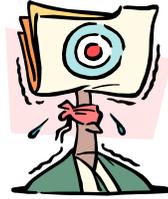


General Psychology I  
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**LAST DAY TO DROP WITH REFUND OR CHANGE TO AUDIT STATUS IS 01/13/2012.**

Text: David G. Myers, *PSYCHOLOGY Ninth Edition in Modules*.

\*Campus and class policy – No food or drinks in classroom. Cell phones should be shut off and absolutely **NO TEXT MESSAGING IN CLASS**. **If you text message in class I will ask you to leave and an unexcused absence will be recorded for the day. Sleeping in class will also result in an unexcused absence.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS**

General Psychology I is a survey of the scientific field of psychology including learning, motivation, emotion, human development, personality, perception, sensation, E.S.P., child guidance, psychopathology, and therapy techniques.

1. You are responsible for thoroughly reading this syllabus.
2. Grading is on a 10-point scale.
3. Attendance will be taken each session. You may not miss more than 4 classes. Should this number be exceeded, you may be administratively withdrawn or you may receive an “F”. This is school policy. Should you desire to drop the course, do so on your own and **DO NOT** simply miss class. Absences will not be excused unless due to an emergency or severe illness which is documented by an appropriate individual or agency (doctor, hospital, court, etc.). If you miss a class, contact the instructor **before** the class meets again to determine if any assignments were made. **If you are late to class, it is your responsibility to verify with me after the class whether you were marked absent.** If you are tardy by 30 minutes or more, you are asked to not enter the classroom-as this poses to be a distraction to the class. Three tardies equals 1 absence. (Missing half the class automatically constitutes an absence.) If there are extenuating circumstances, please feel free to see me.
4. General Psychology I is a Gordon Rule course, which means that students are required to complete multiple writing assignments per term. **(Not satisfying this requirement will result in automatic failure of the course.)** The writing requirement will be broken down into 3

specific assignments related to psychology. These assignments will take the form of an interview and self-report reaction style papers. Specific instructions regarding these papers will follow.

5. Grades will be calculated as follows:
  - A. 2 Reaction papers worth 75 points each and one interview worth 100 points.
  - B. 2 tests covering approximately 3-4 chapters each. Tests are multiple-choice and each is worth 100 points.
  - C. Complete one comprehensive final examination. **\*You may choose one of many service-learning options (such as the Salvation Army) to complete in lieu of the final or any of the tests.** Service-learning students must visit the Center for Service-Learning to retrieve and complete Placement Confirmation, Service Hours Verification, and Service Assessment Forms as well as submit to instructor a journal summary for a minimum of 20 hours of field experience to exercise this option. Also, service-learning students are eligible to register for one credit to appear on his/her transcript for service-learning. See attached sheet for additional instructions.
  - D. Class participation – Class participation is tied to attendance. Simply put, you cannot participate if you are not here. Class participation is worth a total of 50 points and will be calculated in the following manner.

Unexcused Class Days Missed	Maximum Points Possible
1-2	50
3	25
4	0
<b>5 or more is automatic failure of class</b>	

#### SUMMATION OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Reaction paper #1	75 points
Interview paper #2	100 points
Reaction paper #3	75 points
Examination #1	100 points
Examination #2	100 points
Class participation	50 points
Final exam or journal	100 points

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TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	600 POINTS
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To determine overall average, divide the number of points you earn by number of points assigned over the semester. For example, if you earn 485 of the possible 600 your average is an 81% or a "B". **All attendance records and grades can be monitored via your ANGEL account.**

Grading is based on a 10 point scale:

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D

\*Bonus points can be earned for extra research and class participation.

6. The class is lecture based therefore attendance is very important. Films and activities will be integrated throughout the semester to enrich the curriculum.

### **READ CAREFULLY**

7. **IMPORTANT! LATE PAPERS AND MISSED TESTS.** Papers are due at the **BEGINNING** of class on the **stated date**. **If you are more than 10 minutes late on a paper due date, then the paper is considered to be late. Technical problems are not considered to be a valid excuse for late papers. No point credit will be given for late papers.**

Papers are to be submitted **stapled** and in **hard copy** form when submitted. Do not email your paper and do not slide your paper under my office door.

If you know that you will be absent on an exam day, you must notify the instructor in advance. (Reason for the absence must be cleared with the instructor.) Otherwise, unless there is a medical emergency the **DAY** of the exam and you provide the instructor with physician's verification, be prepared to not be allowed to make up the test. Should such an emergency arise you must telephone me in advance. Should you have a medical note and not call me before the test, be prepared to have a 20% penalty on your make up test.