**PSYCHOLOGY 2: Introductory Psychology**  
**Online Course**  
**Section 1: Fall 2010**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Provides a general overview of theory and research concerning psychological processes at the basic, individual and social levels. Topics will include physiological psychology, comparative psychology, learning, motivation, sensation and perception, developmental psychology, personality, social psychology, maladaptive behavior, individual differences, and selected other topics. Requires three hours of participation as a research subject.

**COURSE STRUCTURE**

This course will be delivered entirely online through the course management system SacCT. You will use your Saclink account to login to the course from the SacCT login page (http://online.csus.edu). In SacCT, you will access online course materials, quizzes, homework assignments, and study tools.

**COURSE MATERIALS**


   - The textbook is available to purchase or rent in the CSUS bookstore. The new book price is $105.25 and the rental price is $47.36 at the bookstore.

   - There is also an e-copy available.  

   - Before you decide to buy the e-book, please consider your learning style. Some people need an actual textbook in order to do their best in a course. The e-book is not very print-friendly. If you think you will do better with a hard copy of the book, you should probably buy it.
2. **Hardware & Software Requirements**

   - Reliable Internet access and SacCT access.
   - Adobe Acrobat Reader
   - A word processing program that can read and create Microsoft Word 2003 documents (PC).
   - Respondus lockdown browser.
     - You will use this browser to take all your quizzes and exams. All campus computer labs have this browser. If you choose to use your own computer to take the quizzes and exams you must download the Respondus lockdown browser. See the link below. [http://www.csus.edu/atcs/tools/lockdown-browser/installation.stm](http://www.csus.edu/atcs/tools/lockdown-browser/installation.stm)

**COURSE GOALS**

There are five major goals I hope we can achieve in this course.

1. Learn about the various sub-disciplines within the area of experimental Psychology, and our current understanding of the range and causes of human behavior.

2. Learn about behavioral phenomenon common across all peoples, as well as developing an understanding and appreciation for the diversity in behavior among people.

3. Become more tolerant of ambiguity and diversity as it pertains to human experience and increase your ability to deal with multiple points of view.

4. Become intelligent consumers of psychological research so that psychological knowledge can be effectively incorporated into daily living.

5. Develop effective time management skills through the design of this class as a self paced study course.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- This class will cover 14 chapters from the required textbook. Each chapter will have a tutorial homework, tutorial quiz, and a chapter quiz.

- There will also be two section exams.

- Finally, all students that take PSY 2 are required to spend three hours as a research participant in research studies held in the psychology department. There is a writing alternative to this assignment if you prefer to write a paper rather than participate in research.

- All of your chapter assignments can be found on the Learning Modules tab in SacCT. The learning modules contain chapter objectives that you should use to focus your study of the textbook. In addition, you will find supplemental learning materials, quizzes, and homework assignments within each Learning Modules.

Please carefully note the due date for all your assignments. The due dates are listed at the end of the syllabus. Please note that all assignments are due by 5:00pm of the due date. You will not be able to access your assignments past 5:00pm of the due date.

1. Tutorials

These are online tutorials that will present research simulations or provide you with dynamic demonstrations illustrating fundamental psychological principles. These are designed to help you gain a deeper understanding of core psychological concepts. Carefully work through each tutorial and make sure you understand the major concepts covered in the tutorial. When you feel that you have a good understanding of the tutorial material you should take the associated tutorial quiz.

Tutorial quizzes: These will consist of multiple choice questions. Each quiz will be worth 5 points. You may only take each quiz once.

Tutorial Homework Assignments: These consist of worksheets that you must complete for each tutorial. You should complete the worksheets as you work through the Tutorials.

- Once you’ve completed a Tutorial Homework you will turn it in by submitting it as an attached file within the Learning Module.

- The worksheets are Word 2003 (PC) documents.

- Each homework assignment will be graded and is worth up to 10 points.
2. **Chapter Exams**

There is an exam for each of the 14 chapters you will study in this course. The chapter exams will cover the textbook material and the tutorials.

