

Dixie State University  
Psychology Program  
St. George, Utah

Syllabus

General Psychology  
PSY 1010-10/Credits: 3/CRN 40238  
Fall Semester 2014  
MWF: 1:00-1:50 PM  
Room: MCD 104

Fall 2014: Aug 25-Dec 12, 2014  
DATES FOR THIS CLASS: Aug 25-Dec 12, 2014  
Final Exam: Dec 15, 2014: 1:00-3:00 PM  
Students' Final Grades Available After Dec 23, 2014

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**Email:** Send all emails to me at the following address only: [jcantrell@dixie.edu](mailto:jcantrell@dixie.edu). This is the easiest way to contact me. Include the all of the following information: In the Subject Line enter PSYCH 1010 MWF, your name, class time, campus location, and date. This way I will know exactly who is contacting me. I do not want to confuse you with another student in this class or other classes or at other campuses where I teach. Make the contents of your email very specific. I will respond as soon possible (usually, within 24 hours). If I do not, send me second email and add an "URGENT" in front of the original Subject Line. You can check for my response frequently as I am online several times a day. Additionally, if you send me an email with a Subject Line that is "empty" or "blank," or says, "No Subject," or "Hello," I will delete it immediately: they tend to be spam or contain viruses. Also, I do not and will not respond to "Hey" or Jim, or Dr. Cantrell (I do not have a Ph.D.). My name is Cantrell, Mr. Cantrell, or Professor Cantrell. (I do not use CANVAS or dmail for messages and/or emails.)

**You are required by DSU to frequently check your Dmail account. You will find important class and college information on Dmail**, including DSU bills, financial aid/scholarship notices, class cancellations, important dates and deadlines, and other information critical to your success at DSU. To access your Dmail account, go to [go.dixie.edu/dmail](http://go.dixie.edu/dmail) and follow the directions.

**Syllabus:** The syllabus contains the requirements and guidelines for this course like attendance and exams; classroom expectations and conduct; discussions, readings, and written assignments. Keep this syllabus: Read and understand it and if you have questions, contact me via email, or talk with me face-to-face.

If you are concerned about how to obtain the grade you would like, first, read the syllabus, and second, complete the required work ethically, honestly, legally, and according to the class policies in the syllabus and DSU policies and procedures. Your final grade will not be given to you; it will be the grade you have earned through your work in the class. If you want to earn an "A" then I expect you to do "A" quality work. You will not earn a passing grade for sub-standard work.

I will ask a lot of questions during the semester and will expect you to participate to the best of your ability in each class session. In other words, I will not do all of the talking. I expect you to take the initiative to read the material before each class and make comments and observations during the discussions as we

cover the content as various subjects arise. This includes developing your own ideas, theories, hypotheses, predictions, and possible outcomes regarding the content and concepts of psychology and related areas, and to convey your positive and/or negative experiences, attitudes, feelings, beliefs/values, and philosophies of life when opportunities develop. Your comments need to be constructive, well thought-out and considerate, and not just “knee-jerk” or ideological responses. This means that critical thinking and examining alternatives answers or solutions are a major part of this class. I also expect you question me, the authors of the text and their conclusions, as well as yourselves, and each other regarding the psychological, social, cultural, behavioral, cognitive, and biological contexts we will explore this semester. Your responses in this class need to well thought-out and considerate and not just “knee-jerk” or ideological comments

Do not take anything for granted in this class or think that the answer to a child rearing/discipline situation, marriage rite/obligation, specific social problem, work ethic, educational concept, therapeutic issue, thinking/cognitive process, or behavioral theory has a single, right, or absolute answer associated with just one variable. The answers in psychology are much like the research in cultural anthropology, sociology, social problems, social work, abnormal psychology, substance abuse, marriage and family relationships, and other behavioral sciences in which a variety of ambiguous, murky, and gray variables are at play all at the same time. In order to understand the concepts and practices of psychology, the cultural and ethnic contexts/variables, behavioral/emotional issues, medical/biological issues, as well as one’s values, beliefs, ideals, ideas, interpretations of life experiences, philosophy of life, education, job or career, home life and so on, may need to be sorted and clarified with the knowledge that a variety of solutions or realities may apply for any given situation, but may not be what you think, or believe, or what you are used to hearing. In other words, multiple realities for any given situation exist and need to be taken into account when dealing with situations like the above. For example, do not assume that if you see a man and women riding in a F350 Ford Super Duty Turbo truck on the freeway and she is driving, that she has the power in the relationship. In other words, drop the stereotypical response and examine this situation and context and discuss a variety of other possible reasons why she is driving.

