

Syllabus for: Psych 1 – General Psychology

Semester & Year:	Fall 2015
Course ID and Section Number:	Psych-1-E7916
Number of Credits/Units:	3
Day/Time:	M-W 8:30-9:55 am
Location:	CA 113
Instructor's Name:	Rafael Ayala
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Course Description (catalog description as described in course outline):

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Student Learning Outcomes (as described in course outline) :

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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 accommodations document to me as promptly as possible so that necessary arrangements can 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.

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://redwoods.edu/District/Board/New/Chapter5/AP%205500%20Conduct%20Code%20final%2002-07-2012.pdf>

Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and

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Required Text: Psychology: Themes and Variations Briefer Version, 9th Edition.

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All chapter readings must be completed prior to attending class. For example, students must read Chapter 2 before the beginning of the second week.

Course Schedule

Week 1 (Aug 24-26): Chapter 1
Week 2 (Aug 31-Sep 2): Chapter 2
Week 3 (Sep 7-9): **Labor Day – No Class**; Chapter 3
Week 4 (Sep 14-16): Chapter 4; **Exam 1**
Week 5 (Sep 21-23): Chapter 5
Week 6 (Sep 28-30): Chapter 6
Week 7 (Oct 5-7): Chapter 7
Week 8 (Oct 12-14): Chapter 8; **Exam 2**
Week 9 (Oct 19-21): Chapter 9
Week 10 (Oct 26-28): Chapter 10
Week 11 (Nov 2-4): Chapter 11

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Week 12 (Nov 9-11): **Veterans' Day – No Class**; Chapter 12

Week 13 (Nov 16-18): **Exam 3**; Chapter 13

Week 14 (Nov 23-25): Chapter 14

Week 15 (Nov 30 -Dec 2): Chapter 15

Week 16: **Final Exam**

Course Grading:

All assignments are due in the beginning of class. Late work will not be accepted. The course will be graded using the following:

- Participation: 5 points each class
- Reader Response: 5 points each
- Quizzes: 10 points each
- Research Paper: 150 Points
- Exams: 100 points each

Disorderly Conduct:

Students who are disruptive during class will be asked to leave and receive no participation credit for the day. The environment of this classroom will be one that fosters intellectual discussion and one that respects the different views of the participants of the class. Students under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be asked to leave. If a student is asked to leave twice due to disorderly conduct, they will be issued a suspension from class for either one or two class periods, at the discretion of the instructor. Any assignments or tests due on the dates missed will not be able to be retaken or turned in late. Students must follow instructions or will be asked to leave the class.

Academic Integrity:

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. All turned in assignments must be the student's original work. Any plagiarized material will receive no credit. Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will fail the course.

Electronics:

Cell phones are not to be used during class for calls or for texting. Phones are to be placed on silent or turned off during class. Students are allowed to use computers to take notes only. If students use computers for something other than taking notes, no computers will be allowed to be used during class. Tape recorders are not allowed.

Students with Disabilities:

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