictions of social behavior using various psychological theories.

All assessments of your leaning objectives and exams are given a points value. Your grade is based on the total of your accumulated points. All records will be kept in Blackboard. You can check your points at any time throughout the course.

A + and – system will be used for percentages .02 percent above and .02 percent below each grade level.

An A is 90% of the total possible points

A B is 80% of the total possible points

A C is 70% of the possible points

A D in the course is above 60% of the points in the course

Course totals lower than 60% will fail the class.

- All points in the class are weighted equally.
- There are 5 exams each worth 50 points each.
- Each exam will be comprised of about 50 questions answered on a Scantron
- For each exam there is a 10 point essay to demonstrate mastery of the course material.
- At the end of the semester, there will be a comprehensive final exam. This exam will replace your lowest exam grade. If you are happy with your grade at the end of the term, then you do not have to take the comprehensive final.
- You will be asked to complete some experiments on-line as a part of your class participation points.
- Classroom interaction and attendance can also increase your grade by 2%. Make sure I know your name. Stand out.

Attendance: For successful completion of the course you must attend class. Attendance and participation in activities is required. 5 minutes after the start of class, I will pass around a attendance sheet. If you are going to miss class for some reason make sure you e-mail the instructor. Make sure that any missed assignments can be completed. If you miss more than 4 class periods without contacting the instructor you can be dropped from the course.

Behavior Guidelines and Conduct:

I like an interactive classroom, and encourage student interaction. Please be respectful to all of the people in the class around you. Everybody has opinions and they define individuals. If an opinion does not agree with your personal belief, through education we can understand each other. Through conflict there is no resolution, just a victor.

Cell phones are an important part of our lives, but please put them on vibrate, or silent mode during class. If you have to answer your phone in class, then answer it outside and return the next class period. Texting is distracting to me and other people around you. If you are using your phone during class I will stop the class so you do not miss anything. Use of phones or other electronic devices during examinations is strictly prohibited.

Cheating and plagiarism (using as one's own ideas writings, materials, or images of someone else without acknowledgement or permission) can result in any one of a variety of sanctions. Such penalties may range from an adjusted grade on the particular exam, paper, project, or assignment (all of which may lead to a failing grade in the course) to, under certain conditions, suspension or expulsion from a class, program or the college. For further clarification and information on these issues, please consult with your instructor or contact the office of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

Students with Special needs: Students with disabilities who may need academic accommodations should notify the instructor immediately (and no later than the second week of class).

Semester Calendar

Cuyamaca Fall 2011 CALENDAR

August 22

August 22 - September 2

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September 5

September 6

September 23

October 14

October 15

October 17

November 10 (Thursday)

November 11 & 12 (Friday & Saturday)

November 24 - 26 **

December 10

December 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 19

December 19

December 20

Regular Day & Evening Classes Begin

Program Adjustment Period

Last Day to Add Semester-Length Classes***

Last Day to Drop Semester-Length Classes Without a "W"
Appearing on Transcripts

Last Day to Receive a Refund for Semester-Length Classes***

Labor Day Holiday

Census Day

Last Day to Apply for P/NP - Semester Length Classes

Last Day to Apply for Fall 2011 Degree/Certificate

End of First 8-Week Session

Second 8-Week Session Begins

Last Day to Drop Semester-Length Classes

Veteran's Day Holiday

Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend

End Second 8-Week Session for Weekday (M-F) classes

Final Examination Days

Close of Fall Semester

Instructor Grade Deadline

ONLINE:

Make sure you check the syllabus updates on Weinert's Campus web page or blog.

All the course material from class is published in Blackboard learning system – it is a little clunky, but you can use it to keep track of your grades and the homework. - <http://bb.gcccd.edu>

You must be able to log into blackboard and submit essays. I will help you, and there are resources available on campus if you do not have a computer. There will be also be extra credit opportunities available on-line through blackboard.

Mon Aug 22	Welcome	
Wed Aug 24	Psychology is	1
Mon Aug 29	Science	2
Wed Aug 31	Mind - Brain	4
Mon Sep 05		
Wed Sep 07	Consciousness	7
Mon Sep 12	Exam 1	
Wed Sep 14	Learning	9
Mon Sep 19	Learning	10
Wed Sep 21	Memory	11
Mon Sep 26	Application	13
Wed Sep 28	Exam 2	
Mon Oct 03	Motivation	
Wed Oct 05	Emotions	
Mon Oct 10	Emotions	
Wed Oct 12	Social Psychology	
Mon Oct 17	Social Psychology	
Wed Oct 19	Exam 3	
Mon Oct 24	Development	17
Wed Oct 26	Development	18
Mon Oct 31	Personality	19
Wed Nov 02	Personality	
Mon Nov 07	Personality	20
Wed Nov 09		
Mon Nov 14	Exam 4	
Wed Nov 16	Stress	21
Mon Nov 21	Stress	21
Wed Nov 23		
Mon Nov 28	Disorders	22
Wed Nov 30	Disorders	23
Mon Dec 05	Therapies	24
Wed Dec 07	Exam 5	
Wed Dec 14	Final 11:00	