INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY, PSY 100
3 CREDIT HOURS
MWF 9:30-10:20

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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College is committed to excellence in the liberal arts and career development; we support and challenge individuals to develop skills, fulfill their potential, enrich their lives, and become contributing, culturally aware members of our community.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

2010 – 2011 Catalog Course Description
An introductory course with emphasis on principles of human behavior. Topics covered include motivation, learning, perception, emotion, development, and personality, states of consciousness, group processes, problem solving and thinking, and methods of inquiry.

PREREQUISITES:
None

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Read and write at the college level and have a basic understanding of percentages and probability

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Recognize the study of psychology as a science.
2. Discuss the biological and environmental bases of human behavior.
3. Integrate the basic perspectives, concepts, principles, and general information comprising the field of psychology.

COURSE CONTENT

Concepts or Topics
- Major Psychological Theories
- Nature and Nurture
- Different Perspectives
- Different Theorists
- Conscious and Unconscious Mind
- Research Strategies and Methods

Skills or Competencies
- Describe and evaluate psychology as a science
- Compare and contrast the interactive effects of nature and Nurture
- Identify major theorists
- Integrate various theories
- Define theory
- Discuss the nature and types of evidence used in psychology
A. EXAMS (40%, 400 points of total grade):
Complete two (2) exams covering assigned readings, class activities, discussions, lectures, videos, and handouts. Each Exam will consist of Multiple Choice, True False, Fill in the Blank, and Short Answers.

EXAM COVERING
Exam 1 Chapters 1-6: 10/13
Exam 2 Chapters 7-13: 12/13
Do not miss exams. Fairness in testing depends on students having equal preparation opportunities. Consequently, MAKE UP tests will be allowed ONLY ONLINE.

B. SURVEY AND QUIZZES (20%, 200 points of total grade):
A Pre and Post survey will be given online as well as a syllabus quiz. Each Chapter Quiz will be 5-10 Multiple Choices questions covering assigned readings, class activities, discussions, lectures, videos, and handouts. To be fair to all students, MAKE UP of missed quizzes will be given ONLY ONLINE.

C. “PSYCHOLOGY AND ME” PORTFOLIO (20%, 200 pts of total grade):
This is the single most important activity over the course of the semester. To be successful in this segment of the course, students need to start early and work each week to complete this project. Because this is a semester long project, there is no excuse for a late paper. LATE PAPERS will not be accepted.

D. CLASS ACTIVITIES/ PARTICIPATION (20%, 200 pts of total grade):
Each student will have an opportunity to participate in specific activities each week. Activities are designed to complement information in the text and to assist you in preparing your own “Psychology and Me” Portfolio (see C.). Some activities will only require participation in group activities in class, but most will require preparation outside of class and sharing the work product or information in class group discussion. It is important to plan ahead to make certain you complete the work required to be done outside of class so you are ready to share with the class at the time the topic is discussed. Because the activities are planned in-class group learning opportunities, there are no MAKEUP opportunities for these activities.

Each student is viewed as a Learner/Peer Teacher. Your shared observations, knowledge, skills, questions, and responsive listening are valued and contribute to a positive learning environment. Consequently, it is important that students participate and contribute to the interactive learning environment.

E. Have fun learning: this is important as learning is fun.

LEARNING RESOURCES
ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING

1) Exam 1 = 200pts
2) Exam 2 = 200pts
3) Survey and Quizzes = 200pts
   a) Quizzes: 10pts x 13 Ch = 130pts
   b) Pre-Survey & Post-Survey: 30pts each = 60pts
   c) Syllabus Quiz= 10pts
4) Portfolio = 200pts
5) Participation = 200pts

Total: 1000 pts

900-1000 = A
800-899 = B
700-799 = C
600-699 = D
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