**Psych 38 - Lifespan Development**

**Fall 2013**

Psychology 38 – 50074

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Fridays 8:00 a.m.–10:50 a.m.

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**Course Description:**

This course will examine theories of development of personality and behavior, as well human development over the human lifespan. We will cover many areas within this discipline and we will examine it from several perspectives: biological, social, cultural, cognitive, behavioral and evolutionary. Lectures, activities and assignments are designed to help you explore this field of study and apply it to your life. All exams will be specific to the chapters assigned in the text. Class attendance and assigned reading are both essential for expected performance in this class.

**Text:**

Rathus, Spencer L. (2012). HDEV (3rd Ed.)

**Course Requirements:**

**Tests** - one mid-term and one final. All exams will be worth 100 points each. **Homework** – Assigned for each chapter. This will be the majority of your grade.

**Term paper** - Worth 100 points, discussed in more detail on the last page of this syllabus.

All of these are REQUIRED to pass this course. If you fail to turn in the required paper, I cannot give you a passing grade.

**Exams:**

Make-up exams will be allowed only in the rare case of extreme emergencies, and at the discretion of the instructor. Students are not generally given, and should not expect, a make-up exam to be allowed without written documentation of the emergency condition (illness, accident, family emergency, etc.), and then only if some notice is given in advance of the exam.

**Attendance and Respect of Fellow Students:**

I will call roll at the beginning of each class. It is expected you be on time for class. If you arrive late, it is your responsibility to let me know that you were in class. Both tardiness and leaving early are both disruptive to the class. If a pattern of either develops, points will be deducted depending on the frequency of the disruptions. Given that this class meets only once per week, attendance is critical. Any student having excessive absences may be dropped from the class at the instructor’s discretion. **Turn off all cell phones and pagers before coming into class.** **Please refrain from talking to other students during lectures and class discussions, and always be respectful of the opinions and experiences of all class members.**

**Term Paper:**

Your paper may be on any subject that is tied to **a concept or theory found in the text book.** It must be **APA format**, 4 pages in length (not including title page and reference page), double spaced, and 12 point Times New Roman font. It is due on 10/25/13 at the beginning of class.

**Extra Credit Points**

Extra credit for this course is available two ways. The first is in participation in the lectures. You will receive points for answering questions and being able to discuss (without reading) topics we are covering. The second is an extra credit paper. I will announce the topic at a later date, and it will be worth 100 points.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

 Students at Reedley College are entitled to the best education that the college can make available to them, and they, their instructors, and their fellow students share the responsibility to ensure that this education is honestly obtained. Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences. Refer to the college catalog for further details surrounding actions that will be implemented regarding academic dishonesty.

**Plagiarism:**

PLAGIARISM is a violation of Reedley College policy. Anyone deemed to have submitted a plagiarized paper will automatically receive a failing grade. Plagiarism may include, but is not limited to, failing to provide complete citations and references for all work that draws oideas, words, or work of others, failing to identify the contributors to work done in collaboration, submitting duplicate work to be evaluated in different classes without the knowledge and consent of the instructors involved, or failing to observe computer security systems and software copyrights.

**Accommodations:**

Reedley College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires special accomodation, please see me immediately. Disabled Student Programs & Services provides the campus with academic support services and specialized assistance to students with disabilities. Individuals with physical, perceptual, or learning disabilities as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should also contact DSP & S for further information regarding accommodations.

**All of the following is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.**

**Grades:**

Final grades will be decided on the following scale. There will be a total of 1000 points possible from the three 100 point exams, the 100 point final exam, the 400 points in weekly chapter homework (keywords) and a 200 point paper. One extra-credit assignment will be available. A written paper on Bullying will be accepted for up to 100 extra credit points. The extra credit paper must be 4 pages in length, double spaced, with informal references. More information on the extra credit assignment will be given at a later date. Below is the point break down:

**Points Grade**

1000 - 900 = A

899 - 800 = B

799 - 700 = C

699 - 600 = D

599 – 0 = F

**Class weekly schedule:**

**Week 1 (8/16) Introduction**

**Syllabus, Expectations**

**Week 2 (8/23) Chapter 1**

**Week 3 (8/30) Chapter 2**

**Week 4 (9/6) Chapter 3**

**Week 5 (9/13) Chapter 4, 5, & 6**

**Week 6 (9/20) Chapter 7 & 8**

**Week 7 (9/27) Chapter 9 & 10**

**Week 8 (10/4) Review for Midterm**

**Week 9 (10/11) Midterm Exam**

**Week 10 (10/18) Chapter 11 & 12**

**Week 11 (10/25) (Term Paper Due)**

**Week 12 (11/1) Chapter 13 & 14**

**Week 13 (11/8) Chapter 15 & 16**

**Week 14 (11/15) Chapter 17 & 18**

**Week 15 (11/22) Final Review (Extra Credit Paper Due)**

**Week 16 (11/29) No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Week 17 (12/6) Final Exam**

**Week 18 (12/13) Final Meeting (Wrapping up)**