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PSY 120 Online

This section of PSY 120 is an online class. We will not meet in a classroom at any time. All work will be completed through Blackboard, UNC's online learning environment. Blackboard can be accessed at <http://unco.blackboard.com>.

Course Description:

Surveys psychology as a science and applied discipline, including research methods, statistics, learning, motivation, sensation, perception, intelligence, personality and physiological, developmental, social and abnormal psychology. LAC, gtP

Course Objectives

This course provides an introduction to the field of psychology. We will survey scientific research in psychology and psychology's applications in clinical settings. A goal of the course is to provide content knowledge about human behavior, learning, development, and cognition. Upon successful completion of this course, students will understand the major theoretical perspectives in psychology, the biological foundations of behavior, the basic principles explaining adaptive and maladaptive behavior, and practical applications of psychology.

Blackboard Help

To succeed in this class, you must be proficient in the use of Blackboard. To receive help with Blackboard, go to <http://www.unco.edu/blackboard/student.html> or call the help desk at 351-4357 or 1-800-545-2331.

Communication between Students and the Instructor

Students are encouraged to stay in contact with the instructor to ensure that all questions are answered and all assignments are clearly understood. The following procedures are recommended for communicating with the instructor:

- Send e-mail to the instructor to ask questions about tests, course requirements, and material covered in the book and PowerPoint presentations. When sending e-mail, always include "PSY 120" in the subject line of the message.
- Use e-mail to communicate with the instructor. Contacting the instructor by phone is not recommended.
- The instructor will post important information, such as deadlines and reminders of tasks that need to be done, on the Blackboard announcements page. Check the announcements regularly.
- No online chat sessions are planned for this class.

Academic Dishonesty

The University of Northern Colorado's Student Code of Conduct (http://www.unco.edu/dos/student_code_conduct/student_conduct.html) and Honor Code (http://www.unco.edu/dos/honor_code/index.html) strictly prohibit any form of academic misconduct. Academic misconduct includes but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, and knowingly or recklessly encouraging or making possible any act of plagiarism, cheating, or fabrication. Academic misconduct is an unacceptable activity in scholarship and is in conflict with academic and professional ethics and morals. All incidents of alleged plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty will be investigated and violations of academic integrity will result in a consequence that may be as severe as an F in the class and a recommendation for expulsion. For more information on plagiarism and appropriate paraphrasing, please see: http://www.unco.edu/dos/honor_code/defining_plagiarism.html

Students who engage in academic misconduct will receive an "F" for the semester.

Textbook

The primary learning tool for this class is the textbook: *Mastering the World of Psychology* (3rd edition) by Wood, Wood, and Boyd. The textbook comes in a paper version and an online "e-book" version. You may use either version, or both versions.

E-book. The online e-book is a multi-media version of the textbook. The text of the e-book is the same as that of the paper version of the book; but the e-book also contains video clips, interactive exercises, practice quizzes, and chapter exams.

Buying the textbook. There are three options for buying the textbook.

Option 1. Buy the textbook package at the UNC Barnes & Noble bookstore. This package consists of a paper version of the textbook and an access code for the e-book. If you purchase this package, you can access the e-book at <http://www.mypsychlab.com>.

The advantage of option 1 is that you will have a paper copy of the book and access to the e-book. The e-book is useful because of its practice quizzes and chapter exams. These practice tests will help you prepare for quizzes and exams and are highly recommended.

Option 2. Buy a used or new paper copy of the textbook (without access to the e-book). This option is fine. Tests in PSY 120 will not cover any material that is not in the paper textbook. The disadvantage of this option is that you will not have access to the optional (but recommended) e-book practice quizzes and chapter exams. (But there is a practice test at the end of each chapter in paper version of the book; and these practice tests can be as useful as those in the e-book.)

Option 3. You can buy the e-book only (and not get a paper copy of the book). The e-book can be found online at <http://www.mypsychlab.com>. The first time you visit

mypsychlab.com, you will have to register and purchase access to the e-book with a credit card. Choose the option “My class does not require a Course ID.” Then select Wood/Wood/Boyd “Mastering the World of Psychology, 3rd edition” from the list of available books. The disadvantage of option 3 is that you will not have a paper copy of the book (although you can print the pages from your computer).

