

Introduction to Psychology (Psychology 140.09) SYLLABUS

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Textbook: *Psychology*, 10th edition, Myers, Worth Publishing Company

Location: Maher Campus (North Campus)

Date/Time: M: 6:00 p.m. – 9:52 p.m.

Course Description: Modern psychology is the science of behavior and mental processes. This course is designed to introduce you to the major principles, concepts, and ideas found within the discipline. Due to it being an introductory course, we are going to cover a lot of material in a short period of time.

To Succeed:

- Attend class (on-time and in-full)
- Read the assigned chapters prior to class
- Actively and respectfully participate in discussions and group activities, ask questions, offer your thoughts and ideas
- Respect the learning process and put away cell phones, tablets, and laptops unless pre-arranged with the instructor

Grading:

10% Attendance and participation

10% Student questions

20% Chapter quizzes (average grade from all quizzes)

30% Exam I

30% Exam II

There will be no makeup quizzes. However, I will drop the lowest grade when computing the semester average. You may miss one quiz without a negative impact on your grade.

Grading Scale

Percent	Grade
93-100	4.0
89-92	3.5
82-88	3.0
78-81	2.5
70-77	2.0
66-69	1.5
60-65	1.0
55-59	0.5
0-54	0.0

Grade of W or I:

- The **W** (or Withdrawn) grade is given when a student withdraws from the course prior to the end of the semester. The student must officially withdraw by completing a withdrawal form on or before the official withdrawal date.
- The **I** (or Incomplete) will only be given 1) under extraordinary circumstances and 2) if the student has completed at least 75% of the work and 3) has at least 2.0 in the course. The grade of **I** is not awarded to students who seldom or didn't attend class or to those who want to change their final grades. An **I** grade can only be removed by completing the course requirements at a passing level prior to the end of the next semester. If not completed on time, the **I** grade will remain on the student's transcript as a permanent grade.

Grade of H, Q, or V - All JC students receive 3 HQV grades during the semester:

- **V** means "verify" and verifies that you are participating.
- **H** means "help" is needed and you will be contacted by JC support staff.
- **Q** means "quit" and you have been dropped from the course due to lack of attendance.

Academic Honesty Policy: Academic honesty is expected of all students. Each student will produce their own work and not represent the work of others as their own via plagiarism or cheating nor will a student help others to violate the ethical principle of academic honesty. Plagiarism is the failure to give credit for the use of material from other sources.

Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Using data, quotations, or paraphrases from other sources without adequate documentation
- Submitting others' work as your own

Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- Plagiarism in all forms
- Using notes or books without authorization
- Copying other students' work
- Submitting others' work as your own
- Submitting work for others
- Altering graded work
- Falsifying data

Classroom Environment: In order to create a classroom environment that is conducive to learning, please be on time, attentive, and respectful. Please minimize any distractions that may negatively impact your ability or your classmates' ability to learn. Cell phones, laptops, etc. are not to be used during class unless it will add to the learning environment. Also, please refrain from sidebar conversations while someone is speaking. I will give one warning if I see cell phone use or other distractions. After that, I will log ongoing infractions in my grade book. These will impact your final grade.

Tentative Schedule

September 1	No Class (Labor Day)
September 8	Review syllabus and answer questions Brief History of psychology
September 15	Chapter 1: Thinking Critically Quiz: Chapter 1 (open book/note)
September 22	Chapter 2: Biology of Mind Quiz: Chapter 2 (open book/note)
September 29	Chapter 3: Consciousness and Two-Track Mind Quiz: Chapter 3 (open book/note)
October 6	Chapter 4: Nature, Nurture, and Human Diversity Quiz: Chapter 4 (open book/note)
October 13	Chapter 5: Development Through Life Span Quiz: Chapter 5 (open book/note)
October 20	Chapter 6: Sensation and Perception Quiz: Chapter 6 (open book/note)
October 27	EXAM 1
November 3	Chapters: 7 & 8 Learning and Memory Quiz: Chapters 7 & 8 (open book/note)
November 10	Chapter 9: Thinking and Language Quiz: Chapter 9 (open book/note)
November 17	Chapter 12: Emotions, Stress, and Health Quiz: Chapter 12
November 24	Chapter 13: Personality Quiz: Chapter 13
December 1	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders Quiz: Chapter 15
December 8	Chapter 16: Therapy Quiz: Chapter 16
December 15	EXAM 2

You are expected to have read the assigned chapter(s) prior to the class date indicated beside it.