

Syllabus and Course Outline
PSY 2000-50
Writing in Psychology: APA Style
Dixie State College
Spring 2013

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Class Meets on: Monday **Time:** 5:15-7:45pm

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PROGRAM: Psychology

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CONTACT HOURS: Lecture: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is required of psychology majors and recommended for all students who want to master the APA writing style. This course is an introduction to the effective use and application of APA style writing. Pre-requisites: PSY101 and ENGL 1010.

SOCIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

As an outcome of taking courses in the Social Sciences Program, students shall:

1. Demonstrate the ability to examine human behaviors in a structured and organized way as a means of understanding the human condition. Measured by examination and/or oral and written reports.
2. Demonstrate the ability to recognize the ideas, people and events that are generally thought to be important by social scientists. Measured by examination and/or oral reports.

3. Develop a perceptual frame or reference based on social scientific knowledge. Measured by the presence of an attitudinal frame of reference which would be expressed in written or oral activities.
4. Exhibit concepts of critical thinking and scientific methodology in examining human behavior. Measured by the presence of an attitudinal frame of reference which would be displayed in written or oral activities.

MAJOR COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and historical trends in psychology, which include: relevant ethical issues and principles in psychology as addressed by the APA Code of Ethics, and identification of careers associated with psychology.
2. Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including design, data analysis, and interpretation.
3. Identify and locate relevant journals and databases in psychology.
4. Utilize critical and creative thinking skills, skeptical inquiry, and the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.
5. Understand the nature of differences between fact and theories, and opinions and empirically based statements.

COURSE METHODS:

The course will be as a lecture/ lab format with each student asked to consider particular questions during class discussions and reading material, and comment in the class on these issues. We will also be doing a fair amount of in class work with our different topics both independently and in groups. We will focus on:

1. Readings in relevant texts and articles
2. Lectures which discuss the readings
3. Small group work
4. Individual work
5. Examination of the relevant literature in the field
6. Testing of related work
7. Final paper presentation

Email is the preferred method for contacting the professor outside of class.
When emailing the professor the subject line should read **APA writing class.**

GENERAL CLASS CONDUCT

ALL CELL PHONES <u>OFF</u> WHEN YOU ENTER THE CLASSROOM
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Attendance at all scheduled classes is required.

Disruptive Behavior

Students are expected to approach the class as mature adults and to conduct themselves accordingly. While questions and interaction with the instructor are encouraged during the seminar, disruptive remarks, behavior and unnecessary personal conversations between students will not be tolerated. At times a topic or topic matter may contain sensitive issues. It is imperative that we all conduct ourselves with respect for others even should we disagree with someone's view point. Our classroom is a "safe" space, which requires that students agree to keeping sensitive matters confidential, and to respect each other's privacy with regard to personal remarks in classroom. Students who evidence disruptive behavior will be asked to leave class immediately. Should other students feel that their learning is being disrupted, please contact the instructor immediately to resolve the situation.

Please do not:

Come in late or leave early. It is imperative that you make the commitment to be in class the entire class length.

Doing other work or other activities aside from the classwork that is being presented or assigned.

Sleeping during the class.

Listening to I-pods or other portable music/audio devices.

Talking or texting on cell phones.

Making jokes or having discussions with others in the class that would be disruptive to others.

Talking out turn, making disparaging comments or other types of behavior that is not conducive to the learning experience for students.

These are all considered disruptive behaviors, though this is not an exhaustive list.

**For more details, please see the disruptive behavior policy at:
<http://www.dixie.edu/humanres/policy/sec3/334.html>**

EXAMINATIONS/ ASSIGNMENTS:

Grades will be determined in part based on student performance on exams/ assignments. (50 pts each).

Literature Review #1

Students will be required to submit a first literature review, written in APA style and format, reviewing three scholarly studies on a topic of student choice in the field of psychology. 5-7 pages. (100 points)

Final Paper

Students will be required to submit a final paper, inclusive of a literature review, with at least 5 scholarly resources on a second topic of their choice in the field of psychology. 8-10 pages. (100 points)

During our scheduled finals time, each student will briefly present their paper to the class, and discuss their topic findings. 5-10 minutes.

Make Up Policy

As a rule, there will not be any make up exams or assignments in this course. Talk further with the instructor for excused absences as per college policy.

The professor reserves the right to assign activities as is deemed necessary during the semester.

READING ASSIGNMENTS:

You will be expected to complete the required reading assignments outlined in the course schedule, regarding assessment issues, prior to class and incorporate this learning into your comments during lecture and case presentations.

Referrals:

Many psychology courses, such as this one, often provide students with self reflection oriented readings and activities. At times, this reflection can trigger emotional responses, or other types of reactions that can cause significant personal distress or upset. Sometimes these responses are from past issues, or traumas, or other things happening in a student's life. While I am able to understand this, as a clinician, and have training in the area of therapeutic intervention; as a faculty member, I am unable to engage in a relationship of this nature with my students. It is unethical, according to the field ethics code, and it is also considered a dual role relationship, which is highly discouraged. Should you find yourself in a situation of this sort, I would be happy to make a confidential referral for you, to our college counseling center, and provide any support I can to find you some resources. Again, unfortunately, I cannot serve you in a therapeutic role, but I am very happy we have the counseling center available to students for just such situations.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Jan 7:** Course Introduction
- Jan. 14:** What is APA style and why use it?
Dunn: Chapter 1
Lab time: Free writing exercise
- Jan 21:** Holiday; no class
- Jan 28:** Getting Started: Writing
Dunn: Chapter 4
Lab time: Directed Free write/outline writing, Peer Reviews
- Feb 4:** Outlining, taking notes, plagiarism, paraphrasing
Dunn: Chapter 3

