

MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:

Psychology 150, Section Y2
General Psychology
Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3
Fall, 2007

Course Description

This course provides an overview of the scientific study of human behavior. Topics include history, methodology, biopsychology, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, cognition, abnormal behavior, personality theory, social psychology, and other relevant topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the science of psychology. ***This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.***

Prerequisites: RED 090

Corequisites: None

Instructor Information

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Course Information

This class meets on Thursday night from 6:00 -8:50 p.m. in room 122, Yancey Campus.
Required Text(s): Morris, CG. & Maisto, A.A. (2008). Understanding Psychology 8th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Course Objectives/Competencies:

1. Knowledge of current psychological theories and a historical perspective of psychology
2. An appreciation and understanding of the social, cultural, biological, and mental processes underlying and influencing human behavior and learning
3. An understanding of the broad scope of psychology and its place in the scientific community
4. An understanding of human diversity, heredity, and environment as factors affecting human behaviors
5. An understanding of the factors that influence behavior and mental processes

To be successful in this course you will need to:

- ✓ Be an active participant in class and small group discussions
- ✓ Apply critical thinking skills to material presented in the textbook, lectures, activities and discussions
- ✓ Work independently as part of a group to successfully complete assignments related to the material from the course
- ✓ Utilize outside resources effectively
- ✓ Develop an understanding of gender, cultural, racial, and ethnic differences in human thought and behavior

Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:

Attendance and participation are crucial to your success in this course. You will be responsible for material that is covered during class lectures and discussions that is not covered in the textbook. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class.

Make-up and Late Work:

All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the designated due date. Working on assignments during class time is not permissible unless directed by the instructor. There will be a ten-point per day late penalty for written assignments that are turned in after the due date. This means that if an assignment is due on Thursday night, and is not turned in till the next Thursday night, there is a 70 point penalty. Projects will not be accepted after the due date.

There will be **no make-ups for Unit Tests**. One test grade will be dropped before the final grade is calculated, so a grade of 0 for a missed test will be treated as the lowest grade.

Grading Criteria:

Tests.....	40%
Quizzes.....	30%
Written Assignments.....	30%

Tests: There will be five tests on the dates and topics listed in the course outline. Keeping good notes, reading the text, and doing chapter quizzes and regular reviews will provide a good basis for test preparation.

Quizzes: There will be a weekly quiz. Quizzes will take different formats, sometimes a simple reading quiz, and sometimes a quiz on outside readings. Quizzes cannot be made up.

Written Assignments: During the semester we will have several writing assignments. Topics will be assigned.

Extra credit is not considered for this class.

Grading Scale:

A = 93-100
B = 85-92
C = 77-84
D = 70-76
F = 0-69

Inclement Weather Procedures:

In the event of inclement weather, personal safety is always the first concern. If the college is not closed, and it's at all possible, plan to be in class. If you are unable to get to class, you will be responsible for notes from that class.

Ethical Standards:

Honesty and integrity with respect to academic work is expected in this and all classes at Mayland Community College. As outlined in the MCC Student Code of Conduct, any form of academic dishonesty is subject to disciplinary action. At the minimum, students who engage in academic dishonesty of any type will receive a grade of "F" for the course. For a description of the code of conduct, refer to the MCC Code of Conduct in the student handbook and college catalog.

Cell phones, pagers, MP-3 players, etc.

Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, and other

Withdrawal Dates:**Fall, 2007**

End of Unconditional Withdrawal	Tuesday, September 25
End of Conditional Withdrawal	Thursday, November 1

The following Administrative Withdrawal statement: If a student has not been in contact with the instructor and has not attended class for a consecutive two-week period, an administrative withdrawal will be submitted by the instructor.

The following ADA statement: Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any, the student needs for success in this course.

Course Outline/Weekly Topics

08/23/07	Introduction	Chpt. 1
08/30/07	Quiz, Chpt. 1	Chpt. 2, pp. 77-80 Chpt. 3, pp. 85-89, 108-113, 122-123 e-mailed sites
09/06/07	Quiz 2 & 3	
09/13/07	Test, Chpt. 1, 2, 3	Chpt. 4
9/20/07	Quiz, Chpt. 4	Chpt. 5 Writing Assignment 1
09/27/07	Quiz, Chpt. 5	
10/04/07	Test, Chpt. 4 & 5 Writing Assignment Due	Chpt. 6, pp. 196-210, 217-224
10/11/07	Quiz, Chpt. 6	Chpt. 7
10/18/07	Quiz, Chapter 7	Chpt. 8
10/25/07	Test, Chpts. 7 & 8	Chpt. 9
11/01/07	Quiz, Chpt. 9	Chpt. 10 Writing Assignment 2
11/08/07	Quiz, Chpt. 10	Chpt. 11
11/15/07	Test, Chpts. 9, 10, 11 Writing Assignment due	Chpt. 12 Chpt. 13
11/22/07	No class—Happy Thanksgiving!	
11/29/07	Quiz, Chpts. 12 & 13	Chpt. 14 Writing Assignment 3
12/06/07	Quiz, Chpt. 14	Chpt. 15
12/13/07	Test, Chpt.12, 13, 14, 15 Writing Assignment due	