

## Syllabus for: General Psychology

<b>Semester &amp; Year:</b>	Fall 2013
<b>Course ID and Section Number:</b>	PSYCH 1 E3923
<b>Number of Credits/Units:</b>	3.0
<b>Day/Time:</b>	MW 11:40-1:05
<b>Location:</b>	Creative Arts 113
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### **Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):**

A course focusing on 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. Explain concepts in areas of psychological theory and research while representing appropriate breadth and depth of knowledge.

**Special accommodations:** College of the Redwoods complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodation request at least one week before the first test so that necessary arrangements can be made. No last-minute arrangements or post-test adjustments will be made. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability related services and may need accommodations, please see me or contact Disabled Students Programs and Services. Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS.

**Academic Misconduct:** Cheating, plagiarism, collusion, abuse of resource materials, computer misuse, fabrication or falsification, multiple submissions, complicity in academic misconduct, and/ or bearing false witness will not be tolerated. Violations will be dealt with according to the procedures and sanctions proscribed by the College of the Redwoods. Students caught plagiarizing or cheating on exams will receive an "F" in the course.

The student code of conduct is available on the College of the Redwoods website at:

<http://www.redwoods.edu/District/Board/New/Chapter5/Ap5500.pdf>

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**Text: Exploring Psychology** (2014, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition) by David Myers, Worth publishers. Purchase any format: hardback, paperback, loose-leaf, or ebook.

- You can purchase the text directly from the publisher for \$135 hardcover, \$122 paperback, \$66 loose-leaf, or \$60 ebook at <http://worthpublishers.com/Catalog/product/exploringpsychology-ninthedition-myers/formatsandpackages/formats>
- You can purchase the text new or used from the CR Bookstore for \$141 new, \$106 used, \$71 rental, and \$53 digital rental at <http://bookstore.redwoods.edu/>
- You can purchase the text from any commercial online vendor (e.g., amazon.com). \*Note: Be sure to order online well before class begins. You must have the text early in the first week of class. Paperback ISBN 1-4641-1172-3.

The text is an important part of the class. A copy of the text is on two-hour reserve at the LRC, Eureka campus.

**Student Commitment:** This three credit-hour class will require about nine hours per week of your time. You will have to regularly attend class – *\*four of more absences is excessive,*

carefully read textbook chapters and online lectures, submit thoughtful daily writing assignments, complete a research paper, and successfully demonstrate your learning in midterm and final exams. Class attendance, conscientiousness, attention to details, reading, writing, and study skills are critical for success.

**Online Chapter Quizzes (130 points):** Each chapter will have an open-book, online quiz. The quiz is open-book and untimed, and is based on a textbook chapter and online lecture (available at the MyCR class website). The two lowest scores will be dropped at the end of class.

**Midterm Exams (200 points):** Each exam will consist of five short essay and 75 multiple-choice questions. You will receive a study guide one week before the exam. You must take the exam at or before its scheduled date for full credit. Late exams are allowed up to one week with a penalty.

**Lecture Points (approx. 75 points at 3 points each class):** Near the end of each class you will identify a topic from the lecture to respond and relate to your personal experience. Specifically, you will be asked to: Thoughtfully respond/react to the topic (1 point), relate/apply the topic to your own personal experience (1 point), and write a question you have based on the day's topic (1 point). You must attend the full lecture to receive credit.

**Research Paper (100 points):** This will be a short paper on any psychology topic of your choice including an outline (20 pts.), paper (50 pts.), and revised paper (30 pts.). Information is available using the Assignments link at the class website.

**Final Exam (100 points):** The final exam will consist of five short essay and 75 multiple-choice items based on chapters 12-15. You must take the exam at or before its scheduled date. Late exams are not allowed.

*Please Note:* There are no extra credit assignments.

**Grade Distribution:** **A** = 93% and above, **A-** = 90-92%, **B+** = 88-89%, **B** = 83-87, **B-** = 80-82%, **C+** = 78-79%, **C** = 65-77%, **D** = 60-64%, **F** = 59% and below

Dates	Topic	Readings	Assessment
<b>Week 1: Aug 26 – Aug 28</b>	Introduction	Chapter 1	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 2: Sept 4</b>	The Biology of Behavior	Chapter 2	W Lecture Points, Online Quiz

<b>Week 3: Sept 9 – Sept 11</b>	Consciousness	Chapter 3	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 4: Sept 16 – Sept 18</b>	Human Development	Chapter 4	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 5: Sept 23 – Sept 25</b>	Gender and Human Sexuality	Chapter 5	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 6: Sept 30 – Oct 2</b>	<b>Exam 1</b> Sensation and Perception	Chapter 6	<b>Exam 1 (Chs 1-5) W</b> Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 7: Oct 7 – Oct 9</b>	Learning	Chapter 7	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 8: Oct 14 – Oct 16</b>	Memory	Chapter 8	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz, <b>Paper Outline</b>
<b>Week 9: Oct 21 – Oct 23</b>	Thinking, Language, and Intelligence	Chapter 9	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 10: Oct 28 – Oct 30</b>	Motivation and Emotion	Chapter 10	M/W Lecture Points <b>Research Paper</b> , Online Quiz
<b>Week 11: Nov 4 – Nov 6</b>	<b>Exam 2</b> Health Psychology	Chapter 11	<b>Exam 2 (Chs 6-10) W</b> Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 12: Nov 13</b>	Personality	Chapter 12	W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 13: Nov 18 – Nov 20</b>	Social Psychology	Chapter 13	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz, <b>Revised Paper</b>

<b>Week 14: Nov 25</b>	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14	M Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Week 15: Dec 2 – Dec 4</b>	Treatment of Disorders	Chapter 15	M/W Lecture Points, Online Quiz
<b>Final Exam Mon Dec 9 10:45-12:45</b>			<b>Final Exam Chs 11-15</b>

**Note:** While I make every effort to follow the standards and schedule of this syllabus there may be times when changes are necessary. I will inform the class through the announcement board and/or class email of any changes.

**Code of Conduct:** I would encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Student Code of Conduct Standards in the college catalogue under campus policies and regulations. In addition, as an online class I have two additional requirements. First, you must do your own work. All papers, postings, and exams must be completed by you without any assistance other than basic editing help. Second, be respectful of your fellow students. Be kind and considerate in all of your postings and responses to the discussion forum.

**Students with Disabilities:** This class is designed to accommodate students with disabilities. Please contact me directly with specific concerns. For more information regarding the College's services for students with disabilities go to the DSPS website at <http://redwoods.edu/district/dsps/>

*\*Note: Administrative procedure (AP) 5075 allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation or excessive absences through the 10<sup>th</sup> week of class.*