

SYLLABUS General PSYCHOLOGY

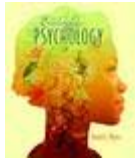
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TEXT: Myers David (2014). Exploring Psychology (9th.ed.). NY: Worth Publishers



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Psychology plays a major role in our lives, organizations and society. General Psychology is an introductory survey course designed to expose you to the major theories, theorists and concepts in psychology. Central to an understanding of modern psychology is the role that research and the scientific method play in testing and developing theories.

Learning Outcomes (at the end of this course students will be able to):

- Describe the purpose, comprehensive scope, and areas of application in the discipline of psychology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the scientific process by applying and/or critiquing various research methods used by psychologists in the study of behavior.
- Recognize, compare and contrast various theoretical perspectives used to explain and guide psychological research and application.
- Identify historical and present-day contributions of major psychologists.
- Define important psychological terms, concepts, processes and principles.
- Apply critical thinking to assumptions, claims, and common sense ideas about behavior.

- Demonstrate the application of psychological principles and findings to one's own life.
- In terms of general education outcomes, students will be able to

Use cognitive and creative skills:

- Analyzing (identifying and evaluating problems)
- Synthesizing (interpreting situations, drawing conclusions, and making connections)

Improving communication skills:

- Doing research (gathering and documenting information)
- Delivering one or more written, oral and /or visual presentations with formal documentation)

Applying personal skills:

- Understanding the influence of stress, nutrition, and life style on personal health and performance.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Readings : You are expected to read the assigned literature and review the weekly objectives/ study guide.

Discussion: Topics/ Questions are presented at the beginning of each week. Discussions are intended to increase your experience as a learning community and should deepen your understanding/thinking about the subject matter. Weekly discussions will count 45 points. Total points possible for discussions are 450 points (45x10=450). Specific details on how to write discussion responses are available under 'Instructions for Discussions' in the 'Getting Started' Folder. Week 1 is a practice week to give you the opportunity to better understand the requirements. Completing Week 1 discussions will also give you the option to miss one discussion.

Assignments: The purpose of assignments is to give you an opportunity to apply knowledge to real life situations. Detailed instructions will be provided for each activity. You need to complete and submit one single subject experiment during the quarter (170 points). In addition you need to submit an Introduction and Technical Plan the first week of class (30points). All assignments are due at the indicated deadline and late papers will lose points (one day late: half a letter grade; two days late: one letter grade).

Quizzes: After completing a module you have to take a short quiz of 30 multiple choice questions the following Monday and Tuesday. Each quiz will cover information pertaining to the module only. Total points possible for quizzes is 300 points (30 x 10weeks= 300 points).

Quiz Rebuttal Policy: You may rebut, *in writing*, any question on any of the quizzes. Your rebuttals must include:

1. The complete question.
2. The option you chose.
3. Why you chose an incorrect option.
4. One reference from your textbook to support your argument.

Rebuttals are due within one week of the quiz.

Class Evaluation: Class evaluations are an important part of the class and you are required to complete the evaluation before you will get access to the final exam.

Final: The Final exam, given during finals week, will be comprehensive and will consist of 50 multiple choice and true/false items (50 points).

Make-up policy: You can make-up one weekly quiz. Make-ups need to be scheduled with the instructor and will be given during finals week.

GRADING

Grades will be determined as follows:

Exams	9@ 30 points	300
Discussions	10@ 50 points	450
Interview Assignment	1 (out of two possible)	170
Introduction and Technical Plan		30
Final Exam		50
Total =		1000

Grading Scale:

<i>Grade</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>F</i>
plus	Not given	870 - 899	770 - 799	660 - 699	< 600
	930 - 1000	830 - 869	730 - 769	600 - 659	

minus	900 - 929	800 - 829	700 - 729		
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Students with special learning needs should contact the instructor as soon as possible.

Tentative SCHEDULE

Please check your weekly module for any schedule changes or reading assignment changes!!!!

Week/Module	Reading Assignment	Due
Week 1	Chapter 1, 'Getting Started' Folder, view video material	Discussion 1 due Thursday Introduction due Friday Quiz 1: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 2	Chapters 2 and 3	Discussion Week 2 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 2: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 3	Chapter 7	Discussion Week 3 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 3: following Monday and Tuesday; Start Assignment 2 A
Week 4	Chapters 2 and 3.	Discussion Week 4 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 4: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 5	Chapters 4 and 5.	Discussion Week 5 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 5: following Monday and Tuesday

Week 6	Chapters 6.	Discussion Week 6 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 6: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 7	Chapters 8 and 9	Discussion Week 7 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 7: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 8	Chapters 10	Discussion Week 8 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 8: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 9	Chapter 11	Discussion Week 9 due Wednesday midnight Assignment 2 Option A: Adolescent Interview is due Friday midnight Quiz 9: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 10	Chapters 13 and 14.	Discussion Week 10 due Wednesday midnight Quiz 10: following Monday and Tuesday
Week 11	Chapter 15	Discussion Week 11 due Wednesday midnight Assignment 2 B is due Friday Final comprehensive Exam will be Dec 10 and 11.