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Required materials: Baron, Robert A. (1996) Psychology, 3rd ed. Massachusetts: Allyn & Bacon Publishing.

Optional materials: Seta, Catherine; Seta, John; and Paulus, Paul. (1996) **Study Guide Plus for Baron Essentials of Psychology.** Massachusetts: Allyn & Bacon Publishing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the study of Psychology. This will include terminology, major theorists and theories, relevant research, and the many different areas in the field of Psychology.
- To encourage students to participate intelligently during class discussions and activities and most importantly, to challenge students to think creatively and critically about the concepts that will be presented.

GRADING

Your final grade will be based on the following objective criterion and grading scale:

1. Attendance and Participation	10.0% (60 points)	90 - 100 % = A
2. Term Papers (2)	23.4% (140 points; approx.)	80 - 89 % = B
3. Examinations	66.6% (400 points; approx.)	70 - 79 % = C
		60 - 69 % = D
		0 - 59 % = F
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	100% (600 points possible)	

Attendance and Participation

Attendance is necessary for success in this course. Kings River Community College's attendance policy allows for only **2 weeks**, that is four (4) 75 minute sessions of unexcused absences.

Because attendance is governed by state policy, attendance and class participation is actually averaged in as **10% (or 60 points)** of the student's final course grade.

It is extremely important that you communicate with the instructor concerning attendance. All absences **BEFORE** the **OCTOBER 18th drop date** will result in a 3 point loss from attendance points.

 Students who miss two weeks of class or more **BEFORE** the **OCTOBER 18th drop date** **WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE CLASS ! NO EXCEPTIONS !!!**

Absences occurring **AFTER** the **OCTOBER 18th drop date** will result in a 7.5 points per absence.

When students know that they will be unable to attend class (due to a verified illness, bereavement, or some required school activity), a written "**outline**" assignment can be done to excuse the absence and to regain the point or points loss. **This assignment will be given by the instructor at her discretion** after the absence has been verified.

Students can make-up a maximum of **FOUR (4)** excused or unexcused absences for the semester.

This assignment **MUST** be turned in **within 1 week of the students return to campus**, or the absence will **NOT** be cleared!

***** It is the complete RESPONSIBILITY of the STUDENT to CLEAR ABSENCES!! *****

Course Schedule

The course schedule below is a **ROUGH GUIDE-LINE** for the entire semester. This guide-line gives to students an idea of the order in which material will be discussed.

If students show more interest in a particular area, more time will be given to that area. In other words, students should understand that **this outline is not set in concrete and may be altered** in the best interest of the students.

It should also be understood that while information may be postponed or deleted, new information will NOT be added.

Week	1:	Aug. 19-23	
Week	2:	Aug. 26-30	
Week	3:	Sep. 2-6 (Holiday on 2nd – Labor Day)	
Week	4:	Sep. 9-13	Exam #1 – Chapters 1-3 / Start Chapter 4
Week	5:	Sep. 16-20	
Week	6:	Sep. 23-27	1st TERM PAPER DUE
Week	7:	Sep. 30-Oct. 4	
Week	8:	Oct. 7-11 (Flex Day on 11th – No classes)	Exam #2 – Chapters 4-6 / Start Chapter 8
Week	9:	Oct. 14-18	
Week	10:	Oct. 21-25	
Week	11:	Oct. 28-Nov. 1	Exam #3 – Chapters 8-10 / Start Chapter 11
Week	12:	Oct. 4-Nov. 8	
Week	13:	Nov. 11-15 (Holiday on 11th – Veteran's Day)	
Week	14:	Nov. 18-22	Exam #4 – Chapters 11-13 / Start Chapter 14
Week	15:	Nov. 25-29 (Holiday on 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving)	
Week	16:	Dec. 2-6	2nd TERM PAPER DUE
Week	17:	Dec. 9-13 (REGULAR class sessions <u>END</u> on 13th)	
Week	18:	Dec. 16-20	FINALS WEEK "Final" Exam #5 – Chapters 14-16 (see below for exam date)

Final Examination Schedule

Class Final is scheduled for Tues., Dec. 17th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m..