



PSY 1010 (40) – 45205
Introductory Psychology
ONLINE
FALL 2013

INSTRUCTOR: Palwasha Ahad

OFFICE HOURS: By Appointment

Email is quickest way to get in contact with me. I usually am able to get back to you asap

TELEPHONE: 435-879-4283 (office)

EMAIL: Via Canvas email (preferred method of communication)

MEETING TIMES: Online

COURSE DESCRIPTION

For students in 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 part of the course. Critical thinking will be explored in examining these aspects of behavior. Students will have frequent examinations and quizzes as part of the course requirements. This course satisfies general education requirements in the social sciences area. 3 lecture hours per week.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To understand the history and topics related to the field of Psychology.

COURSE SPECIFIC

You will, at the end of this course:

1. Understand the historical timeline of Psychology.
2. Know the major individuals who have influenced and shaped the field of Psychology (Freud anyone?)
3. Know about the different areas of Psychology (Behavioral, Cognitive, Clinical, Social, etc.)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Psychology (2nd ed.) by Daniel L Schacter; Daniel T Gilbert; Daniel M Wegner

ISBN: 978-1-4292-37192

CLASS POLICIES

1. Check Canvas regularly as I will be posting updates and announcements. In addition, you will need to interact with your classmates via writing and replying to discussion threads.
2. Know when due dates are (discussion threads, articles, quizzes, chapter questions).

3. Look under FILES tab in Canvas to know all resources available (study guides, lecture presentations, videos, etc)
4. Know late assignment policy

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

Unfortunately late work will not be accepted unless accompanied by a doctor's note (or medical note). I do though understand that emergency situations can happen that doesn't require a visit to the doctor or emergency room. Therefore please contact me asap (preferably ahead of time) to discuss. My goal is to be as fair as possible to everyone and therefore I have a somewhat strict policy on late submissions.

EARNING POINTS IN THIS COURSE

1. Discussion Threads

As with many online courses, it can be difficult to make up for the thought provoking and many times lively discussions that occur in the typical lecture based course. The goal of discussion threads for this course is to instigate critical thinking about the many topics in this particular subject. We can all gain a lot more insight about entertaining the many different perspectives we all have on these topics!

Each week I will post questions related to the chapter we are on (see detailed week by week summary below). You will be required to post a reply/answer to my question (using the textbook to answer). **Your reply to my question will need to be submitted by Wednesday midnight.** In addition, you will also be required to reply to at least 2 other discussion threads that have been posted by your classmates. **You must make sure that your two classmate submission replies are submitted by Friday midnight.** The reason why I am requiring that your thread submission to my questions be submitted by Wednesday as opposed to Friday (as your classmate submissions are) is so that we all have enough submissions to reply to. I have found in previous semesters that with our busy schedules it can be easy to wait till Friday (deadline day) to post all 3 submissions. This defeats the purpose as the submissions and replies are rushed and general. We need enough time to engage in critical discussions with one another.

Please make sure your writing is written in proper essay format. You will notice that I give A LOT of constructive feedback on the first few weeks of thread submissions. This is to make sure we are all on the same page with what is required in regards to writing and answers. Please look under FILES for sample writing submissions to guide your own answers.

Each week of threads is worth 15 pts

2. Chapter Questions

At the end of each week you will need to submit by Friday midnight your chapter questions. These are due the Friday before we begin the next chapter. Therefore if next Monday we are starting Chapter 3, you need

to submit Chapter 3 Chapter Questions by previous Friday. Please see the course outline for a detailed outline of when Chapter Questions are due. The reason why they are due the Friday before we start, is that it will prepare us all for much more thought provoking discussions the following week. You would have had to read the chapter before Monday's discussion thread questions are posted, and therefore your discussion thread answers as well posts to other students will be much more in depth. Your chapter questions should be multiple choice questions that you put together. You should submit 10 multiple choice questions with 4 answer options (a,b,c,d). **Please note the correct answer for each question so I can check them.**

Each Chapter Questions is worth 10 points.

3. Quizzes

All quizzes will be online via **Canvas EXCEPT QUIZ 2 WHICH HAS TO BE TAKEN AT THE TESTING CENTER.** You will have 75 minutes to complete the quiz from the time you open the quiz online. Please use both the book and any other supplemental material (my lecture notes, your own notes, your study guide) that will help in answering the questions. The dates are listed below. Please contact me asap if you have any questions regarding this.

4. Assignments

There will be a total of 2 assignments for this course. Instructions for each assignment are posted on Canvas. Assignment #1 and Assignment #2 should be submitted via Canvas. These will be what I consider "fun" assignments related to memory and your review/thoughts on the video I post. The due dates are listed below in the course outline. Assignment links/instructions are already posted in Canvas.

