



## GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY SPRING 2012

### Psychology 100 OLH

WebAccess: <http://smccd.mrooms.net/>

MyPsychLab: [http://www.pearsoncustom.com/ca/canada\\_mylibs/](http://www.pearsoncustom.com/ca/canada_mylibs/)

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### Course Description:

An introductory psychology course designed to examine the core knowledge domains within psychology that include research methods, biological psychology, cognitive psychology, theories of personality and individual differences, developmental psychology and social psychology. Students will be exposed to other areas as well such as psychological tests and measurements, behavioral disorders, mental health theories, and psychological therapies. Students study experimental designs, research data and social implications of Psychological research.

### Course Objective:

To introduce psychology as a discipline and to trace its historical roots will provide students with a basic foundation. Additionally, to identify within the field of psychology the most important issues, to describe the different perspectives from which psychologists examine behavior and mental processes, and to identify important subfields of psychology. Moreover, it is expected that students will gain knowledge of conceptual and historical perspectives in psychology.

### Required Texts/WEBSITE Access:

- **PSYCHOLOGY** by Ciccarelli, Sandra K. & White, J. Noland, Third Edition
- **MyPsychLab Access Code** – comes bundled with new textbook (Ciccarelli & White, Third Edition). Registration for Lab is required to complete all online test and exams.
- Other reading assignments as indicated throughout the course including online assignments.
- An internet connection and your [my.smccd.edu](http://my.smccd.edu) student email account.
- **WebAccess**– registered students for this course will use their college WebSMART ID and password as the access code to log on.

**WebAccess** is the website that contains course material and information for PSYC100 General Psychology. Lecture notes, reading assignments, and discussion board are provided to reinforce chapter concepts, theories, and constructs of General Psychology. Chapter pre/posttest and exams are accessed through **MyPsychLab** and have specified dates and times for completion. **WebAccess Student Tutorial** provides information about the various features of WebAccess website.

**MyPsychLab** is a supplemental website for you to save time and improve your results on tests by having access to the textbook online. You are required to take a pre-test and post-test online and monitor your progress by registering an access code on MyPsychLab. After you take a chapter test a customized study plan will help you improve results by focusing on what you did not know and will help you to understand better the course materials. There are flashcards to help you study for chapter exams, videos, and interactive simulations where you will be able to view and experience psychological perspectives and behavioral phenomena. You will earn MyPsychLab points for each chapter pre-test, post-test, and exam completed by the Friday scheduled due date. For more information on testing and other online resources log on to WebAccess.

## Course Requirements:

- 1) **Chapter Pretest and Posttest:** Weekly online chapter pretest and posttest are assigned to complete in that will help to prepare for weekly Chapter exams. Students can view study plans based on results of pre/posttest. View videos, use flashcards, and interactive simulations to prepare for chapter exams. Tests are opened on Monday of each week and are to be completed by **11 PM on Friday**.
- 2) **Chapter Exams:** Students are to complete weekly online exams. Exams are opened on Monday of each week and are to be completed by **11 PM on Friday**.
- 3) **Discussion Board Assignments:** Weekly discussion board questions will be assigned. Questions for discussion will be based on readings from the assigned chapters and online lectures. These assignments must be posted by **11PM on Thursday and replies to other students postings by Saturday at 11 PM of each week**. No late postings will be allowed. Review requirements for discussion board on WebAccess.
- 4) **Learning Activity Assignment:** This writing assignment will be a 1-2 page position paper discussing a situational question related to a psychological theory. You are to state your position based on theory and support your argument with material from the textbook.
- 5) **Journal Article Review:** A 4 page review and critique paper of a peer reviewed, referred, or scholarly journal article is to be completed. This paper is to be written using **APA Style** format.
- 6) **Autobiography:** A 3-4 page autobiography is due at the end of this course. This paper should include psychological aspects of your life that reflect major influences in shaping your behavior (e.g., was your mother, father, or both parents influential to who you are, or what close relationships with siblings or friends helped construct your present personality and being today?). Apply at least three constructs or psychological theories (e.g., maturation, emotional, learning, or personality) in your autobiography that you've learned from this course. A photo (photocopy) reflecting some significant time in your life must be included. This assignment is to be **word processed and single-spaced** with a title page. Other guidelines for this paper will be posted on eCollege.
- 7) **Final Exam:** The final exam will consist of 100 multiple choice questions. The exam will be taken online and the questions will come from the textbook readings and MyPsychLab material.
- 8) **Late assignments:** At the Professor's discretion, you may receive a 5% reduction in points for every day you are late with a written assignment the first five days only. Assignments that are more than a week late will not be accepted. You must complete each week's assignments and activities by 11PM on Saturday, unless otherwise specified. (No other assignments or test will be allowed to be submitted late.)
- 9) **Course Expectations:** You are expected to complete all test, exams and written assignments to satisfactory complete this course.
- 10) **Grading:** Grades will be based on the following criteria. Please note that all assignments must be completed in order to satisfactorily complete the course (receive a grade of C or better). However, this does not mean that the mere completion of all assignments ensures you will receive a C. The quality of your work will determine your grade for this course.

### Requirements

### Assigned Points

Chapter Exams	375 points
MyPsychLab pre/post test	350 points
Discussion Board	375 points
Learning Activity	50 points
Journal Article	100 points
Autobiography	150 points
Final Examination	100 points

**Total Points**

**1500 points**

**Grading Percentages**

90-100%	A
78-89.5%	B
65-77.5%	C
50-64.5%	D
Below 49.5%	F

**Important Policy Requirements:**

- **ENROLLMENT/WITHDRAWAL:** Students take complete responsibility for enrollment and withdrawal procedures for this course.
- **TESTS AND FINAL EXAM:** All tests and the final exam must be taken at the scheduled times on [WebAccess](#). Make-up for tests, assignments and the final exam are not allowed unless prior acceptable arrangements have been made with the Professor or the student has an official medical excuse.
- **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:** The Cañada College policy on **plagiarism** and **cheating** is strictly adhered to for this course. Students who are suspected of these activities may be subject to severe disciplinary actions. Click on the link to download a pdf. on Canada College policy. [http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/acad\\_integrity/AIforcatalog.pdf](http://www.canadacollege.edu/inside/acad_integrity/AIforcatalog.pdf).
- **DISABLED STUDENTS:** Students with disabilities that have special needs including exam accommodations must report to the **Disability Resource Center** at the beginning of this course. Contact their office at **306-3259**.
- **GRADES AND COURSE MATERIALS:** The Professor will retain all exams, papers, and records of cumulated points for six weeks into the succeeding semester. If students want to question their final grade or retrieve their course materials, they need to contact me within that time. After this period, all students' course materials will be discarded.