

Psychology 1010-13

CRN: 44301

General Psychology

Course Syllabus

Offered Monday Wednesday and Friday 2:00-2:50

Fall Semester 2012 (3 Credits)

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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.

Text for the course: Schacter, D. L., Gilbert, D. T., & Wegner, D. M. (2010). *Psychology* New York: Worth Publisher.

Course Objectives:

At the conclusion of a Social Science course, successful students will be able to

- demonstrate an ability to examine human behaviors as a way of understanding the human condition;
- identify the ideas, people, and events that are generally thought to be important by social scientists;
- express points of view based on social scientific knowledge;
- exhibit elements of critical thinking and scientific methodology in examining human behavior.

More specifically, the successful **General Psychology** student will also be able to

- name the major pioneers in psychology, such as Freud, Pavlov, Piaget, Kohlberg, Maslow, and Skinner, and describe the contribution(s) each has made to the development of psychology;
- name and describe each of psychology's major perspectives: biological (including neuroscience and behavior genetics), evolutionary, psychodynamic, behavioral, humanistic, cognitive, and social-cultural;
- identify psychological research methods—descriptive, correlational, and experimental—and apply that understanding in evaluating the validity of popular psychological claims;
- apply psychological principles to their own lives by suggesting methods they might use to understand themselves and others more fully, to increase personal growth and development, to improve interpersonal relationships, and to maximize professional competence.

Attendance: You are expected to attend class. Roll will be taken in each class. **NOTE:** In college, there are no "excused" absences. If you are participating in extra-curricular, social, athletic, or leadership activities (or even in off-campus field trips or activities required for other courses), you do so by your own choice, and you are responsible for the consequences of those choices (e.g., work turned in late is LATE, even if you were absent on the due date). It is the student's responsibility to find out which assignments are missed during an absence.

Rude and Disruptive behavior: PLEASE respect others and do not bring food, drinks, laptops, or cellular phones to class. Teachers at Dixie State College have the right to manage the classroom environment to ensure a good learning climate. Toward this end, teachers (or college security) may dismiss and remove disruptive students from individual class activities. If a student's behavior continues to disrupt class activities, the teacher may dismiss and cause the removal of disruptive students from their course. Students who believe themselves wrongfully disciplined may appeal those disciplinary actions through the standard grievance procedure

Disability Statement:

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 next to the testing center on 1000 East, in the North Plaza Building. Visit or call (435) 652-7516 to schedule appointment to discuss the process. DRC Coordinator determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.

Academic Honesty Policy: 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:

- Giving a failing grade on the specific assignment where dishonesty occurred,
- Failing the student in the entire course,

- Immediately dismissing and removing the student from the course, and/or
- Referring the student to Student Affairs, a committee which may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, and/or expel the student.

College resources: Several college resources are available to help you succeed. Check out the links for each one to get more information.

Tutoring Center: If you need help understanding the content of your courses, go to the Tutoring Center located in the new Holland Centennial Commons, Room 431. There is a schedule of what courses have tutors at what times outside the door or by accessing this page <http://www.dixie.edu/tutoring/schedule.php>. You can also view the general hours for the tutoring center online at <http://www.dixie.edu/tutoring/>.

Writing Center: 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://www.dixie.edu/english/dsc_writing_center.php.

Computer Center: If you need to use a computer to do schoolwork on campus, go to the Computer Center in the Smith Computer Center or the Library located in the Holland building.

Testing Center: If you are assigned to take a test in the Testing Center, go to the east side of the north plaza building. You can get information on their website at <http://www.dixie.edu/testing/>.

Library: 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/>

Grading: The majority of your grade will come from 4 tests throughout the semester as well as a cumulative final at the end of the semester. Each test will contain approximately 50 questions and be worth 200 points. The final exam will contain 100 questions and will be worth 100 points (roughly 60% of the questions on the final will be taken from previous exams. For the most part, tests will cover information from the text; however, they may also include questions on videos, handouts, or class discussions. All tests will require a Scan-Tron testing sheet, available at the bookstore, and a soft-lead (#2) pencil and the final exam will require the blue larger scan-tron

Quizzes: starting in the 2nd week of the semester quizzes will be given during the beginning of the class period. These quizzes will cover the material from that class periods reading assignment and from the previous class reading assignment. These quizzes will not count against your grade, but can be used to make up a poor test score (Does not include the final exam). These quizzes will be simple and straight forward if you do the reading. Two of the lowest quizzes will be dropped. Quizzes cannot be made up.