5. Required PROCTORED Assignment and Test:

As per Dixie State University regulation:

Online courses at Dixie State University a proctored aspect. You need to take **one quiz** by reporting to a proctored test site and showing ID to verify your identity. **All other coursework can be submitted via Canvas.** If you are testing on the main campus or in Hurricane, you do not need to provide a proctor test form. If you are in a distance location, you need to use the form provided on the test center site to get approval for a distance proctor and to register with our testing center to have that test delivered to the remote site. **You will not be able to pass the online course unless the proctored quiz is complete.**

Proctored Assignments for this course:

1. **Quiz #2**

COURSE OUTLINE (all due dates are listed and should be submitted no later than midnight)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading Assignment</u>
Aug. 19-Aug. 23 (WK1)	Ch. 1	Discussion Thread #1 due Aug. 21 & 23 Ch. 2 Chapter Questions due Aug. 23
Aug. 26-Aug. 30 (WK 2)	Ch. 2	Discussion Thread #2 due Aug. 28 & 30 Ch. 3 Chapter Questions due Aug. 30 Assignment #1 due Sep. 1
Sep. 3-Sep. 6 (WK3)	Ch. 3	Discussion Thread #3 due Sep. 4 & 6 Ch. 4 Chapter Questions due Sep. 6 CHAPTERS 1-3
Sep. 6- Sep 8	QUIZ 1	
Sep. 9-Sep. 13 (WK4)	Ch. 4	Discussion Thread #4 due Sep 11 & 13 Ch. 5 Chapter Questions due Sep 13
Sep. 16-Sep. 20 (WK5)	Ch. 5	Discussion Thread #5 due Sep 18 & 20 Ch. 6 Chapter Questions due Sep 20
Sep. 23-Sep. 27 (WK6)	Ch. 6	Discussion Thread #6 due Sep 25 & 27 Ch. 7 Chapter Questions due Sep. 27 CHAPTERS 4-6 MUST BE PROCTORED!
Sep 27-Sep 29	Quiz 2	
Sep. 30 – Oct 4 (WK7)	Ch. 7	Discussion Thread #7 due Oct. 2 & 4 Ch. 8 Chapter Questions due Oct 4
Oct 7-Oct 9 (WK 8)	Ch. 8	Discussion Thread #8 due Oct 9 Ch. 9 Chapter Questions due Oct. 9
Oct 14–Oct 18 (WK 9)	Ch. 9	Discussion Thread #9 due Oct 16 & 18 Ch. 10 Chapter Questions due Oct 18 CHAPTERS 7-9
Oct 18-Oct 20	QUIZ 3	
Oct 21-Oct 25 (WK 10)	Ch. 10	Discussion Thread #10 due Oct 23 & 25 Ch. 11 Chapter Questions due Oct 25
Oct. 28-Nov 1 (WK 11)	Ch. 11	Discussion Thread #11 due Oct 30 & Nov 1 Ch. 12 Chapter Questions due Nov 1
Nov 4-Nov 8 (WK12)	Ch. 12	Discussion Thread #12 due Nov. 6 & 8 Ch. 13 Chapter Questions due Nov 8 CHAPTERS 10-12
Nov. 8-Nov 10	QUIZ 4	
Nov 11-Nov 15 (WK13)	Ch. 13	Discussion Thread #13 due Nov 13 & 15 Ch. 14 Chapter Questions due Nov 15
Nov 18-Nov 22 (WK 14)	Ch. 14	Discussion Thread #14 due Nov 20 & 22 Ch. 15 Chapter Questions due Nov 22
Nov 25-Nov 26 (WK 15)		Assignment #2 due Nov 26 CHAPTERES 13-14
Nov 22 –Nov 24	QUIZ 5	
Dec 2-Dec 6 (WK 16)	Ch. 15	Discussion Thread #15 due Dec 4 & 6 Ch. 16 Chapter Questions due Dec 6
Dec 9-Dec 13 (WK 17)	Ch. 16	Discussion Thread #16 due Dec 11 & 13

EARNING POINTS

Discussion Threads	240 pts. (15 pts. x 16 Discussion Threads)
Chapter Questions	160 (10 pts. x 16 Chapter Questions)
Quizzes	600 (100 pts. x 6 Tests)
<u>Assignments</u>	<u>40 (20 pts. X 2 Assignments)</u>
Total points	1040 pts.

GRADING SYSTEM

Percentage (%)	Letter Grade
100-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
Less than 60	F

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring reasonable academic adjustment, accommodations, or auxiliary aids to be successful in this class will need to contact the **DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER** Coordinator (Baako Wahabu) for eligibility determination. Proper documentation of impairment is required in order to receive services or accommodations. DRC is located at the ground floor of the Financial Aid Office. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule an appointment to discuss the process. The DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

TUTORING CENTER

The Dixie State College of Utah Tutoring Center is located in the Browning Resource Center and is free for all registered Dixie State students. Tutors are available to assist you in clarifying concepts and class material, and in improving your study skills. Tutoring Center hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and on Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For additional information, contact Barbara Turnbow at 652-7743.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

1. All work done for this course is to be your own, with the exception of the Group Projects.
2. Cheating is forbidden-All incidents will be reported to the Department Chair and/or Academic Dean.
3. All students are expected to have read and understand the current issue of the student handbook, published by Student Services. The handbook includes all student responsibilities, student rights, intellectual property policy, information regarding procedures, and appropriate student behavior.
4. Cheating of any kind may be punishable by one or more of the following: a) Receiving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty was observed; b) Receiving a failing grade in the course; c) Immediate dismissal from this course; and d) Referral to the Academic Affairs Committee which may take actions such as reprimands, placing on probation, suspension, or removal from Dixie State College of Utah.

DISCLAIMER

Information contained in this syllabus, other than the grading scale and exam/quiz policy may be subject to change with advanced notice, as deemed appropriate to the instructor.