Lab time: Paraphrasing, working in tense. Peer reviews
Assignment #1: Paraphrasing exam
- Feb 11:** Library Day: Doing Library Research
- Feb 18:** No class/Holiday
- Feb 25:** The Scientific Method: How do we read literature
Dunn: Chapter 5
Lab time: Small group work on research studies
- March 4:** Citations: How do we cite work, and paraphrase
Dunn: Chapter 7
Lab time: Reviewing citations
- March 18:** **FIRST LITERATURE REVIEW TURNED IN**
Catch up/independent work time/library time
- March 25:** Assignment #2 final paper topic turned in
Catch up
Lab time: Begin taking notes on articles and outlining your paper
- April 1 :** Writing up results
Dunn: Chapter 6
Lab time: Free write, directed topic, work on articles

April 8: **Proof reading/Formatting in APA style**
Dunn: Chapter 9
Lab time: Articles/Paper Peer review rough draft
Rough Draft due (Assignment #3)

April 15: **Review citations, paraphrasing and references**
Lab Time: Independent work on papers

April 22 **Final Papers Due: Course wrap up**

Final Exam: **Monday, April 29: 5-7pm Presentations**

*** ALL TEST DATES AND ASSIGNMENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

Dmail:

Important class and college information will be sent to your Dmail account. This information includes your DSC bill, financial aid/scholarship notices, notification of dropped classes, reminders of important dates and events, and other information critical to your success in this class and at DSC. All DSC students are automatically assigned a Dmail account. If you don't know your user name and password, go to www.dixie.edu and select "Dmail," for complete instructions. You will be held responsible for information sent to your Dmail email, so please check it often.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Nov 1 Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Spring 2013
- Nov 12 Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
- Nov 13 Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
- Nov 14 Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
- Nov 15 Open Registration
- Jan 2 Spring 2013 Late application penalty begins
- Jan 7 Classwork Starts
- Jan 10 Last Day to Waitlist
- Jan 11 Last Day to Add Without Signature
- Jan 14 Drop/Audit Fee Begins (\$10 per class)
- Jan 16 Residency Application Deadline
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 22 \$50 Late Registration/Payment Fee
- Jan 29 Pell Grant Census

Jan 29	Last Day for Refund
Jan 29	Last Day to drop without receiving a "W" grade
Jan 30	Courses dropped for non-payment
Feb 1	Last Day to Add/Audit
Feb 1	Associate's degree Graduation Deadline - Spring 2013
Feb 18	President's Day
Feb 25	Mid-Term Grades Due
Mar 1	Last Day to Drop Individual Class
Mar 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2013
Mar 11-15	Spring Break
Mar 18	Fall 2013 Class schedule available online
Mar 18	Summer Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Mar 19	Summer Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Mar 20	Summer Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Mar 21	Summer Registration open to all students
Mar 29	Last Day for Complete Withdrawal
Apr 1	Bachelor's degree Graduation Deadline - Fall 2013
Apr 8	Fall Registration open to Seniors (90+ credits)
Apr 9	Fall Registration open to Juniors (60+ credits)
Apr 10	Fall Registration open to Sophomores (30+ credits)
Apr 11	Fall Registration open to all students
Apr 24	Classwork Ends
Apr 25	Reading Day
Apr 26	Final Exams
Apr 29-30, May 1	Final Exams
May 1	Associate's degree Graduation Deadline - Summer 2013
May 2	Final Exams
May 3	Commencement

Disability Accommodations:

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 in the North Plaza Building. Visit or call 652-7516 to schedule appointment to discuss the process. DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

College resources:

Several college resources are available to help you succeed. Check out the links for each one to get more information. If you need help understanding the content of your courses, go to the **Tutoring Center** located in the Browning Learning Center, Room 105. There is a schedule of what courses have tutors at what times outside the door. You can also visit them online at <http://dsc.dixie.edu/tutoring/> If you need help writing papers, go to the Writing Center in the Browning Learning Center, Room 105. You can also visit them online at http://new.dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php

If you are assigned to take a test in the Testing Center, go to the North Plaza. You can get information on their website at <http://new.dixie.edu/testing/>

The Library has all kinds of information and resources. Visit the Val Browning Library or go to the library website at <http://library.dixie.edu/>

Academic integrity:

DSC believes that most students are honest. However, cheating will not be tolerated, and if discovered, a zero grade will be given for that assignment or exam, and you will not be allowed to make it up. Repeated or aggravated offenses will result in failing the course. Any time you take credit for work you did not do, you are cheating. This includes getting the answers to homework problems from someone else, copying information from a library or internet source and presenting it as if it were your own words which is called plagiarism. Plagiarism is a particularly serious offense in academia.

Looking at someone else's answers on an exam, and asking someone who has already taken a test about what questions it contains also constitutes cheating. This course has been designed to minimize the temptation to cheat, however it is not the job DSC or the instructor to make things "cheat proof." If you cheat and are not caught, it doesn't mean that you "beat the system." It means you violated the Student Code and forfeited your integrity.

For further information on the Student code please refer to <http://library.dixie.edu/policies/studentcodesectionfour.pdf> page 8. DSC is committed to helping students honor the student code and to have consequences for those who do not abide by its standards.

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