

Mary Lofgren, Instructor
Psych 101 Introduction to Psychology
Fall 12 Syllabus
Course # 10487 M 6:30 – 9:40 pm

This course will provide the student with a basic understanding of psychology. Theories and research relating to emotions and stress, abnormal behavior, motivation, learning, personality, methods of therapy, biology and behaviors, developmental psychology, and social psychology will be discussed.

The objective of this course is to critically think about and gain knowledge of the major theories and concepts of psychology. This course will consist of a combination of lectures, class discussion, assigned readings, videos, group and individual projects and performance on quizzes.

How to Reach the Instructor:

You may contact me by phone at 355-6247 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM or by e-mail at mary.lofgren@imperial.edu. My office is located in the Counseling Center Bldg 100.

Required Reading:

The required textbook for this course is David Myers' *Psychology in Everyday Life*, First or Second Edition. There is a very helpful, free Web site to accompany the book at www.worthpublishers.com/pel1e. This site (from the publisher) has activities and simulations for the more challenging concepts, as well as self-quizzing (two for every chapter) to help you prepare for exams.

Attendance and Class Participation:

You are expected to attend class and stay for the whole period. You will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of the assigned reading by actively participating in class discussions. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. If you decided not to attend class anymore, it is your responsibility to go into WEBSTAR and drop the class. **LAST DAY TO DROP is November 10, 2012**

Thought Papers:

There will be a total of four (4) thought papers due on Friday during the summer session. These are essays of 1-2 pages, which will be based on the class material, personal experiences, magazine or newspaper articles or movies and TV shows. They must be typed. **Papers are due September 10, October 1, 22, November 5. Late papers will not be accepted. You can email them to me, as an attachment, at melofgren@hotmail.com.**

Group Project / Presentation:

The project will be a Power point presentation about a psychological disorder (Chapters 12, 13) to be chosen at a later date. It must be at least 7 slides. A paper copy will be submitted to me before you give your presentation in class. What should the Power point contain? Definition of the disorder, first know diagnosis, symptoms, statistics, therapies, types of drugs used to treat symptoms. Tell the class everything they need to know about your topic in your presentation. Please site your sources. Include 10 multiple choice questions for the class to answer.

The presentation will at least 30 minutes in length. During this time you will present your topic to your classmates. Remember you are teaching them about your topic. You can also use handouts, videos (no You Tube), demonstrations, etc. Make it interesting, interactive, be creative just don't get up and read from your power point.

The presentations will take place on November 19, 26, December 3.

Exams:

Exams will be given on September 10, October 1, 22, November 5. Exams will be multiple choice and worth at least 50 points. **Please use a #2 pencil and a Scantron.**

Grading System:

Quizzes 4 @ 50 pts 200 pts.

Papers 4 @ 25 pts 100 pts.

Project 1 @ 100 pts.

Total: 400 pts

90-100% = A

80-89% = B

70-79% = C

60-69% = D+

0-59% = F

Special Accommodation:

Should a student enrolled in the course require a special accommodation due to a disability, please advise the instructor immediately or contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services at (760) 355-6312