Your roles in this class are to attend each class session; do the readings prior to class; participate in the group discussions and exercises; learn/over-learn the material as you prepare for exams (memorizing is wasted effort), and for real life; and form and attend a regular study group (see below).

Remember, in this class, you are a student, not a customer. If you want to be a customer, buy school supplies from the bookstore, candy at a vending machine, lunch at the Red Rock Cafe, or a ticket for a sports event. As a student in this class, you will not even be given the lowest passing grade, much less an “A” or “B” or “C” just because you registered for the class, paid tuition, bought/rented your books, or attended class regularly or not. You will earn your grade in this class, which means you will work for it.

**Textbook Required:** Schacter, D.L., Gilbert, D. T., and Wegner, D. M. (2015). *Psychology* (2ed.). New York: Worth Publishers. (This text has the **Special DSM-5 Update** printed in **Red** on the paperback cover.) Check with the DSU Bookstore or the publisher for various costs/formats like new, used, online, rental.

**Lab Fees:** None

**Prerequisites:** There are no formal course prerequisites for this class. If you have successfully completed Human Development Through the Lifespan, and/or Introduction to Sociology, and/or Sociology of the Family, and/or Cultural Anthropology, you should be familiar with many of the concepts in this course. In addition, college level writing skills are required for the extended extra credit voluntary essay responses.

**Course Description:** This General Psychology class is for students of all disciplines who are interested in the fundamental scientific principles of behavior. The student will study learning, motivation, emotion, personality, mental disorders, treatment alternatives, and other related subjects as a part of the course. Critical thinking (see above) will be used in examining various aspects of behavior. Students will have frequent examinations and quizzes during this course.

This is an introductory course in modern scientific psychology. It also covers major domains of scientific psychology including statistical methods, biological foundations, sensation and perception, consciousness,

memory, language and thinking, human development, personality, abnormal behavior, therapeutic modalities, stress, and social psychology. The course also examines major psychological theorists and theories and professional applications to the field.

**General Education Requirement:** This is a General Education class for Social and Behavioral Sciences. It also fulfills a Global and Cultural Perspectives requirement.

**Social Science Program Objectives:** As an outcome of completing courses in the Social Science Program, students should achieve all of the following:

1. Demonstrate an ability to examine human behavior as a way of understanding the human condition.
2. Demonstrate the ability to identify the major ideas and theories of psychology, as well as people, and events that are generally thought to be the context of the subject.
3. Develop points of view based on legitimate data from social scientific knowledge.
4. Exhibit elements of critical thinking and scientific methodology in examining human behavior.

**Course Objectives:** The purpose of this course is to teach students many of the scientific approaches used to study human behavior, from many different psychological perspectives like biopsychology, clinical and counseling psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, health psychology, and social psychology. Students will also learn significant findings and theories developed within a variety of sub-disciplines of psychology. Students will show their learning through multiple choice and essay exams.

**Course Goals:** Upon completion, successful students should:

1. Become familiar with scientific study of psychology as a social and behavioral science.
2. Understand the how statistics, research, and critical thinking effect behavior and individual decision-making processes.
3. Discuss and analyze how biology/nature and the environment/culture affect various aspects of human behavior, thinking, memory, philosophy, and multiple interpretations of reality.
4. Investigate how the application of psychological principals can assist in resolving difficulties in daily life.
5. Explain behavioral disorders, their effects on individuals, families, and society in general.
6. Explain the theories, use and effectiveness of the major therapeutic models.
7. Understand the history, major theories, and applications of psychology to the real world.
8. Appreciate the various specialties in psychology as well as the career applications that overlap with other behavioral/social and related sciences.

