Class Information Sheet

Semester: Fall 2008
Title of Course: Introduction to Psychology
Department & Number: Psychology 01
Prerequisites: Reading Level II or concurrent enrollment in Reading II
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Catalog Description of Course
This course is an introduction to the scientific study of behavior through an explanation of the major concepts and research in the field of psychology. This course will provide the basic foundation for more advanced courses in psychology. (UC, CSU, CAN Psy 2)

Required Text

Course Aim
The aim of this course is for students to learn the basic theories, concepts, and principals of general psychology. Additionally, applications of psychological theory will be stressed in an attempt to show how the science is applied to real life situations. Being a survey course, no specific area will be emphasized to a great extent but rather a diverse array of topics will be covered. The topics selected for discussion have been chosen in order to provide a general background for students who will have but one psychology course in their undergraduate careers. This course serves as a prerequisite for most advanced courses in psychology.

Course Goals
1. Identify the contributions of some of the leaders in the field of psychology.
2. Develop an appreciation of some of the workings of the mind.
3. Identify the newest research in the field of human behavior.

Course Objectives
1. Understand and analyze the major conflicts people encounter and how solutions may be found.
2. Compare and contrast degrees of adaptive and maladaptive behaviors.
3. Evaluate various motivational needs and drives.
4. Synthesize new data related to human behavior to better understand him or her self.
**Instructional Procedures**
Information will be presented both in the classroom and in the text. However, when
lecturing the instructor will not make an attempt to cover all aspects of the text. Rather,
she will focus on difficult areas, particularly interesting areas, or on topics of special
interests. While class lecture meetings are relatively structured lectures, students will
have a substantial amount of class time set aside for questions and answers. Students are
couraged to ask questions and to interrupt the instructor for points of information,
clarification, or amplification.

**Obligation of the Student**
1. Enrollment in this course obligates a student for punctual and regular attendance.
   If a student is absent for any of the first 3 class meetings, (s)he will automatically
   be dropped. During the semester, attendance will be taken in accordance with
   college guidelines. The maximum number of unexcused absences is 3 class
   meetings. If absences exceed this amount, the instructor may opt to drop the
   student from the course. However, just because a student stops attending class
   does not mean (s)he will be automatically dropped. If a student wishes to drop the
   course, it is his/her responsibility to do so. A drop slip must be submitted by the
   student to the registrar.
2. Participate in classroom discussions.
3. Take all chapter exams and final.
4. Read assigned chapters from the text.
5. Submit writing project by due date.

**Method of Evaluation**
1. An online exam will be given after each chapter covered throughout the semester.
   Students will be required to take 12 out of the 16 exams. Each exam will be
   compromised of 15 questions (multiple choice, true false, matching, etc.) worth 2
   points. Students may take each exam up to five times and will receive the highest
   score earned. Exams will cover lecture material, textbook readings, supplemental
   readings, and other class material. All missed exams will receive a grade of zero
   and the four lowest scores will be dropped. Because students are allowed to miss
   4 exams, no “make-up” exams will be given. Students who wish to take in-class
   exams must make arrangements with the instructor at the beginning of the
   semester.
   **TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 360**

2. A final examination will be given at the end of the semester during finals week.
   Final exams will be compromised of prior chapter exams and will be available
   online. All missed final exams will receive a grade of zero.
   **TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 30**
3. Students will be required to hand in a writing project towards the end of the semester. Details of the project are attached. The writing project will be worth 160 points.

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 160**

Students suspected of cheating and/or plagiarizing will receive a failing grade, follow the course of action suggested by the instructor and/or be sent to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action. The instructor will not bear any burden of proof in terms of student cheating and/or plagiarizing.

Points accrued from the chapter exams, final examination, and writing project will be totaled into a single score. Course grades will be made based on the following criteria.

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**Tentative Schedule***

**Chapter 1 WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY**
Class Lectures August 18 -22
Online Exam Available August 22 noon – August 29 noon

**Chapter 2 PSYCHOLOGY’S SCIENTIFIC METHOD**
Class Lectures August 25 -29
Online Exam Available August 29 noon – September 5 noon

**Chapter 3 BIOLOGICAL FOUNATIONS OF BEHAVIOR**
Class Lectures September 2 - 5
Online Exam Available September 5 noon – September 12 noon
Chapter 4 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT  
Class Lectures September 8 – 12  
Online Exam Available September 12 noon – September 19 noon

Chapter 5 SENSATION AND PERCEPTION  
Class Lectures September 15 - 19  
Online Exam Available September 19 noon – September 26 noon

Chapter 6 STATES OF CONSCIOUSNESS  
Class Lectures September 22- 26  
Online Exam Available September 26 noon – October 3 noon

Chapter 7 LEARNING  
September 29 - October 3  
Online Exam Available October 3 noon – October 10 noon

Chapter 8 MEMORY  
Class Lectures October 6 - 10  
Online Exam Available October 10 noon – October 17 noon

Chapter 9 THINKING, INTELLIGENCE, AND LANGUAGE  
Class Lectures October 13 - 17  
Online Exam Available October 17 noon – October 24 noon

Chapter 10 MOTIVATION AND EMOTION  
Class Lectures October 20 - 24  
Online Exam Available October 24 noon – October 31 noon

Chapter 11 PERSONALITY  
Class Lectures October 27 - 31  
Online Exam Available October 31 noon – November 7 noon

Chapter 12 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY  
Class Lectures November 3 - 7  
Online Exam Available November 7 noon – November 14 noon

Chapter 13 INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY  
Class Lectures November 11 - 14  
Online Exam Available November 14 noon – November 21 noon
Chapter 14  PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS  
Class Lectures November 17 - 26  
Online Exam Available November 26 noon – December 5 noon

Chapter 15  THERAPIES  
Class Lectures December 1-5  
Online Exam Available December 5 noon – December 12 noon

Chapter 16  HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY  
Class Lectures December 8 - 12  
Online Exam Available December 12 noon – December 19 noon

FINAL EXAM WEEK - December 15 – 19

* Schedule is tentative. Confirmation of dates and material will be made in class. It is the student's responsibility to keep informed of the exam schedule. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, do not absolve his/her responsibility.