

Clarendon College Pampa Center

Course Title: General Psychology (Psyc 2301) Fall 2010

Thursday 7:00-9:50pm

Behavioral Science Department

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Course Required Text:

Psychsmart 1st Edition McGraw-Hill Publishers

Course Description:

A brief introduction to the field of psychology. Psychology is the science of heredity and environment, control of emotions, behavior, learning, and the development, of personality.

Course Purpose: To improve the understanding, of relationships in real life and the labels of the intricate parts of their environment and improve their communication skills through this understanding.

This course also satisfies the Behavioral Sciences requirement of the core curriculum. It also partially satisfies the requirements for Psychology majors and is fully transferable to a senior college or University.

Course Objectives:

A main objective of this class is to help develop a broad understanding of what psychology is

and to appreciate the importance of understanding ourselves as human beings. This course is also designed to prepare you for future studies in the Behavioral Sciences, should you choose to pursue them.

Learning Objectives:

1. Gain realistic ideas about how to implement psychological knowledge, skills, and values in occupational pursuits.
2. Develop insight into behavior and mental processes.
3. Recognize, understand and respect the complexity of socio-cultural diversity.
4. Communicate psychological knowledge in a variety of formats.
5. Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts in psychology.
6. Use critical thinking to solve problems related to behavior.
7. Understand basic research methods.
8. Develop a sense of ethical principals related to psychology.

Course requirements:

1. Come to class prepared; all required reading completed, and ready to discuss.

Grading Policy:

We will have two assessments for this class:

Midterm exam 35%

Final exam 35%

Attendance and Participation 30%

After the midterm I will accept extra credit ideas from anyone who would like to earn extra points for the class. These ideas must be relevant to a topic we have discussed, the project must be approved by me, and a presentation will include written and oral components.

Course Attendance Policy:

I want students to learn from this class, you will have to attend to learn. Attendance and participation are crucial to a passing grade in this class. Come to class!

The current catalog has the general attendance policy.

Academic Integrity and Dishonest Behavior.

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense.

Academic dishonesty violations include, but are not limited to: (1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given; (3) observing the work of another during an examination or providing answers to another during the course of an examination; (4) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment ; (5) entering an office, classroom, laboratory, or building to obtain unfair advantage; (6) taking an examination for another person; (7) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (8) altering grade records; (9) using any unauthorized form of an electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; and/or, (10) plagiarism. (Plagiarism is defined as the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person's work without proper credit. This includes, but is not limited to, turning in a paper purchased or acquired from any source, written by someone other than the student claiming credit, or stolen from another student.)

Students are responsible for reporting known acts of academic dishonesty to a faculty member, the program coordinator, the associate dean, and/or dean. Any student with knowledge of a violation who fails to report it shall him/herself be in violation and shall be considered to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Additionally, any student who reports him/herself in violation of this code before it is likely that another might consider this possibility will be understood as repentant and acting in good faith. Though the confession will not excuse the

student for the violation, the confession will be considered and the violation should not result in suspension from school except in the most extreme cases.

While academic integrity and honesty are the responsibility of the individual student, each individual faculty member, teaching assistant, and/or laboratory instructor is responsible for classroom management and for maintaining ethical behavior within the classroom and/or laboratory. Faculty who discover or suspect a violation should discuss the matter with the suspected violator(s) and attempt to resolve the case at that point. In cases of convincing evidence, the faculty member should take appropriate action. The faculty member and student should complete a Counseling Sheet regarding the violation. (The Counseling Sheet should contain at a minimum the date and time of the violation, the course, the instructor's name, the student's name, an explanation of the infraction or facts of the case, and the resolution to the incident.) This form should be signed by the student, faculty member, program coordinator, and the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will maintain a file on all violations. If a faculty member prefers to report the case directly to the Dean of Students, it remains his/her prerogative to do so. Additionally, if the faculty member and the accused student cannot reach a resolution or if the faculty member believes that suspension from school is the only fair sanction, the case should immediately be reported by the faculty member, in writing, to the Dean of Students. If the Dean of Students observes any trends in student behavior which involve more than one violation or act of academic dishonesty, the Dean is responsible for notifying all faculty members involved, for contacting the student(s) involved, and after consultation with the faculty member(s) involved for taking the appropriate action. The Dean of Students is responsible for the timely notification (normally within two weeks) to all parties of an action taken.

Students wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision involving academic integrity or acts of academic dishonesty may do so through the Student Appeals and Grievance Procedure.

Withdrawing from (Dropping) the Course

If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a "W" on your transcript instead. (The last day to drop a course is Nov 13.) If you fail the course and do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive a grade of "F" on your transcript.

According to Texas state law a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she can be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6th dropped class, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

If you think you need to drop this course, please talk with me about it first. It is possible that there is something you can do to still pass the course. Don't hurt your chances for a passing grade in the course by not turning in assignments or taking tests before we have discussed your situation. If we agree that you should drop the course, you will contact the college registrar to initiate the process.

Accommodations Statement:

Clarendon College provides reasonable accommodations for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities. Should you require special accommodations, notify the Office of Student Services (806-874-3571 or 800-687- 9737). We will work with you to make whatever accommodations we need to make.