FALL 2011: IN-CLASS, M,W,T,R  
PSY 100: SURVEY OF PSYCHOLOGY  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT

Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawaiʻi and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide Oʻahu’s Koʻolau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

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

PREREQUISITES:
None

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Read and write at the college level, basic computing and internet skills, and have a basic understanding of percentages and probability.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes for the course are:
1. Recognize the study of psychology as a science.
2. Discuss the biological and environmental basis 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
- Psychological Perspectives
- Psychological Theorists
- Conscious and Unconscious Mind
- Research Strategies and Methods

Skills or Competencies

1. Describe and evaluate psychology as a science
2. Compare and contrast the interactive effects of nature and nurture
3. Identify and describe major theorists
4. Integrate various psychological theories
5. Define theory
6. Discuss the nature and types of evidence used in psychology

COURSE TASKS

A. PARTICIPATION: (20%, 200 points of total grade):

Each student will be expected to participate each week. Activities are designed to complement information in the text. Optimal learning will require preparation through reading and processing, and then sharing the work product or information in class or online class forums. 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 with weekly deadlines, there are no make-up 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 every student contribute to the interactive learning that is an important part of every course. To receive credit for participation, each student will need to participate, on time.

B. CHAPTER QUIZZES (20%, 200 points of total grade):

Quizzes will be made available online at the start of the semester. Each week the students are expected to complete reading of the assigned chapter(s) and then complete the quiz(s) for the assigned chapter(s) before the stated deadline. Each individual chapter quiz will consist of 10 randomly chosen multiple choice and true/false questions. Students may take and retake chapter quizzes as many times as necessary to achieve a desired score; however, as questions are randomly chosen from a large database, the questions on each quiz retake will differ from the previous quiz questions for the same chapter.

Students may complete the reading and quizzes, in order, at a faster pace if they so desire; however, in the interest of proficient grading and to motivate students to ration work efficiently, quizzes and retakes must be completed BEFORE the stated deadline.

Each chapter quiz is worth a possible total of 10 points, x15 chapters, for a total possible 150 points. The Pre and Post surveys are worth 25 points each for a total of 50 points.

C. PORTFOLIO (20%, 200 points 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. EXAMS (40%, 400 points of total grade):

Complete one (1) Midterm examination and one (1) Final examination covering assigned readings, class activities, discussions, lectures, videos, handouts, assignments, etc. Each Exam will consist of 50 Multiple Choice and True-False questions. Students may take and retake the Midterm and the Final Exam Online as many times as necessary to achieve a desired score; however, as questions are randomly chosen from a very large database, the questions on each exam retake will differ from the previous exam questions for the same exam.
Students may complete the exams before the due date if they so desire; however, in the interest of proficient grading and to motivate students to ration work efficiently, exams and retakes must be completed BEFORE the stated deadline.

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**Do not miss exams.** Fairness in testing depends on students having equal preparation opportunities. Consequently, make-up tests will be allowed ONLY in the event of a genuine family or medical EMERGENCY with appropriate documentation. In the event of an emergency, the instructor must be notified IN ADVANCE of the exam, unless absolutely impossible. If the instructor is not notified of the emergency prior to the DEADLINE of the exam, and/or appropriate documentation of proof of emergency is not provided, the student will receive a zero for that exam.

Routine appointments are not emergencies, and should be scheduled outside of time needed to complete course requirements. In case of emergencies, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the instructor before class begins, in order for the student to avoid penalty.

**ASSESSMENT TASKS AND GRADING**

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**LEARNING RESOURCES**

**Required Text:**

The text is accompanied by CD-ROM and web access to PsychPortal for Exploring Psychology, 8/e by Myers: A complete electronic version of the textbook, with embedded Concepts in Action that provide a media-powered way to interact with key concepts. Diagnostic Quizzing to help students pinpoint the concepts and themes that are most difficult for them to grasp. Video Tool Kit Activities that combine short, thought-provoking clips with brief multiple-choice quizzes.

The required text may be purchased at the WCC Bookstore located in Hale `Ākoakoa Rm#160. A copy is on reserve at the WCC library desk, for immediate use, but is not allowed to be checked out of the library.

**Recommended Reading Resources:**

**Campus Resources:**
TRIO: Tutoring and resource center for low-income, first-generation, and/or students with disabilities.
Peer Mentoring: tutoring and mentoring for any student in need of tutoring or educational support (see your campus counselor at Student Services).
TTC: The Testing Center for assistance in an alternative testing site.
Library Study Services: See the librarian for additional details.
EBSCOHost Journal Online Database can be accessed through the Library Website: [http://library.wcc.hawaii.edu](http://library.wcc.hawaii.edu)
DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT
If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by Hale `Ākoakoa 213 for more information.

You are encouraged to speak with your instructor to discuss any concerns regarding your educational progress and insure you have an equal opportunity to succeed in this class. Anyone who has difficulty during the semester should see me right away to get help.
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Psycho-Social Development

Academic Subject Certificate

If you like helping people, a career in human services may be for you — whether it’s social work, counseling, teaching, corrections, psychology or human development.

The Psycho-Social Developmental Studies (PSDS) certificate provides pre-professional training for students planning to enter the human services field. The curriculum combines liberal arts courses with field experience in social service agencies and other community sites.

Students have the opportunity to gain skills in real-life settings and lay the foundation for more advanced study in their major. Those planning to go into teaching can also gain required classroom field experience through this program.

To earn the PSDS academic subject certificate, students must complete a total of 27 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all required courses. See course descriptions for prerequisites. Twelve credits, including SSCI 193V and SSCI 293V, must be taken at Windward Community College.

Required courses:
(24 credits)

PSY 100 Survey of Psychology (3)
Select one course from three options:
PSY 170 Psychology of Adjustment or
SOC 218 Introduction to Social Problems (3) or
SOC 231 Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency (3)
PSY 224 Abnormal Psychology (3)
PSY 240 Developmental Psychology (3)
SOC 100 Survey of General Sociology (3)
SOC 251 Introduction to Sociology of the Family (3)
SSCI 193V Cooperative Arts and Science Education (3)
SSCI 293V Cooperative Arts and Science Education (3)

Elective (3 credits)
Select one course from the list below:

ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology (3)
BOT 105 Ethnobotany (3)
ECON 120 Introduction to Economics (3)
ICS 100 Computing Literacy and Applications (3)
POLS 180 Introduction to Hawaiian Politics (3)