**Attendance:** I do not take attendance and whether you attend class is totally your decision. If you think you can show up only for exams and pass the class, then do it. (I do not give exam reviews and all four exams will be closed-book, closed-note, individual not corporate. I do not offer extra credit for attendance or participation and do not provide extra credit projects or papers to bring up end of semester grades. I do offer optional extra credit extended essays on exams and do not use a curve.) This class is not just about theory: It is about the real world of psychology (and related issues) and what “makes” people live, eat, breath, have children, fall in love, get married, become depressed, attempt or complete suicide, murder, grieve, manipulate and con others, and believe in all the things in which they believe and behave in the ways they do. In this class, I will frequently transition from theory-to-real-world-applications and back to theory or the other way around.

Students are responsible for all assigned readings and classroom information/activities (whether present or not). There is no excuse for missed class material. Students are expected complete all assigned readings and homework before each class. While in class, if you are engaged in any activities that are not related to the class content while in session, such as working on assignments for other classes, playing computer games or surfing the Web, reading the newspaper, having side-conversations, not paying attention, attempting to sleep (I will wake you), or writing emails to friends or others, I consider those activities to be rude and unacceptable behavior, and poor planning. If these examples represent how you behave in class, then leave now, withdraw, and sign-up for another class.

I will begin class on time and I expect all students to be on time. I will not repeat or backtrack for late students. I expect all students to remain in class for the allotted time of each class session and not to cut-out early to go to your next class because is across campus, finish homework for other classes, or meet friends, or just because I am boring (or offensive). If you are bored in class, get involved in the discussions and voice your ideas, values, questions, philosophies, and experiences regarding psychology and its related subjects, whether positive or negative.

For absences due to DSU related functions see: <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/523.html>.

**Class Discussions:** The purpose of class discussions is not to have other class members make you believe what they believe, or for you to convert others to your ideas and beliefs, or for you to have the same beliefs that everyone else has regarding various areas of psychology and life. The concept associated with class discussions is vigorous debate and for you to understand that the other class members' points of view may not only be different, but just as valid as yours. In other words, class discussions are designed to expand your base of awareness of others' ideas, concepts, values, experiences, or expectations (whether different, similar or the same as yours and other class members) about class content, no matter what your social practices, or cultural background, or beliefs and life philosophies.

If you have a difficult time speaking-up in class, take a risk and participate; the time goes by much faster. It could be interesting and enjoyable for you and the rest of the class. If you find me boring because I talk too much, participate in the class discussions. If I talk too fast, which I have a tendency to do, tell me to "slow down," literally. I am an intense person, especially at the beginning of the semester, but do not let that intensity intimidate you. Yes, in this class, we will have lot of fun and enjoy ourselves.

All discussions and exchanges will be conducted in an academic, respectful, and non-threatening manner (see Disruptive Behavior below). In addition, I will not tolerate profanity, name calling, accusations, threats, rudeness, intimidation, any form of manipulation, coercion, and other forms disrespect (implied or explicit, subtle or blatant) in an attempt to have others agree with your point of view. If these types of issues/activities arise in our discussions, I will remove the individual from the class permanently on the **first** incident and drop that person from the class with no second chances. Also, I will notify my Department Chair (and cc the Dean) in writing about the situation. (For your responsibilities as a student, see the DSU Student Rights and Responsibilities.)

In our class discussions, you speak for yourself, not others. Use "I" statements about what you believe, think, doubt, and so on. Do not use the generalized "you" or "they" because those types of statements avoid personal responsibility and assume that others have the same types of sentiments as you. Additionally, do not attempt to dominate the class discussions. I will stop you if your do.

**Disruptive Behavior:** Faculty members at DSU have the right to manage the classroom environment to ensure a safe and effective learning environment. Toward this end, teachers (or university security) may remove disruptive students from individual classrooms/activities if the students refuse to end their inappropriate behaviors. If a student's behavior continues to disrupt class activities, the faculty member may drop the student from the course. (See DSU Policies on Disruptive Behavior online.)

