

PSYCHOLOGY 1302: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
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Class Meetings: T/Th: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

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Required Text: Wood, Wood, and Boyd, The World of Psychology, 7th Edition.

Purpose of Course: This course is an overview of Psychology. It includes biology, behavior, sensations, consciousness, learning, memory, language, intelligence, human development, motivation & emotion, sexuality (human) & gender, health/stress, personality theories, psychological disorders, therapies, and social psychology. Each of these topics is a course or study of its own, however, this semester the student (you) will look at each, and understand ‘the tip of the iceberg’ for each area.

Grading: Grades will be based on:

- 1) a) Attendance & b) Reaction Papers (1/4 grade);
- 2) Class Presentation (1/4 grade);
- 3) Mid-Semester Exam (1/4 grade);
- 4) Final Exam (1/4 grade).

Class participation will be considered for students whose final grade is on the ‘cusp’ between two major grades.

- Activities Explained:
- 1) a) Attendance: Each class day students will print their own names on the roll sheet that is passed around the class. Attendance is important, so each day you miss, you will be in jeopardy of getting a good.
 - b) Reaction Papers: Due every Tuesday. These can be hand-written, but must be legible (I must be able to read it). These are your thoughts about what you learned the previous week. You will not be graded so much on content, as much as it will be on your personal reflection. Please be sure to put your full name & date on each paper.
 - 2) Class Presentation: Each student will participate in a student presentation when assigned to do so. Presentations will cover the subject chosen, and incorporate audio and visual (from Internet or other sources) examples, may include power-point presentations, etc. A written outline of the presentation will be given to Wren at the start of the presentation. Wren will discuss this in further detail in class.
 - 3) Mid-Semester Exam: Tuesday, March 10, 2015.
 - 4) Final Exam: Comprehensive. Exact date and time will be announced later.

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Below you will find the Program Learning Objectives (PLO) dealt with in this course. The student learning objectives follow and relate, to a greater or lesser extent, to each PLO dealt with in the course.

Program Learning Objective (PLO #1)

1. The graduating psychology student will attain a level of competency in the area of biological psychology that indicates value has been added over the course of their psychology education.

Program Learning Objective (PLO #2)

2. The graduating psychology student will attain a level of competency in the area of clinical-personality psychology that indicates value has been added over the course of their psychology education.

Program Learning Objective (PLO #3)

3. The graduating psychology student will attain a level of competency in the area of social psychology that indicates value has been added over the course of their psychology education.

Program Learning Objective (PLO #4)

4. The graduating psychology student will attain a level of competency in the area of experimental methodology in psychology that indicates value has been added over the course of their psychology education.

SPECIAL NOTATION FOR EDUCATION STUDENTS:

I know that some education students may take this course. This course addresses some of the objectives of the TExES Exam for the subject area of social science, which includes a psychology portion. Specifically, this course may address the following objectives, among others.

Domain III

Geography, Culture, and the Behavioral and Social Sciences

Competency 13 (Social, Anthropological, and Psychological Concepts and Processes)

The teacher applies sociological, anthropological, and psychological concepts and processes to understand cultural formation and change, intergroup relations, and individual development.

- Demonstrates knowledge of the history and theoretical foundations of psychology.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the behavioral, social, cognitive, and personality perspectives of human learning.
- Understands basic psychological principles and including those related to motivation, sensation and perception, personality, relationships between biology and behavior, and relationships between the self and others.

The interested student is informed that for full information concerning the TExES exam in education concerning psychology as a part of the social sciences, they should contact the SRSU Education Department for materials concerning test preparation and administration. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of this course if he or she is a candidate for the exam. If so, the instructor can guide them to resources that will assist with their exam preparation