Imperial Valley College

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

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Class Times: Tuesdays 6:30p.m.-9:40p.m.   (CRN# 20613)

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Required Textbook: Exploring Psychology (9th Edition) David G. Myers

Course Description: This course is an introduction to the study of human behavior and cognition. Includes consideration of many of the major topics in psychology including, but not limited to, the biology of behavior, learning, human development, sleep and consciousness, personality, mental disorders and therapy, and social processes

Student Learning Outcome (IVC): In order to demonstrate your comprehension of introductory psychology you will be required to identify major psychological disorders, key symptoms, and the main strategies used for treatment. (ILO1; ILO2; ILO3; ILO5)

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Class Participation

Attendance is a crucial part of this course. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding of the assigned readings by actively participating in class discussion. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get class notes from a fellow student. Additionally, if you decide not to continue the course, it is your responsibility to drop the course on WEBSTAR by or before the drop date.

Thought Papers (3 @ 25 pts)

There will be a total of three thought papers throughout the semester. This is a 1-2 page paper based on the readings and class material. Thought papers should address an interesting idea regarding a learned behavior from the text, class discussion, an article from the internet or magazine, movie and/or television show from your point of view. Please do not provide a review of the assigned reading but your own thoughts regarding the topic. The main focus of this assignment is for you to think critically about psychology and to begin exploring your ideas. You do not have to write what you think I would agree with, you just need to justify your ideas and statements with explanations.

Each paper is worth twenty-five points. All thought papers must be typed, in twelve point font, and double spaced. All papers are due at the beginning of class. **No late papers will be accepted nor will they be accepted via e-mail.**

Project (100 pts)

Students will research and present a power point on a psychological disorder (Chapters 14 and 15). The presentation must be a **minimum of 7 slides**. A hard copy must be submitted to me before you begin your presentation in class. The presentation must **include the definition of the disorder, the diagnosis and symptoms, therapies, types of medications used to treat the symptoms, and statistics**. Your presentation must be **twenty minutes in length**.

Please make sure to tell the class everything they need to know about your topic. Remember, you are the teacher! You may use handouts, demonstrations, etc. Please, make it interesting, interactive and be creative! Do not just read from your power point. Further instructions will be given in class.

Tests (3 @ 50 pts)

There will be a total of three tests given throughout the semester. All tests will be multiple choice and are worth fifty points each. **Please make sure to bring a #2 pencil and scantron with you to class. No make-up exams will be given.**

**A make-up exam will only be allowed with a 48-hour prior notification and/or a documented proof of the emergency.

In-Class/Homework Assignments (5 @ 15 pts)

In class assignments and/or homework will be given for each chapter we cover. Further information will be given as the semester transpires.

Grading:

Thought Papers	**(3 x 25pts)**	**75pts**
Project		**100pts**
Tests	**(3 x 50pts)**	**150pts**
In-Class/HW Assignments	**(5 x 15pts)**	**75pts**

Total of 400pts

400-350 points = A

349-300 points = B

299-250 points = C

249-200points = D

199 & below   = F

Classroom Etiquette:

Please turn your cell phones off or to "vibrate". Texting and answering your phone will not be allowed in class. Also, if you are bringing your laptop to class, no surfing the internet or logging on to any social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). This is disruptive to the other students. Thank you in advance! ☺

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S):

"Students with disabilities at Imperial Valley College are eligible for accommodations related to their disability under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Services are provided to students with mobility, visual, hearing, speech, and orthopedic impairments, learning disabilities, psychological disabilities, Acquired Brain Injury, and other health impairments. Services are provided on an individual basis and may include reader services, note taking, tutoring, counseling, sign language interpreting, priority registration, learning disability assessment, and adapted computer instruction."

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. Contact Info: (760) 355-6312, Room 2117

Class Agenda

Date	Topic	Homework
Week 1 February 16th	Introductions/Syllabus	Buy book for class! Read Chapter 1
Week 2 February 23rd	Chapter 1 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 2
Week 3 March 1st	Chapter 2 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 3
Week 4 March 8th	Chapter 3 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #1 Study for Test (Ch. 1,2,& 3) **Please, be on time!**
Week 5 March 15th	**Test** (Ch. 1, 2, & 3) **Turn in Though Paper #1**	Read Chapter 4
Week 6 March 22nd	Chapter 4 In Class Assignment	
Week 7 March 29th	**NO CLASS** **SPRING BREAK**	Read Chapter 6
Week 8 April 5th	Chapters 6 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 7 & 8
Week 9 April 12th	Chapters 7 & 8	Thought Paper #2 Study for Test (Ch. 4, 6, 7, & 8) **Please, be on time**!
Week 10 April 19th	**Test** (Ch. 4, 6, 7 & 8) **Turn in Though Paper #2**	Read Chapter 10
Week 11 April 26th	Chapter 10 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 12
Week 12 May 3rd	Chapter 12 In Class Assignment	Read Chapter 13
Week 13 May 10th	Chapter 13 In Class Assignment	Thought Paper #3 Study for Test (Ch. 10,12, & 13) **Please, be on time**!

Week 14 May 17th	**Test** (Ch. 10, 12 & 13) **Turn in Though Paper #3**	Prepare for Group Presentation
Week 15 May 24th	**NO CLASS** **MEMORIAL DAY**	
Week 16 May 31st	**Group Presentations**	
Week 17 June 7th	**Group Presentations Cont…**	**Have a wonderful Winter Break!!** ☺