**Minimum Course Requirements:** To obtain a passing grade in this course, students must acquire 280/400 points (a grade of "C-"/70 percent average) for all graded work. Students who achieve this minimum standard of competence will demonstrate a minimal understanding of the theoretical, methodological, substantive, and applied course content in psychology.

**Method of Instruction:** Will include lecture, visual aids, class discussion, individual and group experiential activities, group participation, and a student centered format. In addition, video and audiotapes, and guest speakers may be utilized.

**Late Assignments, Activities, Lectures:** I will not accept any late assignments, re-do in-class activities, lectures, or early, late, make-up exams because you are not present, which means you will earn a ZERO.

**Exams:** All of my exams are closed-book, closed-note, and individual, not corporate. **I will not offer early, late, or make-up exams for any reason.** There will be **four** exams for this class. Each of the **four** exams is divided into two portions: 1. multiple choice (40 questions: 2.5 points each for a total of 100 possible points); and 2. voluntary extra credit extended essay questions (complete **no** more than 5 questions: 3 points each for a total of 15 possible points). I will grade **only** the **first** 5 essays in your Blue Book Essay Book and discard anything beyond (see below.) Extra credit essays will come from the class discussions, activities, and text. You can buy the Scantron sheets and Blue Book Essay Books (all 8.5x11 or all 5x7) at the DSU Bookstore.

Each exam will cover material from the respective chapters (see Course Outline) as well as any in-class activities/discussions. Do not write on the exams. The following is **identifying information** required for the answer sheets and essay books: First and last names, Psychology 1010, class time/days, exam and chapter numbers, and exam date. **If you do not have all of the information, I will not grade your exam.**

Students who have documented disabilities and whose testing conditions and accommodations are designated by the Disability Resource Center will have the same dates for testing as the rest of the class.

**Testing Center Exam Format:** Exams 1-3 will be one hour in duration at the **Testing Center (TC)** and Exam 4 (the final) will be two hours and be taken in the regular classroom. The exams in the TC will be available from the opening of business Thursdays thru the closing of business Fridays as designated in the Course Outline. There will be **no Friday classes during each of the two-day exam windows.** Check for hours of operation and the specifics as to when you can actually take the tests. You will need to show your DSU Student ID card to take the exams. **Either you show for an exam on one those two test days or you earn ZERO Points: NO EXCUSES. The final will be conducted in the classroom (see the Course Outline): Either you show for the Final at the appointed time/place (no or you earn Zero points: NO EXCUSES.**

**Classroom Exams:** The exams will be one hour (excluding the final which is two hours, per DSU policy), minus the time it takes hand-out the exams and clean-up, and vacate for the next class. When you finish an exam, leave the classroom and do not wait/gather in the hallway outside the classroom for friends and others. Meet at a pre-designated location and return for the next regularly scheduled class (except summer and evening classes as directed). The idea associated with leaving the classroom and hallway is so you will so you will not disturb other students still taking the exams and students still-in-session in other classrooms in the general vicinity.

You are expected to be present and prepared to take all exams on the dates/times as scheduled. If you do not show for an exam, you will earn a ZERO. If I change an exam date and you do not show, you will receive a ZERO. On exam day, if you arrive after the exam has started, you will have only the remainder of the exam time to complete it. There will be no extensions or exceptions. **I will not offer early, late, or make-up exams for any reason.**

1. **Multiple Choice:** The exam items will be taken from the text and classroom discussions and activities. The items will consist of a variety of formats including factual, conceptual/theoretical, applied, and critical thinking. The multiple choice portion of each exam will be completed on Scantron bubble sheets which you will purchase at the bookstore.

You will use only a #2 lead pencil for the Scantron bubble sheets. If you use a pen on the answer sheets, the Scantron reader will read them as a ZERO, and the score will stand as is. In other words, I will not re-grade these pen-marked answer sheets by hand.

