

Syllabus for PSYCH 1

Semester & Year	Spring 2017
Course ID and Section #	PSYCH 1 – E0939
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Textbook Information	<i>Title & Edition</i> Psychology, 4 th Edition <i>Author</i> Ciccarelli & White (2014) <i>ISBN</i> 0205972241

Course Description

A course focusing on the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Explores 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

1. Explain concepts in areas of psychological theory and research while representing the context of historical trends in psychology.
2. Recognize the impact of diversity on psychological research, including: Age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and sexual orientation.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and information competence as applied to psychological topics.
4. Analyze how experience, culture, learning and biology affect behavior and cognitive processes.

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 within the first week of class 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](#). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS by phone: 707.476.4280.

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Assignments, Readings, and Exams

Textbook

As our primary text we will use *Psychology, 4th Edition* (Ciccarelli & White, 2014). Up to 10% of our exam questions may be pulled **directly from the text** without being discussed in the lecture, so chapter readings are essential for doing well in this course. To find a discounted copy of our textbook (ISBN: 0205972241) please check the database below:

<http://www.bookfinder.com>

Participation (100 points)

Attendance and participation in lecture will contribute 100 points toward your final grade. Students are **allowed 1 unexcused absence**; 20 points will be subtracted from the participation grade for each unexcused absence after the first. Absences due to illnesses, when accompanied by a doctor's note, may be excused. If you know you'll miss class, be sure to talk to me ahead of time.

Research Summary (100 points)

To fulfill the writing component of this course, you will be asked to complete a **research summary** in which you critically evaluate research in psychology. The first draft (worth 25 points) will be graded on *completeness*; the second draft (worth 75 points) will be graded on *accuracy and writing quality*. Papers should be typed and turned in at the *beginning of lecture* on the due date. Late assignments may be eligible for partial credit if arrangements are made within one week.

Exams (300 points)

There will be one **midterm** (worth 100 points) and a **cumulative final** (worth 200 points). Exams cover material from online lectures and class discussions. Once scores have been entered, I do not allow students to keep exams; but feel free to visit them during office hours if you wish to review your work. Exam review materials can be found on Canvas.

Grading Policies

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may be announced throughout the semester. Be sure to access our Canvas announcements forum regularly for details about extra credit opportunities.

Grading (500 total points)

Participation (100 points) and the research paper (100 points) comprise 40% of your total grade; the midterm (100 points) and the final exam (200 points) comprise the other 60%. Unless otherwise stated, final grades for the course will be scaled in the usual fashion:

A = 100-93% A- = 92-90% B+ = 89-87% B = 86-83% B- = 82-80%
C+ = 79-77% C = 76-73% C- = 72-70% D = 69-60% F = 59-0%

Missed Exams

If you know you'll miss an exam, you must schedule a make-up at least **one week** in advance. **Make-up exams will not be given after exams have been returned.** Students affiliated with CR Athletics or Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) may schedule exams ahead of time by calling the testing center: 707.476.4106. Please notify me in advance each time you intend to utilize this option, and be sure to bring the appropriate notification to me as soon as possible.

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Academic Support

Academic support is available at [Counseling and Advising](#) and includes academic advising and educational planning, [Academic Support Center](#) for tutoring and proctored tests, and [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services](#), for eligible students, with advising, assistance, and tutoring.

Academic Honesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. [The Student Code of Conduct \(AP 5500\)](#) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. 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 website.

Non-participation, Drops, and Withdrawals

Please be aware you may be automatically dropped from the course for non-participation. This includes missing 3 or more classes in a row, as well as failing to complete exams and assignments in a timely fashion. Administrative procedure (AP) 5075 allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation through the 10th week of class.

The last day to drop this course **without a serious and compelling reason is: 1/27/17**. If any problems arise that prevent you from fully participating in this course, please notify me as soon as possible to make arrangements. No course withdrawal is allowed after the 10th week of class.

Getting Help

For help, please feel free to contact me during office hours or by emailing me via Canvas. Posting to our class forum on Canvas is also useful as questions and answers are accessible to the entire class. Students interested in tutoring services are advised to contact the Academic Support Center:

www.redwoods.edu/asc/tutoring-services

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Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Lecture Topics	*Readings	**Assignments
1	1/19	Introduction		
2	1/26	Science of Psychology	<i>Chapter 1</i>	
3	2/2	Biological Perspective	<i>Chapter 2</i>	
4	2/9	Sensation & Perception	<i>Chapter 3</i>	
5	2/16	Consciousness	<i>Chapter 4</i>	
6	2/23	Learning	<i>Chapter 5</i>	
7	3/2	APA Style		
8	3/9	Midterm		
	3/16	----- SPRING BREAK -----		
9	3/23	Memory	<i>Chapter 6</i>	
10	3/30	Lifespan Development	<i>Chapter 8</i>	Research draft due 3/30
11	4/6	Gender & Sexuality	<i>Chapter 10</i>	
12	4/13	Social Psychology	<i>Chapter 12</i>	
13	4/20	Psychological Disorders	<i>Chapter 14</i>	
14	4/27	Psychological Therapies	<i>Chapter 15</i>	Research paper due 4/27
15	5/4	<i>Final Exam Review</i>		
Final	5/11	FINAL EXAM: Thursday, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM		

* Readings are vital to success in this class. Chapters should be read before the week begins.

** This schedule is subject to change. Please keep in mind some weeks we may be ahead of, or behind, schedule. Assignments and exams will never be due *earlier* than listed.

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Emergency Procedures for the Eureka Campus:

Please review the campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). The Eureka campus [emergency map](#) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. For more information visit the [Public Safety website](#). In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building.
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building:
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the Incident Commander or campus authorities. (CR's lower parking lot and Tompkins Hill Rd are within the Tsunami Zone.)

RAVE

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. In the event of an emergency on campus you can receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. Registration is necessary in order to receive emergency alerts.

Please go to <https://www.GetRave.com/login/Redwoods> and use the "Register" button on the top right portion of the registration page to create an account. During the registration process you can elect to add additional information, such as office phone, home phone, cell phone, and personal email. Please use your CR email address as your primary Registration Email. Your CR email address ends with "redwoods.edu." Please contact Public Safety at 707.476.4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions.

Student Resources

A number of support services are available for students interested in support or accommodation:

- o CR-Online (Resource for online students): <http://www.redwoods.edu/online>
- o Academic Support Center (and testing center): <http://www.redwoods.edu/asc>
- o Counseling Services: <http://www.redwoods.edu/counseling/>
- o CR Orientation: <http://www.redwoods.edu/orientation/>
- o DSPS (Disabled Students Programs and Services): <http://www.redwoods.edu/dsps>
- o Library (including online databases): <http://www.redwoods.edu/library/>
- o Veterans' Resource Center: <http://www.redwoods.edu/vets>
- o Writing Center: <http://www.redwoods.edu/writingcenter>
- o Canvas help and tutorials: <http://www.redwoods.edu/online/Canvas>