

PSYC 100 AB

General Psychology

CRN #30705

9:10am -10:00 am MWF

Email: brancoc@smccd.edu Building
4, Room 180

Instructor: Christopher Branco M.A.

Office Hours: Fridays 10:30am-1:30pm

Building 1 Office: 104

“You know more than you have been lead to believe”

Required Text: D. Myers and C.N. Dewall (2018) Psychology, Worth Publishers; 12th edition

Course Objectives

The purpose of this course is to Introduction the scientific study of animal and human behavior. We will look at the origins and assessment of individual differences in terms of learning, memory, thinking, intelligence, motivation, emotion, perception, and personality.

Recommended Prerequisites; *Eligibility for ENGL 846 or ESOL 400, or equivalent.* Transfer: UC; CSU (D3)

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, and empirical findings in the field of psychology
2. Apply concepts, theories and research findings as these relate to everyday life

Grading

Final grades will be based on the following:

Exams: There will be 3 non-cumulative tests and 1 Final Review Exam. Each will consist of 50 multiple choice items. Each test is worth 100 points. (Final Exam 250 points)

2. **Writing Assignment:** You will write an introspective process paper. You will be asked to look at one stage of your life (Using Erikson’s stages as a guide) and reflect on yourself from that stage. How you felt, what it was like and what you learned from that time to this (Example: compare yourself now to the person you were in Middle School.

Such as how you felt, and how you related to those around you, as it relates to development). (150 points)

3. **Participation** (100 pts.) Participation means participating on class discussions, oral presentations, asking and answering questions, and attendance.

Reading Assignment Schedule:

Week 1 Introductions and Looking at the semester ahead. What is Psychology?

Week 2 (Chapter 1) Thinking Critically with Psychological Science

Week 3 (Chapter 2) The Biology of Mind

Week 4 (Chapter 3) Consciousness and the Two-Track Mind

Week 5 (Chapter 4) Nature, Nurture, and Human Diversity

Week 6 (Chapter 5) Developing Through the Life Span

Week 7 (Chapter 6) Sensation and Perception

Week 8 (Chapter 7) Learning

Week 9 (Chapter 8) Memory

Week 10 (Chapter 9) Thinking and Language

Week 11 (Chapter 10) Intelligence

Week 12 (Chapter 11) What Drives Us: Hunger, Sex, Belonging, and Achievement

Week 13 (Chapter 12) Emotions, Stress, and Health

Week 14 (Chapter 13) Social Psychology

Week 15 (Chapter 14) Personality

Week 16 (Chapter 15) Psychological Disorders

Week 17 (Chapter 16) Therapy

Important Dates to Remember:

1/29/2018 – Last Day to Add

2/4/2018 - Last day to drop without appearing on transcript

2/16 - 19/2018 – Declared recess (No Class)

3/2/2018 – Last Day to apply for a degree or certificate

3/8/2018 - Flex Day (No Class)

3/16/2018 – Personal Paper Due

3/25 - 31/2018 Spring Recess (No Class)

4/26/2018 Last day to Withdrawal

5/21/2018 FINAL EXAM 8:10-10:40

5/25/2018 Commencement

Grade: Your course grade will be determined by your earned percentage of the total possible 800 points.

100-96 = A 95-90 = A- 89-87 = B+ 86-84 = B 83-80 = B- 79-75 = C+
74-70 = C 69-67 = D+

- * In coordination with the DSPTS office, reasonable accommodation will be provided for eligible students with disabilities. If you do not yet have an accommodation letter, please contact the DSPTS office at (650) 738-4280.
- * Official withdrawal from the class is the responsibility of the student. Failing to withdrawal can result in a failing grade
- * Regular attendance is an obligation assumed by every student at the time of registration. (Do not come late to class)
- * Late assignments will be accepted, however with an automatic deduction of ½ the total points. Make-up tests will be given/accepted, only in extreme cases to be judged on an individual basis by the instructor. (I over slept, didn't feel like coming, had to work late etc. are not acceptable)
- * Cell Phones or Social Media are not allowed in class, they distract you from the class. (You will be asked to put it away, after that you will be asked to step out)

- * Due to the nature of a Psychology Class and the need to create a safe space for participation in class discussion no audio recording will be allowed. Exceptions apply
- * Academic and student disciplinary sanctions will be applied in cases of academic dishonesty such as “cheating” and “plagiarism”. (as per printed College policy)

The San Mateo County Community College District is committed to maintaining safe and caring college environments at Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College. The District has established policies and procedures regarding Sexual Misconduct, Harassment, and Assault. A District website has also been developed which provides you with important information about sexual misconduct and sexual assault. <http://smccd.edu/titleix/>

To learn more about these issues and how you can help prevent them, you are encouraged to view the Not Anymore videos, which can be found on WebSMART under the Student Services link. Click on [Not Anymore Video](#)

****This Syllabus Subject to Change by Instructor at any time****