2. **Extra Credit Essays:** All essay questions are located on the last page or two of each exam. There will be 8-12 (or more) essay questions in each exam. Each essay answer will be hand-written/hand-printed in class. I will not announce the questions prior to the exam. You will use **one** new Blue Book Essay Book per exam. (Essay answers completed on anything other than **Blue Book Essay Books** will be assigned a **ZERO.**) I encourage all students to complete as many of the 5 allowable essay questions as possible. If you choose not to write any essays, do hand-in a Blue Book.

Write the number of your first essay question (with the same number that corresponds to the essay question on the exam) on the first ruled line at the top of the page to the left of the margin, starting with the first page on the inside of the front cover. If an essay number and answer do not correspond, or there is no essay number, you will earn ZERO points for that essay. Do not rephrase or write the essay questions before you start your answers, (it is a waste time and space). Essay answers do not answers have to be written in serial order. Write your answers within the margins (left to right) in your normal hand writing (or printing). Do not write larger than normal, space your words farther apart than normal, or skip lines to take up more space on the page. Essay answers will be **at least**  $\frac{3}{4}$  of page in length in the 8.5x11 essay books and 1 full page in the 5x7 essay books. After you have completed a single answer, turn the page and repeat the above procedure on the next right-side-facing page, not on the back of the essay page you have just completed. Make sure you follow the directions for each question. These are extended essay answers: Write in full sentences and complete paragraphs. **Essay answers can be written in pen (only black or blue ink, they are easier to read) or #2 pencil.**

**No Extra Credit Projects and Papers:** Other than the extended exam essays, there are no extra credit projects, papers, or points at any time during the semester (see Attendance). Do not ask for extra credit because your are transferring to another school next semester and you have to have "X" grade in this class or you will not be admitted; or you have to maintain "X" GPA or you will lose your scholarship; or your parents will be angry with you; or you are on probation and you will be kicked-out of school next semester if you do not bring your grade for this class up; or that you will have to pay back the cost of this class to your company if your do not get "X" grade; or you have to have "X" grade for some type of certification; or your have to have "X" grade in this class for your major or you will have to take it again or switch majors; or for any other reason. Do not ask, I will say, "NO," and refer you to this section of the syllabus. .

If you are concerned about your low grade performance at any time during the semester or especially toward end of it, you can alleviate that by attending class; getting involved in class discussions; reading the assignments; learning the material; taking notes in class and reviewing them frequently in conjunction with the chapter readings; comparing your notes with other class members' notes; finding a psychology tutor through the Akin Tutoring Center (contact Rowena Thiess, 435-879-4733); starting or consistently being part of a study group; finding different/more effective learning styles; or coming to talk with me. In talking with me about your grades and study habits, I will suggest the above strategies, and maybe a few others, but ultimately, the maintenance of your grades is your responsibility.

You need to be concerned about your grade in this class from day 1, find out what your cumulative class grade is as soon as I hand-back each scored exam, record each one on the grade sheet this syllabus, and not wait until the last couple of weeks before the semester ends before you note your grade related problems.

3. **Item Analysis:** An item analysis (completed by the Scantron reader) informs me which exam questions I may discard from the exam. Due to the item analysis, **I do not use a curve.** Discarded questions will help raise raw exam scores. For example, if questions 3, 6, 14, 22, 40 are discarded and a student missed all but number 40, each of the 4 discarded questions will retain their original point values (2.5 points) and 10 points will be added back to the raw score. A student who has #40 correct will not get another 2.5 points, because he/she already has the points for that question. In order to determine which questions to eliminate, I will check the top and bottom quarters of the scores to see if at least one-half of those students in each category missed the same questions, and I may or may not eliminate them. Do not "bank on" a conversion factor for extra points. If a student earns 94points or more, a conversion factor is not statistically justified.