- **Please note that the chapter exams are timed. You will have 30 minutes to complete each exam.**

- In order to encourage you to master the material you will have three opportunities to take each chapter exam. There are different versions of each exam and you will not take the same version twice. Your highest grade will be used in your final grade.

- After taking an exam you will not be able to review specific questions from the exam. However, you will be given feedback concerning what areas you need to study before retaking the exam. For example, when you miss a specific question you will be told which study objective it relates to and the textbook pages that cover the specific material in the study objective (e.g., See Objective 2; Page 459). You should use this feedback to focus your study before retaking each exam.

- I strongly advise you to spend time restudying each chapter before you retake the chapter exam. It is unlikely that you will do significantly better on your second or third attempt without spending more time studying the material.

- The chapter exams are open book. However, because of the time limit on the exams, you are unlikely to do well if you rely too heavily on the book and your notes.

- Each exam contains 30 multiple-choice questions and is worth 30 points.

3. **Section Exams**

The Section 1 exam will cover the first 7 chapters of the course and the Section 2 exam will cover the last 7 chapters of the course. Each section exam will contain 50 multiple choice questions and will be worth 100 points. You have the option of taking these exams on campus or online.

You must go to SacCT and sign up to take either the online or the on campus exam. If you do not sign up for a session, you will not be allowed to take the test.

**Online Option**

- If you choose to take the section exams online you will have to take them at 4:00pm of the exam date (which will be a Sunday.) You must log on to the section exams between 4:00 – 4:10pm of the exam date. You will not be able to access the section exams after 4:10.

- **The online exams are timed and you will have 30 minutes to complete each exam.**

You are not allowed to use your books and notes during the test. Given that the exam is timed, you are unlikely to be successful if you do choose to cheat.
On-Campus Option

- The on-campus exams will not be timed and students can take up to 2 hours to complete each exam. You will not be allowed to use your books and notes during the exams.

- The on-campus exams will be given on Mondays. Bring Scantron #882E and a #2 pencil to the exam.

What if you miss the online exam because of computer failure, etc?

If you miss the exam for any reason, including computer failure, you must take it during the scheduled on campus test time, which will be the following Monday. Failure to do so will result in a zero for the exam.

What if you miss your exam due to another reason?

If you can provide documentation that the work was missed due to illness, military service, extreme hardship, or death in the immediate family, you will be allowed to complete a make-up exam. However, you must contact Dr. Harrison immediately to arrange the makeup. In addition, you must provide documentation concerning your absence before you take the make-up exam. You have one week following your return to class to arrange to make-up the work you missed.

If you cannot provide documentation for your absence you will receive a zero on the exam.

4. Research Participation

All students are required to participate in three (3) hours of research currently being conducted by faculty and students at our university. Your participation will help us to enlarge the existing body of knowledge in psychology and, we hope, help you to develop more understanding of psychological research and of yourself.

The How to Get Started handout that you received via email has detailed information concerning how to proceed with this assignment.

Failure to complete the 3 hours of research participation will lead to an Incomplete in the course.

STUDY TOOLS

Several study tools have been provided to help you learn the material and be successful in the course. The tools are in the Learning Modules in SacCT.

Chapter Study Objectives

These are available for each chapter. They can be very useful in helping you focus on specific material you should learn for each chapter.
**Chapter Outlines**

These are great tools for reviewing the course material. However, you should use these as a study tool, not as a replacement for the textbook. They are not detailed enough to lead to optimal success in the course.

**Flashcards**

These tools can help you test yourself concerning your understanding of basic concepts within each chapter.

**Chapter Practice Quizzes:**

These are available for each chapter. You may take these as often as you wish. However, each attempt will have different questions. You do not earn points with the practice quizzes but they can substantially help your perform better on the chapter exams.

**EXTRA CREDIT**

1. You may take a quiz that covers the syllabus and iMEET orientation video. This will demonstrate you have read and understand the major components of this course. You may use the syllabus and other materials to help you during the quiz. The quiz will be graded. You can earn up to 10 points. Due 9/11/10 at 5pm.

