Psychology 1100 Honors  
General Psychology (Honors). Syllabus. Fall 2008  
College of DuPage

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Office Hours

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Because I am often meeting with people, it is safest to make an appointment with me during my office hours (although you are welcome to drop by). I can also meet outside of my regular office hours by appointment.

Text
The textbook is a book that I have written. It is not available in the COD Bookstore. Students will be ordering it directly from University Readers (www.universityreaders.com). Although you can order it before the start of the semester, instructions will be provided on the first day of the semester. When you order it online, you will be able to download a portion of the book, so you can begin reading right away.

Course Description (from COD course catalog)
A survey of the study of behavior and mental processes with emphasis on the scientific nature of contemporary psychological investigation. Topics discussed include research methods, the biology of behavior, sensation and perception, stress and adjustment, learning, memory, cognition, motivation, emotion, life-span development, personality, abnormal behavior and its therapies, social behavior, and individual differences. (3 lecture hours)
Course Objectives
By taking, and actively participating in, this course you will:

- learn about the major subfields and topic areas in psychology.
- understand how psychological principles apply to real life situations.
- learn to think critically about psychology and about research in general.
- appreciate the study of psychology as a science.
- be prepared to take more advanced undergraduate courses in psychology.
- learn about some possible careers that can be launched with training in psychology.
- learn a little about yourselves and people you know.

Blackboard/Web Page
This course will use the Blackboard course management system. With it, you will be able to access the syllabus and assignments, turn in assignments, download PowerPoint lectures of textbook material, check grades, and participate in online discussions, among other activities. Instructions for logging in to Blackboard will be provided in class. In addition, I have a web page at www.cod.edu/grayke. The web page contains links to my different courses, as well as advising information for psychology majors.

Requirements

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Exams
There will be two take-home exams during the semester. They are not cumulative, and each is worth 15% of your final grade. The exams will contain multiple choice and essay questions, and will cover material from the text and lecture.

Project- Write a Research Proposal
You will select a research topic, do a brief literature review, generate at least one new hypothesis, and formulate a tentative research plan. The final project is to be written up in APA format. The research proposal will be due on the last class day of the semester. Homework assignments and class activities will help prepare you to complete the proposal. Due dates for these intermediate assignments are listed on the course schedule (they will be described in class). The Research Proposal is worth 20% of your final grade.
**Reading-on-time Points**
You are required to read textbook material by the dates listed on the schedule. After the day that the final section of each Unit is due, you are required to submit a Reading Response for the Modules and Windows in that Unit (specific dates are listed on the course schedule). The Reading Response must demonstrate that you have read and thought about the material, and it must be submitted through Blackboard. Reading-on-time points are worth 10% of your final grade.

**Assignments**
Several homework projects will be assigned throughout the term. Included among the assignments is Free Choice Hours. You will be required to complete 8 hours of assignments that you choose. Together, the assignments are worth 15% of your final grade.

**Attendance and Participation**
You are expected to attend class every day and participate actively in discussions and classroom exercises. Once during the semester, you will lead the class in a lecture or discussion as a member of a small group. Attendance and participation are worth 25% of your final grade.

**Grading Scale**

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**Withdrawal Policy**
I will withdraw students who are failing to make progress in the course at Mid-Semester. After Mid-Semester (Oct. 21), permission to withdraw from the course will be granted on a case-by-case basis.
Academic Honesty

Academic dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, will not be tolerated. Students who are caught may be penalized up to the level of receiving a failing grade in the course. In addition, all cases will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for possible further action. For more information, read the College's statements on Student Rights and Responsibilities and Course-Related Academic Integrity (COD Catalog 2007-2009, pp. 51-52).

Course-Related Communication

All students are expected to use their College of DuPage email accounts and Blackboard for course-related electronic communication. I occasionally send out messages to the whole class through these systems, and if you do not use them, you will miss these messages. In addition, if you choose to not use the COD system, your email messages to me are more likely to be removed by the college's junk mail filter. Please see me if you would like any assistance getting started with your COD email or Blackboard.

Research Disclosure

From time to time, I conduct research on teaching methods to improve your educational experiences. Please be assured that all data will be kept completely confidential, and participation will not affect your grade. If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact me.