4. **After-Exam Review:** I will return all exams within a week of the exam date. At that time, I will return all three components of the exam (providing you did the essays) to you with a preliminary score that is not recorded in my grade book. If I have added scores incorrectly, notify me and I will change it before the class is dismissed for the day. The exam scoring will be delineated in the right hand margin of the Scantron answer sheet as follows: Multiple Choice (**MC**) raw score, machine printed in red; Conversion Factor (**CF**) points added to the raw score; and Extra Credit Essay (**ESS**) points will be to the added for a total score, and circled. I will enter exam final scores in the grade book after you have returned all of your exam

components to me: Scored Scantron answer sheet, the essay book (if you did the essays), and the exam. If you retain any portion of the exam (above), you will receive ZERO points.

**Traditional versus Non-traditional Students:** Most older (non-traditional) students have a lot of apprehension about returning to formal education beyond high school after being in the real world a number of years. This is especially true for students who have been out of school from 3 to 10 or as many as 25 or 30 years for some. One of their fears is that they will not be able to compete with recent high school graduates or students who have been enrolled a semester or more. In truth, returning non-traditional students do very well and most of the time they have the highest grades in my classes.

**Inclement Weather:** If in your judgment, it is too dangerous to come to class due to conditions like snow, blizzard, sleet, hail, floods, heavy rains, sand storms, heat, or other types of weather related problems; call the Department let me know, and/or send me an email. Do not risk your life or for a class.

**Study Groups:** I highly suggest that all students establish and maintain a study group. Study groups should have at least 2 and preferably 4-6 permanent members who consistently show up, and are ready to discuss the assigned readings, and participate fully. Study group members who consistently attend should experience: a) higher grades; b) peer group teaching/learning; c) learning substance/content versus memorizing; d) friendship/solidarity; e) others as sounding-boards for ideas and questions; f) a comparison of class/lecture/text notes/constructive comments; g) development of new theories/hypotheses; h) a way to maintain "sanity" and experience real empathy; i) sharing real world perspectives/life philosophies; j) development of constructive and critical thinking skills; k) real world applications of theoretical material; and l) balance what your expertise and deficiencies are with the expertise and deficiencies of others.

All study group members should exchange phone numbers and email addresses so they can contact each other if they have immediate problems that they cannot solve alone.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating and plagiarism of any form will not be tolerated. See student responsibilities for academic integrity: Section 5.5.33, DSU policy: <http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec5/533.html> All work that you will do in this class will be your own work, except the assigned group activities/projects.

**Academic Honesty and Cheating Policy: You may not cheat! As stated in the DSC Student Handbook:**

34.1 **Cheating:** Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated at Dixie State College, including but not limited to plagiarism on written assignments, submitting other person's work as one's own, and cheating on exams or quizzes. Teachers at Dixie State College may discipline students proven guilty of academic dishonesty by:

- 34.1.1 Giving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty has occurred,
- 34.1.2 Failing the student in the entire course,
- 34.1.3 Immediately dismissing and removing the student from the course, and/or
- 34.1.4 Referring the student to the Student Affairs committee which may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, and/or expel the student.

All violations of academic integrity (academic integrity/honesty and cheating) will be reported to the Chair of the Department of Psychology and/or the Academic Dean. Additionally, I will notify the Chair of the Psychology Program, the Dean, and do what I can to have you dismissed from your program, and expelled from the University, permanently.

