

Syllabus for: (name of class) Psych 1- General Psychology	
Semester & Year:	Fall 2012
Course ID and Section Number:	Psych 1 V1966
Number of Credits/Units:	3
Day/Time: Location:	Virtual Campus
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline): Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The content of the course focuses on the exploration of major theories and concepts, methods, and research findings in psychology. Topics include biological foundations, perception, learning, cognition, emotion, motivation, development, personality, social psychology, psychological disorders and therapies, and applied psychology. This course is transferable to four-year colleges and is a prerequisite for most upper division psychology courses	
Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) : 1. Analyze psychological research and synthesize information in writing 2. Analyze how experience, culture, learning and biology affect behavior and cognitive processes 3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of psychological theory and research.	
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Course Objectives:

This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to the field of psychology. Students should be able to accomplish the following goals throughout our semester together:

1. Analyze psychological research and synthesize information in writing. *Assess with research paper assignment.*
2. Analyze how experience, culture, learning and biology affect behavior and cognitive processes. *Assess with essay question on exam.*
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding representing appropriate breadth and depth in selected content areas of psychological theory and research. *Assess with essay question on exam.*

Text:

King, L. (2011). *The Science of Psychology; An Appreciative View 2nd Ed.* McGraw Hill: New York. ISBN: 978-0-07-353206-6

You can purchase the text from the CR bookstore:

<http://bookstore.redwoods.edu/>

From the publisher:

McGraw Hill

You can also purchase the text from any online vendor.

Computer Skills:

To be successful in this course you need adequate computer skills. You must be able to navigate the class website, open and download files and use a word processor. It is the student's responsibility to meet the technology demands of the course. Free online orientation short courses (DE 101) are available through CR at <http://redwoods.edu/Departments/Distance/orientationSchedule.asp>

Student Success:

Research that has been done on student success has highlighted the following areas. Think about these points and how you are including this class in your life.

- Buy the textbook at the beginning of the semester and begin reading.
- Read the chapter assigned for the week before reviewing the lecture.
- Turn assignments in on time
- Know where your syllabus is and the schedule for the class.
- Know how to contact your instructor and contact her if you are having difficulties of any kind that are interfering with school.
- Take notes while viewing the lecture.
- Take notes while reading the text- outlining the chapter and writing out the key concepts.
- Have a designated study area that is distraction free.

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Computer Requirements:

Most computers and internet providers are adequate. Broadband services from cable, DSL or satellite providers are recommended. You will need to have access to the internet at least three times a week for 16 weeks. Anticipate problems with your computer and internet access by completing your work early and staying up to date on the course assignments.

Course Schedule:

Week	TOPIC	READING	Assessment
Week 1: Aug 27 th - Sept 2 nd	Introduction	Syllabus, Learning styles information	Syllabus Quiz and Discussion
Week 2: Sept 3 rd - Sept 9 th	History of Psychology & Theoretical Orientations	Chapter 1	Chapter 1 Quiz and Discussion
Week 3: Sept 10 th - 16 th	Research Methods	Chapter 2, Research Article provided by instructor	-Chapter 2 Quiz -Research Article Questions. -Discussion
Week 4: Sept 17 th - 23 rd	Biological Bases of Behavior	Chapter 3	Chapter 3 Quiz and Discussion
Week 5: Sept 24 th - 30 th	Sensation and Perception	Chapter 4	Chapter 4 Quiz and Discussion
Week 6: Oct 1 st - 7 th	Consciousness	Chapter 5	Chapter 5 Quiz and Discussion
Week 7: Oct 8 th - 14 th	Learning	Chapter 6	Chapter 6 Quiz and Discussion
Week 8: Oct 15 th - 21 st	Memory	Chapter 7	Midterm chapters 1-6 Discussion Chapter 7
Week 9: Oct 22 nd - 28 th	Research Paper	Research paper handouts	Research paper outline Discussion
Week 10: Oct 29 th - Nov 4 th	Intelligence	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 Quiz and Discussion
Week 11: Nov 5 th - 11 th	Development	Chapter 9	Chapter 9 Quiz and Discussion
Week 12: Nov 12 th - 18 th	Sexuality and Gender	Chapter 11	Chapter 11 Quiz and Discussion Research Paper Due
Week 13: Nov 19 th - 25 th	Personality	Chapter 12	Chapter 12 Quiz and Discussion
Week 14: Nov 26 th - Dec 2 nd	Therapies	Chapter 16	Chapter 16 Quiz and Discussion
Week 15: Dec 3 rd - 9 th	Disorders	Chapter 15	Chapter 15 Quiz and Discussion
Week 16: Dec 10th - 14th			Final Exam and Discussion

