

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

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Short description:

This course serves as an introduction to the field of psychology. It will include an overview of most of the common topics in psychology, including: human development, perception, learning & memory, intelligence, abnormal psychology, and others. We will discuss relations between the brain, behavior, and experience. The course will focus on both theory and research in each area, as well as how it applies to everyday life.

Assessment:

Minor assignments:

Reading: Textbook chapters will be read to provide an overview of each topic. Lectures and class discussions will focus on various aspects within the topics and a more in-depth view of subtopics.

Homework: There will be four short homework assignments over the semester. The lowest score will be dropped from the final grade. 30% of the course grade.

Midterm:

The course will include a midterm. 18% of the course grade

Final requirement:

The final for the class is in the form of a paper. The paper will be 8-10 pages and focus on a current topic in psychology. Submission dates are set by the university and the Liberal Arts program and must be respected. 42% of the course grade

Participation:

The course is enhanced by discussion of various issues during class. Participation will serve as 10% of the course grade.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic conduct:

Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously

received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.

Additional requirements:

Students are requested to keep their cell phones on silent and out of the way during class.