EL CAMINO COLLEGE

SPRING 2010
Course: Psychology 5
Sec. 2737
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Course Description:
Psychology 5 (General Psychology) surveys various topics within the field of psychology such as perception, memory, and personality, and how each of these topics contribute to understanding, predicting and controlling human behavior. The course is designed to give students a clear grasp of some major concepts in these various areas of psychological study, but without intensive coverage of any single area. The course can be considered a basic building block for more detailed study in specific areas of psychology. (e.g. Behavior Modification, Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology etc)

Required Text:
INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY, 12th Ed., by Coon and Mitterer.

Recommended further reading list:
ESSENTIALS OF PSYCHOLOGY, Robert A. Baron. Allyn and Bacon.

Course Construction:

Major Topics:
Psychology & psychologists
Research Methods & Critical Thinking
Brain, Biology & Behavior
Sleep and Dreaming
Hypnosis
Sensory Deprivation
Psychoactive Drugs
Conditioning and Learning
Perception
Memory
Dimensions of Personality
Theories of Personality
Social Psychology
Abnormal Psychology
Psychotherapy
Plus other sub-topics
Course Requirements and Grading:

1. Four in-class exams on the following dates: (Subject to change)

   #1 Tuesday Mar 9                    Chapters 1 & 2
   #2 Tuesday Mar. 30                  Chapters 6 & 7
   #3 Thursday Apr. 29                 Chapters 5, 8, &12
   #4 Thursday May 27                  Chapters 16, 17, 14 & 15

   Test format – essay and/or multiple choice.
   Miniquizzes will be offered as study aids.

2. Final – Tuesday June 8. Regular class time.
   Format - cumulative (whole course), essay and/or multiple choice.
   **NOTE:** UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN STUDENTS TAKE THE FINAL EXAM AT A TIME OR DATE OTHER THAN SPECIFIED HERE. NO EXCEPTIONS FOR ANY REASON.

3. Make-up exams are not allowed. There are **no exceptions** to this policy.

4. Grade construction

   Exams (4), 35 points each = 140 points
   Final Exam = 60 points
   Total = 200 points

   180+ = A; 160-179 = B; 140-159 = C; 120-139 = D; Below 120 = F
General Policies:

- Attendance is mandatory at El Camino College. Roll will be taken. Students may be dropped from this class if absenteeism exceeds three hours. (See page 9 of the College Catalogue.)

- Academic courtesy: Attendance and participation in class are important parts of this psychology course. Accordingly, attendance is defined as being present, awake, not reading a book, studying for other classes, writing a letter, or otherwise engaged during the class period. Note also that eating and drinking are not allowed in class. In general, if students are too busy to pay attention or are too sleepy, it is preferred that they leave the classroom, and may be asked to do so.

- Cheating and plagiarism of any kind will result in automatic dismissal and failure in the course. Please be advised that this rule will be applied vigorously and without exception. Please familiarize yourself with the official E.C. Standards of Student Conduct, which is available in the admissions office.

- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of exam dates. Enter all exam dates on your calendar now.

- If you are a disabled student and officially registered with the Special Resources Center, please let me know immediately.

- Please note that I do not allow tape recordings of my class lectures.

- Also note that dictionaries are not allowed when taking tests and exams. If you are a foreign student and you have difficulty in understanding words and terms in a test, please raise your hand and I will help you.

- As stated, the Coon text is required for the course. “Required” means what it says. You cannot pass this course without it. If you are one of those students who tries to ‘wing’ it without the book, you will surely fail. Gaining knowledge in psychology and being successful in the course requires substantial reading on your part. You can reduce the cost by buying the loose leaf version of the book, if you wish.

- Cell phones. Be aware that I have zero tolerance for cell phones ringing in the classroom. Turn off your cell phone as you enter. If you do not, and your cell phone rings, you will collect your things and leave the classroom immediately. There will be no excuses, no explanations, and no exceptions.
Learning Objectives

When you have completed this course, you will have:

a) achieved a much deeper understanding of human behavior, both individually and in a social context, than heretofore.

b) an appreciation for the scientific aspects of Psychology, and
c) at the same time an understanding of some vastly different interpretations of human behavior among some leading theorists, leading to
d) confidence in your own ability to apply critical thinking and to take positions of your own which well might be at variance with some of these theorists.