Grading

This course is letter graded. Your grade will be based on the number of points you earn on quizzes, exams, a library project, and a course evaluation survey. There are 445 points available. Grade cutoffs are:

A = 400 (90%), A- = 391 (88%), B+ = 378 (85%), B = 356 (80%), B- = 347 (78%), C+ = 333 (75%), C = 311 (70%), C- = 302 (68%), D+ = 289 (65%), D = 267 (60%), D- = 258 (58%), F < 258

The 445 available points will be distributed as follows:

<u>Test/Assignment</u>	<u>Points available</u>
3 exams	100 points each
13 quizzes	10 points each
Library project	10 points
Course Evaluation Survey	5 points

You can view your up-to-date grades anytime in the student tools area on Blackboard.

Quizzes

Quizzes can be found in the Course Materials folder on Blackboard (they are available only on UNC’s Blackboard site; the quizzes and exams in the e-book are for practice only and do not count toward your grade). There will be 13 quizzes, worth 10 points each.

The first quiz covers the syllabus. A score of 10 points (100% correct) is required on this “syllabus quiz.” Scores of less than 10 points will be converted to zero in the grade-book. You may take the syllabus quiz as often as necessary until you score 100% correct. This quiz has no time limit.

In addition to the syllabus quiz, there will be 12 chapter quizzes. Each chapter quiz covers the material from one chapter. There will be quizzes covering chapters 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Each quiz is numbered according to the chapter it covers (for example, the quiz covering Chapter 2 is called Quiz 2, even though it is the first chapter quiz that you will take; and there is no Quiz 1, because we are going to skip that chapter). A PowerPoint presentation and a study guide, that highlight the most important concepts in each chapter, will be available in the quiz folder to help you prepare for each quiz.

Each chapter quiz consists of 10 multiple-choice questions, has a time limit of 20 minutes, and can be taken only once. Once you start a quiz, you must finish it within 20

minutes in one sitting. You cannot start a quiz, stop, and then go back later to re-take or finish it. Do not open a quiz until you have thoroughly studied the material and are ready to complete the quiz in one sitting. If you spend more than 20 minutes on a quiz, 1 point will be deducted from your score for each additional minute (over 20) taken to complete the quiz.

A deadline for each quiz is given in the detailed schedule at the end of the syllabus. Chapter quizzes can be taken after their deadlines, but 2 points will be deducted from your score on any quiz completed after its deadline.

Exams

There will be three exams, worth 100 points each. The exams will be available in the Course Materials folder on Blackboard. Each exam covers 4 chapters and includes 50 multiple-choice questions (worth 2 points each). Exam 1 covers Chapters 2, 4, 5, and 6. Exam 2 covers Chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10. Exam 3 covers Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14. There will not be a comprehensive exam covering more than 4 chapters.

Each exam can be taken only once and must be finished in one sitting. The time limit for each exam is 60 minutes. If you spend more than 60 minutes on an exam, 2 points will be deducted from your score for each additional minute (over 60) taken to complete the exam. You cannot start an exam, stop, and then go back later to re-take or finish it. Do not open an exam until you have thoroughly studied the material and are ready to complete the exam in one 60-minute sitting.

A deadline for each exam is given in the detailed schedule at the end of the syllabus. Exams 1 and 2 can be taken after their deadlines, but 5 points will be deducted from your score on any exam completed after its deadline. Exam 3 cannot be taken after its deadline (its deadline is the last day of the term).

Quizzes and exams are “open book”

You may use your book and notes during quizzes and exams. However, don't expect to have time to look up answers during a quiz or exam. Before starting a quiz or exam, you should study the material as thoroughly as you would for a closed-book test in a classroom.

Technical problems with quizzes and exams

Occasionally, Blackboard freezes during a quiz or exam and then locks you out of the test (a lock icon appears in the grade-book). If this happens, contact Dr. Granrud immediately to have the test re-opened. After the test is re-opened, you will have to re-take the entire quiz or exam (Blackboard will not let you start from where you left off). But, questions answered incorrectly on your first attempt will be counted as incorrect when your final score is computed, even if you answer them correctly on your re-take. So, your score may be adjusted later, after you receive your initial score.

Library Project

For the library project, you will read one chapter from the book: *Forty Studies that Changed Psychology*. Three chapters from this book are on electronic reserve on the UNC Libraries website (go to www.unco.edu, click on “Libraries,” then select electronic reserve and search for readings for PSY 120). Instructions for completing and submitting this project will be available in the Assignments folder on Blackboard during the second half of the term.