Grading:

You can earn a total of 1000 points throughout the semester. Points will be divided up accordingly:

Class Discussion Postings: 150 points – 10 points each week

Quizzes: 260 – 20 points each

Exams: 360 points- 180 points each

Paper: 170 points

Paper Outline: 30 points

Research Article Questions: 30 points

Grading Scale:

Percentage	Letter Grade
93% +	A
90 – 92%	A-
87 – 89%	B+
83 – 86%	B
80 –82%	B-
77 – 79%	C+
70 –76 -%	C
60 – 69%	D
59% - 0	F

Class Discussion:

In order for you to learn the material and make it personally relative you need to interact with it by taking part in discussions. Each week we will have a discussion based on a question/ prompt from me. You will receive up to a maximum of 10 points for postings and responses to others' postings. The postings will be graded according to the following rubric:

Primary Post- 5 points possible- Your post must:

- React critically and provide insight into the topic, not just a summary – 1 point
- Relate topic to your own experience*- 1 point
- Use correct grammar and spelling- 1 point
- Be posted before the Sunday deadline- 1 point
- Meet the 300 word minimum length – 1 point

Reply Postings – 5 points possible – each of your **two** reply posts must:

- React thoughtfully to the content of a classmate's primary post utilizing content from class content. – 2 points

- Meet the 150 word minimum length – 2 points
- Use correct grammar and spelling. – 1 point

*The topics discussed in class will stimulate you to think about your own experiences. It is important that you relate the class content to your life, but exercise some caution when disclosing very personal information on the class discussion forum. It is important that you continue to feel that this class is a safe learning environment, and personal self disclosures can affect this. So, be cautious when making highly personal statements. Furthermore, I expect everyone in the class to be respectful and considerate when replying to classmate's postings. (See code of conduct for further information)

Attendance:

Please be aware that if you decide to not continue with the class you should drop the class and let me know about your decision. An Administrative procedure, (AP) 5075, now allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation through the 10th week of class. Non-participation includes missing 2 weeks in a row and not taking tests, exams or turning in assignments during that time. If you have difficulties meeting deadlines due to illness or emergency please let me know what is occurring. Census date is 9/10, where I will be dropping students that have not been participating in class. On 10/5 I will again be dropping students that are not participating. The end of the 10th week is 11/2. Please keep me informed of anything that is interfering with your participation/attendance in this class.

Quizzes:

There will be 13 chapter quizzes this semester with 20 questions worth one point each. The questions will be based on the reading and lecture material. The quiz for the week needs to be completed by 11:59 pm on Sunday night. **Make up quizzes will not be available after the Sunday deadline.** You will be limited to 30 minutes for each test. The quizzes are open book; however, you should prepare the same that you would for in person quizzes.

Exams:

Two exams will be given during the semester at midterm and final times. They will consist of multiple choice and essay questions. You must take the exam during the week that it is due, by 11:59 pm on Sunday night. You will have 90 minutes to complete these exams and again they are open book and worth 180 points each.

Research Article Questions:

This assignment is to provide you with exposure to primary research in the field of psychology. **Your instructor will provide links to articles that you can chose one from.** You will be prompted during the week that the assignment is due to discuss your chosen article with classmates that have read the same article. You will then need to type up your answers in a paper approximately 2 pages long, double-spaced. This paper should

demonstrate your knowledge of the research process. It is worth 30 points and needs to be submitted by 11:59pm on Sunday September 16th.

