

PSYCHOLOGY 2500
Summer 2008
May 29 – July 17, 2008
Syllabus

Course Title: fundamentals of Psychology

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Description: A general survey course designed to introduce the student to fundamental methods and content of contemporary psychology. PSYC 2500 is required of all psychology majors.

Text: What is Psychology, 2nd Edition, by E Pastorino and S. Doyle-Portillo

Attendance: If you miss 2 or more classes, unexcused, you will receive an “F” for the course. Excessive tardiness (3 or more times) will result in a lower grade. If you are going to be late or miss a class call me or leave word in Kings Bay office. Classes meet each Thursday evening beginning at 5:30p.m. ending at 10:15 p.m. In case of extended base closure, (more than one week) classes will be relocated to the Camden County High School.

ADA: Any student whose disabilities within the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines must inform the instructor and office staff prior to the beginning of class, if at all possible, for any special needs or equipment necessary to accomplish the requirements of the course.

Grading:

| Test | Points | Details |
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| Mid-Term | 50 pts | Includes Ch. 1 – 8 |
| Final Exam | 70 pts | Includes Ch. 9 – 16 |
| 5 - Quizzes | 15 pts each | |
| Total points for course | 195 | |
| Grading Scale | | |
| 93 % - 100% | 182 – 195 | A |
| 86% - 93% | 167 – 181 | B |
| 77% - 85% | 150 – 166 | C |
| 70% - 76% | 136 - 149 | D |
| | 135 and below | F |
| Note: The point spread you see above represents a broad bell curve. | | |

QUIZZES: 15 point quiz will be given each week based upon the assigned chapters, lecture and discussion of the previous week. There will be a total of five quizzes given. Any quiz missed will have to be made up during the day in the Kings Bay office by calling and scheduling an appointment for THURSDAY our office Test Day. Please make arrangements with them. **Reading assignments must be completed before class each week.**

Bonus Questions; will be given on a number of 5 quizzes, plus on the mid-term and final exam. Therefore, I will not be giving extra work to raise a grade. Bonus questions will primarily be based upon the lecture of material that is not in the book. A few questions may not follow the specific objectives listed for this course, but will test how thoroughly you have read the book and listened to the lectures. Be sure to take good notes!

I encourage questions and discussion and your opinions. I often use examples from my life experiences to emphasize a point or to give an example. I encourage you to do the same.

| Week | Date | Assignment | Quiz / Tests |
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| 1 | 5/29 | Introduction, course requirements, Ch. 1 – 3 | |
| 2 | 6/05 | Discussion Ch. 4 -5 | Quiz 1 (Ch 1-3) |
| 3 | 6/12 | Discussion Ch. 6 – 8 | Quiz 2 (Ch 4 -5) |
| 4 | 6/19 | Discussion Ch. 9 - 10 | Mid-Term Exam Ch. 1 – 8 |
| 5 | 6/26 | Discussion Ch. 11 – 12 | Quiz 3 (Ch. 9 – 10) |
| 6 | 7/3 | Discussion Ch. 13 – 14 | Quiz 4 (Ch. 11 – 12) |
| 7 | 7/10 | Discussion Ch. 15 – 16 | Quiz 5 (Ch. 13 – 14) |
| 8 | 7/17 | | Final Exam Ch. 9-16 |