

**Homestead Campus
Social Science Department
PSY 2012
Introduction To Psychology
Spring 2008**

Class Day/Time: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:00-10:50
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This three-credit course is intended for students that have been placed on Academic Warning. It is designed to help students be more successful academically by focusing on performance in a learning environment. This will include social, cultural, psychological and academic aspects of the individual and the role they play in the learning environment.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Describe what it means to be "scientific"; what the scientific method is; and how it is applied to psychology.
2. Summarize the history and development of psychology as a science.
3. Differentiate among the major areas of study within the field of psychology.
4. Describe the various factors involved in personality formation and human learning.
5. Identify the significance of psychology in a complex and technological society.
6. Recognize the difference between normal and abnormal behavior.
7. Describe abnormal personality classifications and their impact on society.
8. Identify the changing structures and functions of the mental health field.
9. Describe the purpose and process of psychological assessment.
10. Acquire a vocabulary of psychological terms.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Textbook:
Feldman, Robert S., Essentials of Understanding Psychology, Boston, MA: McGraw Hill, 7th Edition, 2008.
- Notebook paper
- Pen/pencil

ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance and punctuality are expected in this course just as they are in the world of work. You are paying for this course so please get your money's worth! Three absences will drop your final grade by one letter grade. More than three absences will result in a failing grade.

TARDINESS POLICY: Three tardies constitute one absence. You are tardy if you arrive 10+ minutes late for class.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: You will have 4 required tests. Each test will count as 20% of your final grade. Class participation will count as 10% of your final grade and attendance will count as 10% of your grade. Make-up tests will only be given in the cases of excused absences. Your excuse needs to be submitted to me upon returning to class.

GRADING SCALE:

100-90%=A
89-80%=B
79-70%=C
69-60%=D
59-0%=F

CONDUCT: Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students involved in any form of academic dishonest (cheating, plagiarism) will face disciplinary sanctions according to the Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which can be obtained from the Student Life Department. Disrespect of the instructor, fellow classmates and property will not be tolerated. All disruptive/destructive behavior will be reported.

COURSE CONTENT AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Week 1 Class introduction, course requirements, attendance and academic honesty.

Week 2 Ch. 1- Introduction to Psychology

1/14 Pgs. 4-16
1/16 Pgs. 17-30
1/18 Pgs. 31-40

Week 2 Ch. 2- Neuroscience & Behavior

1/21 No class- M.L.K. Holiday
1/23 Pgs. 52-67
1/25 Pgs. 68-83

Week 3 Ch. 3- Sensing the World Around Us

1/28 Pgs. 90-104
1/30 Pgs. 105-118
2/1 Pgs. 119-131

Week 4 Ch. 4- States of Consciousness

2/4 **TEST 1 (CHAPS. 1-3)**
2/6 138-153
2/8 154-169

Week 5 Ch. 5- Learning

2/11 Pgs. 174-183
2/13 Pgs. 184-193
2/15 Pgs. 194-204

Week 6 Ch.6- Memory

2/18 Pgs. 210-219
2/20 Pgs. 220-229
2/22 Pgs. 230-239

Week 7 Ch. 7- Thinking, Language & Intelligence

2/25 Pgs. 244-259
2/27 Pgs. 260-274
2/29 Pgs. 275-288

Week 8 Ch. 8- Motivation & Emotion

3/3 TEST 2 (CHAPS 4-7)
3/5 Pgs. 295-311
3/7 Pgs. 312-327

Week 9 Ch. 9- Development

3/10 Pgs. 332-344
3/12 Pgs. 345-356
3/14 Pgs. 357-370

Week 10 Ch. 10- Personality

3/17 Pgs. 384-399
3/19 Pgs. 400-415
3/21 No Class- Good Friday

Week 11 Ch. 11- Health Psychology

3/24 Pgs. 418-426
3/26 Pgs. 427-435
3/28 Pgs. 436-444

Week 12 SLS Lab

3/31 TEST 3 (CHAPS. 8-11)
4/2 SLS Lab
4/4 SLS Lab

Week 13 Ch. 12- Psychological Disorders

4/7 SLS Lab
4/9 448-465
4/11 466-483

Week 14 Ch. 13- Treatment of Psychological Disorders

4/14 Pgs. 488-496
4/16 Pgs. 497-505
4/18 Pgs. 506-514

Week 15 Ch. 14- Social Psychology

4/21 518-528
4/23 529-539
4/25 540-549

Week 16 Final Exam Week

4/28 Final Exam 10:00-11:30 A.M. TEST 4 (CHAPS. 12-14)
Make-up for any missed exams