1. **What Journal is the article in? Year and volume? Page numbers?**
2. **Is this experimental or correlational research? Explain why.**
3. **What is the author's hypothesis?**
4. **If this is experimental research, identify the independent and dependent variables.**
5. **Identify the group of individuals that are being researched. Is this a representative sample?**
6. **Identify some extraneous variables that could be affecting the outcome of the research.**
7. **Explain how the research was conducted. What was the method?**
8. **Explain the results of the study.**
9. **Do you feel that this research should be replicated? How would you change the design?**
10. **How do you think the results of this research can be utilized by our community/society?**

Paper:

Research papers are due by **November 18th** at 11:59 pm. A typed outline of the paper including the topic, at least citation to a source on the chosen topic is due on **October 28th** by 11:59 pm. The outline is worth 30 points and the paper is worth 170 points. 10 points will be deducted for every day that a paper is turned in late. No papers will be accepted after **December 7th**.

You should choose a topic for the paper from the following list: (Topics that are not included on this list must be approved)

1. Research different fields in psychology explain them and then examine what field you are interested and why.
2. Research a major theorist that has contributed to the field of psychology. Give his/her history and describe their theory of counseling along with how individuals change.
3. Research a major psychological disorder. Explain the disorder and its current recommended treatments.
4. Research sleep and current theories on dreaming.
5. Examine the current research on sex differences in the brain.
6. What is the current research on the brain's ability to repair itself after injury?
7. What are the effects of psychological medications on the brain?
8. Examine the current research on perceptual differences in individuals who have a hearing or vision deficit.
9. How effective is hypnosis at stopping addictions?
10. Research the different ways that behavior modification is being utilized to treat disorders in children.

11. What does research indicate about the correlation between scores on intelligence tests and success?
12. Discuss psychological treatments and research on the effectiveness of these treatments.
13. Read the book of the year Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell. Investigate the question of nature vs. nurture in regards to intelligence and/or success. Include this research in your discussion of the book.
14. Read a biography – for instance Dreams of my Father by Barack Obama and discuss how the main subject in the book is expressing Erik Erikson’s stages of development. Include Erikson’s work in your references.
15. Read the previous CR book of the year One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest and watch the movie of the same title. Compare differences between the movie and book. Discuss the way the mental health system is reflected in these works. Compare the mental health system at that time compared to currently.
16. Read the previous book of the year The Help. Investigate current research available on racial discrimination and social rules. Include this research in your discussion of the characters in this book.

- Make sure you fully cover the topic in an academic manner. The research should be current and verifiable by author and or organization. Utilize the research tools available through the library for your research **not** Google.
- The paper needs to be written in APA format, 4-6 pages, double-spaced. You can access a handout on APA formatting on the CR library homepage. OWLS at Purdue and Diana Hacker.com are also good on-line sources for help with formatting. We will discuss formatting in class.
- At least 3 sources need to be utilized including one book.
- This project including the outline and paper is worth 200 points.
- Papers will be graded on:

Content- 70 points

The paper needs to adequately explain the topic and the research that was utilized in the discussion. Student needs to be able to analyze the research read and synthesize the research in the writing of the paper.

Documentation of sources – 20 points

In text citations must be utilized according to APA format. A reference page also needs to be included fully citing the verifiable sources.

Utilization of APA format- 20 points

APA format needs to be utilized in the setup of the paper including a title page, utilization of a running head, in text citations by author and date, 12 font, double space, format of reference page.

Spelling and Grammar – 15 points

One point will be deducted for each spelling and grammar mistake. Please edit carefully.

Credibility of sources –25 points

Sources of information utilized for this paper must be academic ones found through library databases. Sources should be verifiable and documented by an author and/or organization. Peer reviewed sources will be helpful for you to use in your research.

Organization of information- 50 points

The paper needs to be well organized in regards to paragraph structure, sentence structure and overall organization of paper.

Note:

I will make every effort to follow the standards and schedule of this syllabus. There may be times when changes are necessary and I will inform the class if this occurs.

Student Code of Conduct:

College of the Redwoods has a student code of conduct that can be read in full on the college web site. It is important that you are familiar with this policy and the ramifications of not abiding by the conduct code. It is important that all of the work that you submit is your own and that you maintain a respectful, academic demeanor when interacting with our class.

Students with Disabilities:

This class is designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Please contact me directly if you have any specific concerns. For more information regarding the College's services you can access the DSPS website at <http://redwoods.edu/district/dsps/>