

## PSY1513 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (ONLINE) POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND SYLLABUS

### GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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### GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY COURSE SYLLABUS

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 3

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: Coon, Dennis and Mitterer, John O. (2013). Introduction to Psychology: Gateways to Mind and Behavior. (13<sup>th</sup> Edition). Wadsworth/ Thomson Learning, Inc.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLOs): Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Restate social science concepts related to psychology.
2. Openly discuss subject matter and relate it to personal experiences.
3. Use critical thinking and problem solving skills to illustrate an understanding of subject content.
4. Discuss the major modern psychological theories.
5. List and discuss the research methodologies commonly used in psychology.
7. Analyze the nature versus nurture controversy regarding a variety of behavioral phenomena.
8. Identify the primary brain structures and functions related to behavior.

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP): The instructor of this course will implement a wide variety of strategies and methods to (a) enhance reading comprehension, (b) build and strengthen a college-level vocabulary, and (c) personalize study skills, in an effort to improve students' success in their educational endeavors. This will be achieved throughout the semester in various assignments.

### GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY EXAM, ASSIGNMENTS, AND GRADE EVALAUTION

EXAMINATIONS: There will be four equally weighted, non-comprehensive exams based on textbook and online course notes material. One exam will be scheduled as a proctored exam. Please, note that any exams NOT taken during the scheduled time allotment will result in a grade of "zero." You may use ONLY your text book during exams. The chapters will be covered as follows:

UNIT ONE EXAM- Chapters 1, 2, 3

UNIT TWO EXAM- Chapters 6, 7, 9

UNIT THREE EXAM- Chapters 4, 16, 5 (This is the Proctored Exam)

UNIT FOUR EXAM- Chapters 12, 13, 14 (This is the Final Exam)

**THE PROCTORED EXAM:** You are required to take one exam in person at a MGCCC (or other approved) Assessment Center. For this course, you must schedule an appointment to take the UNIT THREE EXAM during open assessment center hours some time during the two week period that the exam is available. Please see the Course Calendar for the dates that the required Proctored Exam will be available, and schedule your appointment ASAP. You can find more information about proctored testing by following this link: <http://www.mgcc.edu/elearning/testing-information/> (Links to an external site.).

**CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:** There will be ten equally weighted class assignments to be completed to satisfy course requirements. Please, note that any assignment NOT done during the scheduled time allotment will result in a grade of "zero."

#### UNIT ONE

ASSIGNMENT 1 (Syllabus Quiz)

ASSIGNMENT 2 (Textbook Scavenger Hunt)

ASSIGNMENT 3 (Contemporary Theory/ Quizlet)

ASSIGNMENT 4 (Research Methods)

#### UNIT TWO

ASSIGNMENT 5 (Learning Styles Quiz)

ASSIGNMENT 6 (SLOs)

#### UNIT THREE

ASSIGNMENT 7 (SQ4R Study Method)

#### UNIT FOUR

ASSIGNMENT 8 (Jung Typology Test)

ASSIGNMENT 9 (Stress Management)

ASSIGNMENT 10 (Disorder Research)

**HOW TO SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS:** To complete and submit assignments for the course, follow these steps:

STEP 1: In Modules (or Assignments), click on the assignment.

STEP 2: Copy and paste the ENTIRE assignment onto a document on your computer and work on it outside of the Canvas application. "ENTIRE Assignment" means you should include the exact information that the assignment provides to you, from "Start Copy & Paste" through "End Copy & Paste".

STEP 3: Once your assignment is completed, repeat Step 1. Once the assignment opens, click on "Submit Assignment". The Text Entry box should automatically open.

STEP 4: Copy and Paste the ENTIRE completed assignment into the Text Entry box. Again, that means you should include the exact information that the assignment provides to you, such as the Assignment Heading, the Name Line, The Directions, and ALL questions.

STEP 5: Be sure that your name is on the assignment. Be sure that you have answered everything on the assignment.

STEP 6: (Optional) Add a comment for your teacher if you so choose.

STEP 7: When you are happy with your completed work, click Submit Assignment. (At that point, it wouldn't be a bad idea to take a screen shot of the page with the green check mark for a "successfully submitted" assignment to keep for your records.)

If you do not follow these submission directions, you will be penalized points on that assignment. The directions for submitting assignments are not arbitrary, nor are the directions for each individual assignment. So, please, check and recheck that you have satisfied the requirements for completing AND submitting your assignments before turning them in.

#### FINAL GRADE EVALUATION:

Exams (collectively) 50%

Assignments (collectively) 50%

TOTAL 100%

GRADING SCALE: 100 - 90 = A; 89 - 80 = B; 79 - 70 = C; 69 - 60 = D; 59 and below = F (PLEASE NOTE THAT GRADES DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY ROUND UP!)

#### GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY ATTENDANCE POLICY

ATTENDANCE: You will be required to keep up with all class readings, assignments, discussions, and exams on a regular basis. You must log/sign in to the class and participate in whatever is due at least once a week. If you do not complete assignments, exams, etc. for two weeks (separate or in a row), you may be withdrawn from the course.

WITHDRAWALS: Any student who wishes to withdraw from the class and obtain a grade of "W" must do so before the official drop date and must follow the proper procedures set forth by the college. Otherwise, a grade of "F" may be given.

MGCCC/GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT: Violations of the Code of Student Conduct, as stated in the MGCCC Catalog, will be handled according to school policy. Any student who engages in academic dishonesty (e.g. cheating, plagiarism, etc.) will be subject to temporary removal and/or permanent withdrawal from the class. Any student who behaves in a manner deemed disruptive, disrespectful, or inappropriate by the instructor will be subject to temporary removal and/or permanent withdrawal from the class.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY, CONDUCT, AND DISCIPLINE:** Violations of the Code of Student Conduct, as stated in the MGCCC catalog, will be handled in accordance with school policy. In order to complete this class with honor and integrity, you must NOT engage in any form of academic dishonesty (e.g. cheating). Academic dishonesty of any type will result in your withdrawal from the class. In addition, if you complete assignments or behave (e.g. in discussions) in any manner that is deemed disruptive, disrespectful, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate, you will be withdrawn from the class.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:** Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Prospective students who require special and reasonable accommodation(s) because of physical or mental impairment must make their needs known prior to enrollment at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Prospective students must follow the guidelines in the college catalogue. If you have a disability of any kind and will need reasonable accommodations or assistance in the classroom or with this course, please see the instructor the first day of attendance.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes students and employees without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or qualified disability. For further information, contact the Equal Opportunity Officer at a Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Center, Campus, or the District Office. Compliance is coordinated by the Vice President for Administration and Finance, Perkinston Campus, P. O. Box 609, Perkinston, Mississippi 39573, telephone number 601-928-5211.

#### **GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS:** Your assignments will be submitted via the Canvas Learning Management System. However, the college does NOT encourage the use of the Canvas APP. It is highly recommended that you use the Canvas website for this course. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure that YOUR technology satisfies all compatibility requirements. Failure of YOUR technology resulting in any assignment, exam, or discussion NOT being completed correctly and/or on time will result in a grade of zero.

There will also be assignments in which the internet, video, and sound capabilities are necessary. High-speed internet is recommended.

#### **GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY COURSE OUTLINE CHANGES**

##### **COURSE OUTLINE CHANGES:**

Any part of this course outline is subject to change at any time. You will be advised of any changes made throughout the semester in "Announcements" on the course home page.