**DSU Need To Know Dates for Fall 2014:**

Aug. 25	Classes begin
Aug. 28	Last Day for Waitlist

Aug. 29	Last day to ADD without signature
Sept. 1	Labor Day Holiday (no classes)
Sept. 4	DROP/AUDIT fee begins (\$10 per class)
Sept. 4	Residency Application deadline
Sept. 9	\$50 Late <a href="#">REGISTRATION</a>  /payment fee
Sept. 15	<a href="#">PELL GRANT</a>  Census
Sept. 15	Last day for refund
Sept. 15	Last day to drop without receiving a “W” grade
Sept. 17	Courses dropped for non-payment
Sept. 19	Last day to ADD / AUDIT classes
Oct. 1	Fall Associate's <a href="#">DEGREE</a>  Graduation application deadline
Oct. 15	Midterm grades due
Oct. 16-17	Semester Break (no classes)
Oct. 20	Last day to DROP individual classes
Oct. 27	Spring and Summer 2014 class schedules available online
Nov. 3	Spring 2015 Bachelor's <a href="#">DEGREE</a>  Graduation Application Deadline
Nov. 11	Career Day (no classes before 2:00 p.m.)
Nov. 14	Last day for complete withdrawal from all classes
Nov. 17	Spring 2015 <a href="#">REGISTRATION</a>  open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Nov. 18	Spring 2015 Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Nov. 19	Spring 2015 Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Nov. 20	Spring 2015 Registration open to all students
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
Dec. 12	Classes end
Dec. 15-19	Final Exams
Dec. 23	Final grades due, 5:00 p.m.

**Campus Resource Email Address Information:**

- Library: [library.dixie.edu/](http://library.dixie.edu/)
- IT Student Help Desk: <http://dixie.edu/helpdesk>
- Writing Center: [http://new.dixie.edu/english/dsc\\_writing\\_center.php](http://new.dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php)
- Testing Center: <http://new.dixie.edu/testing/>
- Tutoring Center: <http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/index.htm>
- Bookstore: <http://bookstore.dixie.edu>
- Disability Resource Center: <http://www.dixie.edu/drcenter>
- DSU Syllabi Elements: <http://new.dixie.edu/reg/faculty/?page=Syllabus>

**Disabilities Statement:** If you have a disability (which is documented) or think you have a disability (that you think can be documented) and may impair your ability to successfully complete this course, please contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) 435-652-7516 to determine whether you qualify for reasonable academic accommodations. This must be accomplished within two weeks after the first day of class and renewed each semester. Students who have been evaluated by the DRC and have a disability will receive assistance from the DRC in obtaining reasonable accommodations from faculty members.

**Children in Class:** Young children will not be allowed to attend this class.

**Cell Phones, Handhelds, and Computers:** Absolutely no electronic devices will be allowed to be turned on in the classroom. All cell phones and other types of electronic devices must be powered-off before class starts (unless otherwise directed). Although, students may use their computers (and other electronic note taking equipment) if they have purchased or rented (the required electronic text) and have installed the program. Additionally, during class, these electronic devices will not be used to go online, play games, do homework for this or another class, write emails and so on. If I find that anyone violates this policy, I will shut down **all** of the electronic devices (including electronic texts) for the rest of the semester with no second chances, which means you will be taking notes by-hand. Alternately, there may be times when I ask students with electronic equipment to access online information, share it so we can discuss it in class. When we are finished with that online information, the students will return their equipment to an off line status. No recordings of any type will be allowed in this class.

**STUDENT GRADE SHEET**

PSY 1010-10/CRN: 40238  
MWF 1:00-1:50 PM  
Room: McDonald 104

Fall Semester 2014  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Items: Percent of Total Grade	Total Points Accumulated	÷	Total Points Possible:	=	Approx Percent	=	Current Grade
Exam #1: (25.0%)	_____		100		_____		_____
Exam #2: (25.0%)	_____		100		_____		_____
Exam #3: (25.0%)	_____		100		_____		_____
Final #4: (25.0%)	_____		<u>100</u>		_____		_____
Total Points:	_____		400		_____		_____

Total End of Course Grade  
Structure:

- A = 400 - 381 points
- A- = 380 - 360 points
- B+ = 359 - 346 points
- B = 345 - 333 points
- B- = 332 - 320 points

Grade Structure for All  
100 Point Activities:

- A = 100 - 95 points
- A- = 94 - 90 points
- B+ = 89 - 87 points
- B = 86 - 84 points
- B- = 83 - 80 points

C+ = 319 - 307 points  
 C = 306 - 293 points  
 C- = 292 - 280 points  
 D+ = 279 - 266 points  
 D = 265 - 253 points  
 D- = 252 - 230 points  
 F = 229 - and below

C+ = 79 - 77 points  
 C = 76 - 74 points  
 C- = 73 - 70 points  
 D+ = 69 - 67 points  
 D = 66 - 64 points  
 D- = 63 - 60 points  
 F = 59 - and below

**Your Running Grade Computation:** Write the total number of points earned in the blank under "Total Points Accumulated" for an item(s) that has been returned after grading. Then, divide the total accumulated/earned points by the "Total Points Possible" for an approximate percent at that time. Then, convert this "Approximate Percent" into a "Current Grade" for the item(s). The "Current Grade" is based on a 10 percent gradient (see above). For more than one score, add the all earned points together and repeat the same as above.

