Syllabus for General Psychology – Eureka Campus				
Semester & Year	Summer 2017			
Course ID and Section #	Psych 1 E3976			
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<b>Number of Credits/Units</b>	3.0			
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	Author	Myers and DeWall		
	ISBN	1-4641-5407-4		

### **Course Description**

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### **Special Accommodations**

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### **Academic Support**

Academic support is available at <u>Counseling and Advising</u> and includes academic advising and educational planning, <u>Academic Support Center</u> for tutoring and proctored tests, and <u>Extended</u> <u>Opportunity Programs & Services</u>, for eligible students, with advising, assistance, tutoring, and more.

# **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

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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 at: <a href="http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services">http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services</a>, and scroll to AP 5500. 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.

#### **Disruptive Classroom Behavior**

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, he or she 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 at: <a href="http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services">http://www.redwoods.edu/board/Board-Policies/Chapter-5-Student-Services</a> and scroll to AP 5500.

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**Student Commitment:** This three credit-hour class will require about 30+ hours per week of your time. You will have to regularly attend class, carefully read textbook chapters, submit thoughtful daily writing assignments, complete a research essay/paper, and successfully demonstrate your learning in exams. Class attendance, conscientiousness, attention to details, reading, writing, and study skills are critical for success. Each class meeting is equal to a week in a normal semester. Missing more than two days of class is considered excessive.

*Midterm Exam* (100 points): The exam will consist of 100 multiple choice questions. After graded exams are returned, you can make corrections and improve your score ½ point for each missed item by identifying the correct answer and text page. You must take the exam at or before its scheduled date for full credit. Late exams are allowed up to one week with up to a 20 point penalty.

Lecture Points (84 points at 3 points each half-class): Near the midpoint and 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), write a question you have based on the topic (1 point), and write at least one-half

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page (100+ words). You must attend the lecture to receive credit. Note: The lectures will be recorded and posted as audio files in Canvas. If you miss class, you can submit up to **two half-class lecture points** based on the class recordings.

**Research Paper** (100 points): This will be a short paper on any psychology topic of your choice and include an outline (10 pts.), draft paper (60 pts.), and final paper (30 pts.). Information is available at the modules link in Canvas. All research paper assignments will be submitted electronically using Canvas and either VeriCite or Turnitin,com (TBD).

*Final Exam (100 points):* The final exam will consist of 100 multiple-choice items based on chapters 9-15. There will not be an opportunity to correct missed items. You must take the exam at 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 + 80-82%, C = 65-77%, D = 60-64%, C = 65-77%, D = 60-64%, D = 60-64%,

Dates	Торіс	Readings	Assessment
Monday-May 22	Introduction	Chapter 1	Lecture Points
Tuesday-May 23	The Biology of Behavior	Chapter 2	Lecture Points
Wednesday-May 24	Consciousness	Chapter 3	Lecture Points
Thursday-May 25	Gender and Human Sexuality	Chapter 5	Lecture Points
Monday-May 29	Sensation and Perception	Chapter 6	Lecture Points Paper Outline Due
Tuesday-May 30	Learning	Chapter 7	Lecture Points
Wednesday-May 31	Memory	Chapter 8	Lecture Points
Thursday-June 1	Midterm Exam		Midterm Exam Chapters 1-3 & 5-8

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Monday-June 5	Thinking, Language, and Intelligence	Chapter 9	Lecture Points  Draft Paper Due
Tuesday-June 6	Motivation and Emotion	Chapter 10	Lecture Points
Wednesday-June 7	Health Psychology	Chapter 11	Lecture Points
Thursday-June 8	Personality	Chapter 13	Lecture Points Exam Corrections
Monday-June 12	Psychological Disorders	Chapter 14	Lecture Points Final Paper Due
Tuesday-June 13	Treatment of Disorders	Chapter 15	Lecture Points
Wednesday-June 14	Social Psychology	Chapter 12	Lecture Points
Thursday-June 15	Final Exam		Final Exam Chapters 9-15

**Code of Conduct:** Please familiarize yourself with the <u>Student Code of Conduct (AP 5500)</u>. It is required that you do your own work. All papers, postings, and exams must be completed by you without assistance. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and your status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the instructor. In such cases where the instructor determines that you have demonstrated academic dishonesty, you may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Dean of Students.

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**Emergency Procedures:** Please review the campus evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room) and review <a href="www.redwoods.edu/safety.asp">www.redwoods.edu/safety.asp</a> for information on campus Emergency Procedures.

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**RAVE:** College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system. Everyone is entered to receive a message at their CR email address. In the event of an emergency on campus, you can also elect to receive an alert through your personal email, and/or phones at your home, office, and cell. This emergency alert system will be available to all students, staff, and other interested parties. <a href="http://www.redwoods.edu/safety/rave.asp">http://www.redwoods.edu/safety/rave.asp</a>

**Notes:** There are no extra-credit opportunities. 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 of any changes. Administrative procedure (AP) 5075 allows instructors to withdraw students from class for non-participation or excessive absences through the 10<sup>th</sup> day of class.

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