2. You may take a pretest and a posttest covering your understanding of psychology before the course begins and your understanding of psychology at the end of the course. You must take both tests in order to get any credit. The pretest must be completed by Saturday, September 11 at 5:00pm. The posttest will be available toward the end of the semester. You will earn 10 extra credit points if you complete both tests. You will not be graded on these quizzes.

3. You may also earn up to 15 points extra credit by completing extra research participation hours.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

As a student in this course you are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in this class and also integrity in your behavior in and out of the classroom. If you cheat or plagiarize, you will receive an F for the course and I will report you to the Dean’s Office.

**Sac State's Academic Honesty Policy & Procedures**

“The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of scholars and teachers. California State University, Sacramento expects that both faculty and students will honor these principles, and in so doing, will protect the integrity of academic work and student grades.”

**Definitions**

At Sac State, “cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means.” “Plagiarism is a form of cheating. At Sac State, “plagiarism is the use of distinctive ideas or works belonging to another person without providing adequate acknowledgment.”
**INCOMPLETES**

Students will only receive an incomplete if they are unable to meet the requirements of the course due to documented illness, military service, extreme hardship, or death in the immediate family. In addition, students must have completed at least 50% of the course work at a passing rate.

**ACCOMODATING DISABILITIES**

If you have a documented disability and verification from the Office of Services to Students with Disabilities (SSWD), and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact your instructor as soon as possible. It is the student’s responsibility to provide documentation of disability to SSWD and meet with a SSWD counselor to request special accommodation before classes start. SSWD is located in Lassen Hall 1008 and can be contacted by phone at (916) 278-6955 (Voice) (916) 278-7239 (TDD only) or via email at sswd@csus.edu.

**GRADING POLICY**

There are a total of 830 points available (excluding extra credit). We do not curve grades or bump students’ grades up. Your final grade will be calculated as follows.

**Tutorial Homework Assignments:** 140 points
**Tutorial Quizzes:** 70 points
**Chapter Exams:** 420 points
**Midterm Exam:** 100 points
**Final Exam:** 100 points

Your grades for each assignment are posted on the *My Grades* in SacCT. You will also find a running total of the points you have accrued and the grade based upon your current points.

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**DUE DATES**

You will have until 5:00 pm of the due date to complete an assignment or exam. Afterwards, you will no longer have access to the assignment or exam. You may complete the assignments any time before the due date.

**However, there will be two Amnesty periods.** During the first Amnesty period you may make up any work you missed for Section 1. The second Amnesty period will cover the Section 2 chapters. You will be able to retake any chapter exam attempts you have left and to complete any homework assignments you missed. Each Amnesty Period will last 24 hours.

You will not be able to submit the Syllabus quiz, or Pretest quiz during the Amnesty Periods.

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**SECTION 1 Due Dates**

All assignments are due by 5pm of the due date. Each due date will be on a Friday.

Pre-test quiz = Sep 11

Syllabus & iMeet orientation video quiz = September 11

Ch 1: The Evolution of a Science = September 10

Ch 3: Neuroscience & Behavior = September 10

Ch 4: Sensation & Perception = September 17

Ch 5: Memory = September 24

Ch 6: Learning = October 1

Ch 7: Language, Thought, and Intelligence = October 8

Ch 8: Consciousness = October 15

**Section 1 Amnesty Period = Saturday, October 16 (12:00am – 11:59pm)**

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**Online Section 1 Exam** = Sunday, October 17 at 4:00 pm

**On-campus Section 1 Exam** = Monday, October 18 (5:30 pm, place TBA)
# SECTION 2 Due Dates

All assignments are due at 5pm of the due date

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**Section 2 Amnesty Period = Saturday, December 11 (12:00am – 11:59pm)**

**Online Section 2 Exam** = Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 pm

**On-campus Section 2 Exam** = Monday, December 13 (5:30pm, place TBA)

**Post-test** = Tuesday, December 14