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**PSY 1010-10: General Psychology: MWF 1:00-1:50 PM: MCD 104: Fall 2014/Cantrell**

Date	Topic
<b>1. Aug 25 M</b>	<b>Syllabus, Introduction</b>
2. Aug 27 W	Chapter 1: Psych: Evolution
3. Aug 29 F	Chapter 1: Psych: Evolution
<b>4. Sept 01 M</b>	<b>Labor Day: No School</b>
5. Sept 03 W	Chapters 1-2: Psych: Evolution; Methods
6. Sept 05 F	Chapter 2: Methods
7. Sept 08 M	Chapters 2-3: Stats (A-1); Biology
8. Sept 10 W	Chapter 3: Biology
9. Sept 12 F	Chapters 3-4: Biology; Sensation
10. Sept 15 M	Chapter 4: Sensation; Perception
11. Sept 17 W	Chapter 4: Sensation; Perception
<b>12. Sept 18-19: R-F</b>	<b>Exam #1: Chapters 1-4</b>
13. Sept 22 M	Chapter 5: Consciousness
14. Sept 24 W	Chapter 5: Consciousness
15. Sept 26 F	Chapters 5-6: Consciousness; Memory
16. Sept 29 M	Chapter 6: Memory
17. Oct 01 W	Chapter 6: Memory
18. Oct 03 F	Chapter 7: Learning
19. Oct 06 M	Chapter 7: Learning
20. Oct 08 W	Chapter 7: Learning
<b>21. Oct 09-10: R-F</b>	<b>Exam #2: Chapters 5-7</b>
22. Oct 13 M	Chapter 8: Emotion; Motivation
23. Oct 15 W	Chapter 8: Emotion; Motivation
<b>24. Oct 17-18: R-F</b>	<b>Fall Break: No School</b>
25. Oct 20 M	Chapters 8-9: Motivation; Language
26. Oct 22 W	Chapter 9: Language; Thought
27. Oct 24 F	Chapter 9: Thought; Intelligence
28. Oct 27 M	Chapter 9-10: Intelligence; Development
29. Oct 29 W	Chapter 10: Development
30. Oct 31 F	Chapter 10-11: Development; Personality
31. Nov 03 M	Chapter 11: Personality

32. Nov 05 W	Chapter 11: Personality
<b>33. Nov 06-07 R-F</b>	<b><u>Exam #3: Chapters 8-11</u></b>
34. Nov 10 M	Chapter 12: Social Psychology
35. Nov 12 W	Chapter 12: Social Psychology
36. Nov 14 F	Chapter 12: Social Psychology
37. Nov 17 M	Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders
38. Nov 19 W	Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders
39. Nov 21 F	Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders
40. Nov 24 M	Chapter 14: Therapy/Treatment
<b>41. Nov 26-28: W-F</b>	<b><u>Thanksgiving: No School</u></b>
42. Dec 01 M	Chapter 14: Therapy/Treatment
43. Dec 03 W	Chapter 14: Therapy/Treatment
44. Dec 05 F	Chapter 14: Therapy/Treatment
45. Dec 08 M	Chapter 15: Stress/Health
46. Dec 10 W	Chapter 15: Stress/Health
<b>47. Dec 12 F</b>	<b><u>Chapter 15: Stress/Health</u></b> <b><u>Last Day of Class</u></b>
<b>48. Exam #4: FINAL: Dec 15 M: In the Regular Classroom</b>	<b><u>Chapters 12-15: 1-3 PM</u></b>