

Syllabus for: (name of class) General Psychology 1	
Semester & Year:	Fall 2015
Course ID and Section Number:	E8932 (038932)
Number of Credits/Units:	3
Day/Time:	T/Th
Location:	St Bernards High School Room # 200
Instructor's Name:	Ahn
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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.	
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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://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 administrative procedures is located in the college catalog and on the College of the Redwoods homepage.

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General Psychology 1
St. Bernard's High School/College of the Redwoods
Fall 2015

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Required Text:

Weiten, W., (2010-2014). Psychology: Themes and Variations Briefer Version (8th, or 9th Ed.). Wadsworth Publishing.

Consideration Code

- Please respect the opinions of fellow students by not insulting or demeaning their comments. Violation of this code may lead to a student's dismissal from the course.
- Please turn off cell phones before class begins. Absolutely no texting in class. Do not have cell phones out during class time. If there is an absolute necessity to have your phone out you must talk to me so you can get approval. Multiple violations of these rules will result in a permanent dismissal from the class.
- Arrive to class on time, but if you do arrive late, please enter the class quietly.
- Please don't start packing up your belongings until the class ends, unless you need to leave early.
- Please no eating in class. (Janitors rule)
- Please read the College of the Redwoods student's code of conduct, as those rules apply in this class.

Attendance

- If you have 6 unexcused absences, you will be deducted 15% of the grade total at the end of the semester. Excused absences consist of a medical issue or an emergency. You will need to show proof if applicable.
- If you miss multiple classes your point total will be lowered because of missed in-class assignments and quizzes that you will not be able to make up unless it is an excused absence.

Date	Topic	Text Readings
Aug 25th	Introductions	
Aug 27th	Evolution of Psych	Chapter 1
Sept 1st	History of Psych	
Sept 3rd	Sensation & Perception	Chapter 4
Sept 8th	Bio Basis	Chapter 3
Sept 10th	Bio Basis	
Sept 15th	Bio Basis Cont...	
Sept 17th	Consciousness	Chapter 5
Sept 22nd	Exam #1 Review	
Sept 24th	Exam #1	
Sept 29th	Social Psych Video	
Oct 1st	Social Psych	Chapter 15
Oct 6th	Social Psych	Chapter 6
Oct 8th	Learning	
Oct 13th	Learning	Chapter 11
Oct 15th	Personality	
Oct 20th	Personality	
Oct 22nd	Motivation/Emotion	Chapter 9
Oct 27th	Exam #2 Review	
Oct 29th	Lab Work	
Nov 3rd	Exam #2	
Nov 5th	Psych DX & TX	Chapter 13 & 14
Nov 10th	Psych DX & TX	
Nov 12th	Psych DX & TX	
Nov 17th	Psych DX & TX	
Nov 19th	Psych DX & TX	
Nov 24th	Psych Dx & TX	
Dec 1st	Psych DX & TX	
Dec 3rd	Psych DX & TX Exam	
Finals	TBA	

Notice

***Online Homework:** When “*Online Homework*” is listed on the class schedule, we will not meet in class. An online assignment will be posted on Canvas. The assignment is due in class typed or written, on the due date listed on the assignment guidelines.

*Chapter numbers do not always match-up to the ones listed in the class schedule above. It depends on which version of the book you have. You should go by the chapter heading or topic instead.

*Chapter readings should be done before the class meeting date. Reading the chapters beforehand is important in order to gain a better understanding of the lectures and discussions for that day/week. Several quizzes will be given throughout the semester without prior notice, in order to test for reading comprehension.

*This class schedule is subject to change at any time. I will notify the class of any changes and it is the responsibility of the student to update changes via asking another students or contacting the instructor.

*Check on Canvas for any announcements, notes, assignments, the syllabus... Everything will be on Canvas.

Grading Standards

Chapter Quizzes (5 points each)

Several chapter quizzes will be given before the start of the class and without prior notice. Quizzes will cover the chapter readings for the day and will consist of multiple choice, True/False, and/or fill in the blanks. The quizzes are designed to test chapter readings comprehension and to ensure lively and enriching discussions in class.

No quizzes will be given after the class takes the quiz.

Class Assignments/Papers (5-20 points each)

There will be several in-class and/or homework assignments or papers worth 5-20 points each. These projects or papers will be exercises designed to stimulate the use of psychological theories into real life applications. If you are absent when a class project or paper is assigned, you must get the assignment from a fellow student or e-mail or call the instructor. I will give you a handout of the guidelines for the assignments in class. If you are not in class when an in-class assignment is given, you will not be able to turn it in late and receive points, unless it is an excused absence.

Exams (25-90 points each)

There will be four exams consisting of multiple choice, True or False and/or essay questions. The first two exams will be worth approximately 88 points each and the third exam will be worth approximately 54 points and the final will be worth approximately 25 points. The exams will test your knowledge of the assigned readings, lectures, and videos. You must take the exam at or before the scheduled date. There will be no exceptions, except for medical (with a doctor's note) or legitimate personal reasons.

Grading Chart

A	100-90%
B	89-80%
C	79-65%
D	64-60%
F	Less Than 59.9%

*Grades may be adjusted to include +/-

*If you are unable to take a test or turn in a paper on the scheduled date, you will need to call or e-mail me beforehand in order to make arrangements for alternate solutions.

*No cheating: it will result in a failing grade and/or disciplinary action.

*Incompletes: Incompletes are granted for students with a compelling reason for why they cannot complete the course.

*It is the student's responsibility to keep track of their own point total throughout the semester. This entails keeping track of your points by entering the point total for the assignment as well as entering the points you received for the particular assignment, by either writing it down or using a spreadsheet program. You will need to enter your points whenever I pass back an assignment. If you forgot or are unsure about what you received on an assignment, project, or exam, email me and I will let you know as soon as possible.