Late/Missed Quizzes and Exams: Exams must be taken on the day they are assigned. If you are involved in other school related programs that make it so this is not possible I will follow

school policy for making up these exams. Your quiz scores will allow you with a little protection in the case you absolutely cannot take an exam. Please contact me if you have any questions

GRADE SCALE: Grades will be computed based on the following:

Assignments	100
Four Chapter tests...	200
Final...	100

TOTAL 400

GRADE EQUIVALENTS

94%-100% = A	73 - 76 = C
90 - 93 = A-	70 - 72 = C-
87 - 89 = B+	67 - 69 = D+
83 - 86 = B	63 - 66 = D
80 - 82 = B-	60 - 62 = D-
77 - 79 = C+	59 and below = F

Day	Date	Assigned Reading	Due
Monday	Aug 20		
Wednesday	Aug 22	Chp6.	
Friday	Aug 24	Chp6.	
Monday	Aug 27	Chp6.	
Wednesday	Aug 29	Chp1.	Assignment 1 due
Friday	Aug 31	Chp1.	
Monday	Sep 3		Labor Day, no class
Wednesday	Sep 5	Chp2.	
Friday	Sep 7	Chp2.	
Monday	Sep 10	Chp2.	
Wednesday	Sep 12	Review	Test/ Assignment 2 due
Friday	Sep 14	Chp3.	
Monday	Sep 17	Chp3.	
Wednesday	Sep 19	Chp3.	

Friday	Sep 21	Chp4.	
Monday	Sep 24	Chp4.	
Wednesday	Sep 26	Chp5.	
Friday	Sep 28	Chp5.	
Monday	Oct 1	Chp5.	
Wednesday	Oct 3	Review	Test 2/ Assignment 3 due
Friday	Oct 5	Chp7.	
Monday	Oct 8	Chp7.	
Wednesday	Oct 10	Chp7.	
Friday	Oct 12		Semester Break. No class
Monday	Oct 15	Chp8.	
Wednesday	Oct 17	Chp8.	
Friday	Oct 19	Chp8.	Assignment 4 due
Monday	Oct 22	Chp11.	
Wednesday	Oct 24	Chp11.	
Friday	Oct 26	Chp11.	
Monday	Oct 29	Review	Test 3/ Assignment 5 due
Wednesday	Oct 31	Chp13.	
Friday	Nov 2	Chp13.	
Monday	Nov 5	Chp13.	
Wednesday	Nov 7	Chp12.	
Friday	Nov 9	Chp12.	
Monday	Nov 12	Chp12.	Test 4/ Assignment 6 due
Wednesday	Nov 14	Chp14.	
Friday	Nov 16	Chp14.	

Monday	Nov 19	Chp14	
Wednesday	Nov 21		Thanksgiving Break, No class
Friday	Nov 23		Thanksgiving Break, No class
Monday	Nov 26	Chp15.	
Wednesday	Nov 28	Chp15.	
Friday	Nov 30	Chp15.	Assignment 7 due
Monday	Dec 3	Review	Test/ Assignment 8 due
Wednesday	Dec 5	Review	
Friday	Dec 7	Review	No Class
Monday	Dec 12		12:30-2:30 Final Exam

Important Date

Mon, Aug 20	Classwork starts
Fri, Aug 24	Last day to add without a signature
Mon, Aug 27	Drop fee begins (\$10 per class)
Mon, Sep 3	Labor Day
Tue, Sep 6	\$50 Late registration/payment fee
Mon, Sep 10	Last day for refund
Mon, Sep 10	Last day to drop without a “W” grade
Mon, Sep 10	Pell Grant Census
Fri, Sep 14	Last day to add classes
Mon, Oct 1	Last day to apply for graduation
Thurs, Fri, Oct 11-12	Semester break
Mon, Oct 15	Last day to drop or audit classes
Fri, Nov 9	Last day for complete withdrawal
Mon, Nov 12	Spring registration open for Seniors
Tue, Nov 13	Career Day
Tue, Nov 13	Spring registration open for Juniors
Wed, Nov 14	Spring registration open for Sophomores
Thurs, Nov 15	Spring registration open to all students
Wed-Fri, Nov 21-23	Thanksgiving break
Fri, Dec 7	Last day of classes
Mon-Fri, Dec 11-15	Final exams