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INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY  
ONLINE  
FALL SEMESTER, 2011**

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**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) by Daniel L Schacter; Daniel T Gilbert; Daniel M Wegner  
ISBN: 978-1-4292-37192

## **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.

## **CLASS POLICIES**

1. Turn off/silence any cellphones.

Phones ringing/vibrating can be very distracting for the majority of students – myself included.

2. Come to class on time.

It can be distracting to have students coming/going at different times. Make an effort to either come early or on time to class. Also, please make every effort to stay for the entire class period. If arriving/leaving on time is going to be an issue, please contact me so we can resolve this.

3. Read text before class session.

This will only help you to better understand the material. If you read the text before class you will be prepared to ask questions during my lecture (which I strongly recommend).

4. Check blackboard regularly.

This is probably just one of many courses you are taking this semester. Therefore, I will try and make sure to post notes, supplemental material, videos, announcements, on blackboard as a way to make sure we're all on the same page.

**CLASS POLICIES**

- 1. Check blackboard 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 (quizzes, final paper, discussion threads).

**QUIZ POLICY**

All quizzes will be online via blackboard. You will have one hour to complete the quizzes from the time you open the quiz online. Please use both the book and any other supplemental material (my lecture notes, your own notes) that will help in answering the questions. You will have one day to take the quiz and one hour to complete. The dates are listed below. Please contact me asap if you have any questions regarding this.

**EARNING POINTS IN THIS COURSE**

1. Quizzes

Five quizzes will be assigned. Each quiz is worth 100 points.

500 pts.

2. Discussion threads.

You will be required each week to post a discussion thread related to the chapter we are on. 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 three threads (one your own and 2 replies to classmates) are submitted by Friday 12 pm. Each week of threads is worth 10 pts. The earlier in the week you can post your discussion threads the better as this will allow the rest of the class ample time to reply to at least 2 other threads by the Friday deadline. If everyone waits till say Friday to post, there may not be enough threads to reply to. The goal is to instigate critical thinking about the many topics in the field of social psychology.

140 pts.

**EARNING POINTS**

Quizzes (5 x 100)	500 pts.
<u>Discussion threads</u>	<u>140 pts.</u>
Total points	640 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  
Less than 60

D-  
F

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Topic</i></b>	<b><i>Reading Assignment</i></b>
Aug. 22 – Aug. 26	Ch. 1	Discussion threads #1 due Aug. 26
Aug 29 – Sept. 2	Ch. 2	Discussion threads #2 due Sept. 2
Sept. 5 – Sept. 9	Ch. 3	Discussion threads #3 due Sept. 9 (Quiz 1 due)
Sept. 12 – Sept. 16	Ch. 4	Discussion threads #4 due Sept. 16
Sept. 19 – Sept 23	Ch. 5	Discussion threads #5 due Sept. 23
Sept. 26 – Sept. 30	Ch. 6	Discussion threads #6 due Sept. 30 (Quiz 2 due)
Oct. 3 – Oct. 7	Ch. 7	Discussion threads #7 due Oct. 7
Oct. 10 – Oct. 21	Ch. 8	Discussion threads #8 due Oct. 21
Oct. 24 – Oct. 28	Ch. 9	Discussion threads #9 due Oct. 28 (Quiz 3 due)
Oct. 31 – Nov. 4	Ch. 10	Discussion threads #10 due Nov. 4
Nov. 7 – Nov. 11	Ch. 11	Discussion threads #11 due Nov. 11 (Quiz 4 due)
Nov. 14 – Nov. 18	Ch. 12	Discussion threads #12 due Nov. 18
Nov. 21 – Dec. 2	Ch. 13	Discussion threads #13 due Dec. 2
Dec. 5 – Dec. 9	Ch. 14	Discussion threads #14 due Dec. 9 (Quiz 5 due)

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES**

**Note: I would check out the link posted below and make sure to highlight/mark the important dates listed for your records (last day to add/drop). This syllabus will be posted under 'syllabus' under this blackboard section for your convenience.**

**<http://new.dixie.edu/reg/?page=calendar>**

### **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.