

Psy. 2: Gen. Psych.

with Prof. O at Reedley College



Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes

Class meeting
T/TH 6 - 7:15

Location: LFS-A

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OFFICE HOURS: By arrangement or after class

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- A. explain the nature and origin of the empirical field of Psychology;
- B. describe the relationship between historical figures and appropriate psychological theories;
- C. identify psychological concepts relating to the nervous system, sensory and perceptual processes, states of consciousness, learning ability, memory, motivation and emotion, human development, personality, and stress management;

1

10% MYTH

Is it true you only use 10% of your brain?

2

YANNI OR LAUREL?

How do our eyes and ears predict the future and play tricks on us?

3

DREAMS?

Why do we sleep and do dreams mean anything?

D. explain human behavior throughout the lifespan, biologically, behaviorally, cognitively, humanistically, psychologically, and culturally;

E. demonstrate knowledge of the empirical data related to the aforementioned concepts;

F. demonstrate knowledge of basic research methodology;

G. identify future directions in psychological research; and

H. explain the impact of cultural issues in the formation of psychological concepts.



Accommodations

Reedley College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires special accommodation, 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.

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



The final grade will be calculated as a running total of available points achieved as follows:

90% or more A 80% - 89% B

70% - 79% C 60% - 69% D

59% or less =F

The breakdown of the course grade is as follows:

- Chapter Quizzes and Exams: 40%
- Annotated Bibliography/APA assignments: 30%
- Launchpad items: 20%
- In class group work: 10%

Total points will vary depending on course progress.

Grades will be available in the CANVAS system as well as the Launchpad system

**Additional assignments and or pop-quizzes may be given and may be factored into your grade.*

IMPORTANT: No make-up option exists for missed assignments. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All due dates are listed on the course schedule. Any changes to the course schedule will be announced in class and on CANVAS.

OPTIONAL/MAKE UP: optional work is offered to make-up missed assignments or points. A total of 50 points can be earned in optional assignments.

Grades and Assignments

40%

CHAPTER QUIZZES AND EXAMS

There are chapter quizzes and exams. Summative chapter quizzes are conducted through Launchpad. All material in your text is testable. You will have two attempts at each quiz. Quizzes are timed. The exams may have multiple choice, true and false, fill in and short answer questions, and/or case studies.

30%

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Your task will be to locate primary research and put together an annotation for each. The assignment must be completed in APA format and submitted via TurnItIn. Additional information will be provided in class.

20%

LAUNCHPAD

Chapter assignments are listed per unit and consist of a variety of types and points. Items are video quizzes, concepts in action, Learning Curve, etc. in the Launchpad system.

10%

IN CLASS GROUP WORK

A variety of in class assignments and group work, including a group presentation, are required.

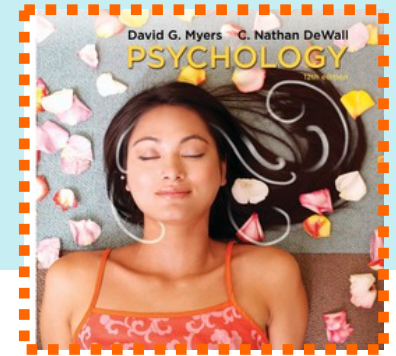
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Myers & DeWall. Psychology 12e with DSM update. Worth Publishers WITH LAUNCHPAD

Launchpad is MANDATORY and may also be purchased online or individually. LP comes with access to an e-text. A free trial is available and will be discussed in class.

Materials

Access to a computer (computers are available on campus)



Course Policies

- Attendance in class is required and points are awarded for in-class activities. All absences will be referred to as unexcused. **Two weeks** of absence will result in being dropped from the course. Excused absences are at the discretion of the Professor.
- Arriving LATE or TARDY is not tolerated. If you do arrive late you can stand at the entrance until I acknowledge you and invite you in. I may not. It is very disruptive to enter a class while we are in lecture or discussion. If you are late on an exam day you may not be allowed to take the exam.
- Leaving class early is disruptive and should be avoided and will be counted as an absence unless you inform me prior to the beginning of the class. All students must be enrolled; the college does not permit sitting in or auditing. No class visitors including children.
- **NO PHONES, HEADPHONES, or other ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE ALLOWED. IF YOU ARE SEEN USING YOUR PHONE/TABLET/ETC. DURING CLASS YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND CANNOT RETURN UNTIL THE NEXT CLASS SESSION. Disruptive behavior** is also defined by this instructor as leaving class early, coming in excessively or repeatedly late, working on assignments for other classes, talking with other students during class time, texting or using a cell phone in any way, or anything else deemed disruptive by the instructor and will be handled pursuant to Board Policy 5500.
- Phones, watches, and any other electronic devices such as tablets and computers will be placed with instructor at the front of class during all in-class exams. No heavy coats or jackets can be worn during an exam. No items can be on the desk during an exam including water bottles/drinks or pencil bags.

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY MISS AN EXAM: CONTACT PROFESSOR O IMMEDIATELY and PRIOR TO THE EXAM. You may contact me via email (jennifer.ounjian@reedleycollege.edu), or text me at (510) 798-0618

I DO NOT ACCEPT ANY LATE ASSIGNMENTS NOR DO I PROVIDE MAKE-UP EXAMS! A VALID PHYSICIAN'S NOTE AND OR DEATH IN THE FAMILY will be the ONLY way I may consider a make-up exam. All other excuses are entirely up to the discretion of Professor O. and are highly unlikely.

Missed points can be made up through optional work.