

Course Syllabus for General Psychology

Course Title: General Psychology (PSY 1513)
Southwest Mississippi Community College, Summit, MS

Credit 3 semester hours

Instructor

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Materials Required for Course

Textbook: Psychology, second edition

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Pearson, ISBN-13: 978-0-205-25641-9

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the scientific study of human behavior. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate an understanding of the science of Psychology in the following areas:

- the biological perspective
- sensation and perception
- learning
- memory
- consciousness and cognition
- development across the life span
- motivation and emotion
- stress and health
- social psychology
- theories of personality and intelligence
- psychological disorders and
- psychological therapies

General Education Goal

Students will acquire a basic understanding of the physiological foundations of psychology; research methods, major schools of thought; biological influences on behavior; consciousness, human growth and development throughout the lifespan; motivation and emotion; personality theories and applications, psychological disorders and treatments and social psychology.

Instructional Techniques

Weekly reading assignments

Weekly review questions (provided for instructor)

Proctored mid term

Comprehensive proctored final exam

Learning Outcomes

The student will demonstrate a basic understanding of the history of psychology; research methods, major schools of thought; biological influences on behavior; consciousness, human growth and development throughout the lifespan; motivation and emotion; personality theories and applications; psychological disorders and treatments and social psychology.

Method of Evaluation

Students are evaluated on the basis of the quality of weekly assignments submitted to the instructor and comprehensive final.

Weekly reading assignments

Weekly quizzes

A proctored mid term

Comprehensive final

Attendance

Each student is expected to login to the Canvas website on a regular basis. It is the student's responsibility to complete assignments by the dates given. It is also the student's responsibility to work within the parameters of the MSVCC Calendar. This includes the date when classes begin; drop/add period, withdrawal date, and completion date.

If a student has not logged in for the first two weeks of class, that student will be dropped from class (reported as a no-show). After one-third of the semester has passed, any student who is not active (has not logged in) will also be dropped from the class.

Grading scale

A – (90-100)

B – (80-89)

C – (70-79)

D – (60-69)

F – (Below 59)

Academic Honesty

A hallmark of any profession is integrity and honesty. Academic honesty is expected of all students: therefore, each student is expected to accomplish his/her own work. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, deceptive acts such as the following:

- plagiarizing from any source.
- cheating in any manner on tests, papers, reports, etc.
- turning in work as your own when, in fact, it is not your work.
- stealing, buying or selling course materials.
- either impersonating another student during a test or having another person assume one's identity during a test.
- deliberately conveying false or misleading information.

When academic misconduct has occurred, the instructor has the responsibility of assigning an appropriate penalty in accordance with SMCC's institutional policy. This may include failure of the assignment, failure of the course, or dismissal from the institution.

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