Course Evaluation Survey

A course evaluation survey, developed by the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, will be available in the Blackboard Assignments area during the last two weeks of the term. This survey will ask you questions about your experience in PSY 120, such as: Did you learn a lot? Were you satisfied with the delivery of the course? Would you recommend the course to other students? This survey is used to evaluate the instructor’s performance in administering the class. You will receive 5 points for completing it.

Keeping Up

A key to success in an online class is to keep up and not get behind. The deadlines listed below are designed to help you succeed in this class by encouraging you to keep up with your work throughout the term.

Detailed Schedule, Spring, 2010

In this schedule, weeks start on Mondays and end on Fridays. All work is due at 5:00PM on Fridays.

Weeks 1 & 2, January 11-22:

- Read the syllabus carefully and complete the syllabus quiz with a score of 10 points (100% correct) by 5:00PM on Friday, January 22nd. Retake the quiz as often as necessary to achieve a score of 10 points. The syllabus quiz will not be available after the January 22nd deadline.
- Buy the textbook (and/or obtain access to the online e-book if you choose to do so).
- Read Chapters 2 and 4.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams for Chapters 2 and 4 in the textbook or e-book (the practice quizzes and chapter exams are for practice only—they do not count toward your grade).
- Complete Quizzes 2 and 4 before 5:00PM on Friday, January 22nd (there are no Quizzes 1 and 3; we are skipping those chapters).

Weeks 3 & 4, January 25- February 5:

- Read Chapters 5 and 6.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams.
- Complete Quizzes 5 and 6 before 5:00PM on February 5th.

Week 5, February 8-12:

- Complete Exam 1 before 5:00PM on February 12th.

Weeks 6 & 7, February 15-26:

- Read Chapters 7 and 8.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams.
- Complete Quizzes 7 and 8 by 5:00PM on February 26th.

Weeks 8 & 9, March 1-12:

- Read Chapters 9 and 10.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams.
- Complete Quizzes 9 and 10 by 5:00PM on March 12th.
- Complete the Library Research Project anytime between March 1st and 5:00PM on May 7th.

Spring Break: March 13-21

Week 10, March 22-26:

- Complete Exam 2 before 5:00PM on March 26th.

Weeks 11 & 12, March 29- April 9:

- Read Chapters 11 and 12.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams.
- Complete Quizzes 11 and 12 by 5:00PM on April 9th.

Weeks 13 & 14, April 12–23:

- Read Chapters 13 and 14.
- View the PowerPoint presentation for each chapter.
- Optional: Do the practice quizzes and chapter exams.
- Complete Quizzes 13 and 14 by 5:00PM on April 23rd.

Weeks 15 & 16, April 26- May 7:

- All work for PSY 120 must be completed by 5:00PM, Friday, May 7th.
- This includes:
 - Exam 3
 - Library Research Project
 - Course Evaluation Survey

Library Services for Distance Education and Off-Campus Students: Obtaining Materials from UNC Libraries

Off-campus students residing within 50 miles of the UNC campus are required to come to the library and borrow materials in person. Students residing more than 50 miles from campus may request that materials be delivered to them. All requests must include complete citations. We will

supply materials from the UNC Libraries, as well as materials from other libraries obtained via Interlibrary Loan. Articles will be delivered via email. Books will be mailed first class. Delivery time by U.S. postal service is approximately 1 week. It is the responsibility of the student to return books by the date due. UNC does not pay return postage on books. For information on document delivery, call (970) 351-1446.

Requests for materials may be made through the following methods:

Online: <http://www.unco.edu/library/forms/distancerequest.htm>

By email: library.ocp@unco.edu

By fax: (970) 351-2540

Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting disability accommodation for this class must inform the instructor giving appropriate notice. Students are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services at (970) 351-2289 to certify documentation of disability and to ensure appropriate accommodations are implemented in a timely manner.

Notice

The Office of Extended Studies reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses based upon enrollment. Enrolled students will be contacted with information of any change.

Course Withdrawal Information

In accordance with University and Colorado Department of Higher Education policy, if you drop this class after the course starts you will be assessed a drop fee. The drop fee is pro-rated up to the half-way point in the class. You are legally responsible for payment of full tuition once 50% of this course has been concluded. In order to be eligible to receive any refund of tuition, you must contact the Office of Extended Studies (1-800-232-1749) to formally withdraw from your class. Your refund, if applicable, will be based on the date of contact with our office. Withdrawals received via telephone during non-business hours will be processed and dated on the next working day. Failure to notify us will result in UNC tuition being owed even though you do not attend or complete the coursework.