



Psyc 100 General Psychology

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Course Description

An introductory psychology course designed to examine principles of learning, theories of personality, uses for tests and measurements, behavioral disorders, mental health theories, developmental aspects of individuals, and social psychology. Students study experimental designs, research data and their social implications.

Learning Outcomes

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.

Hours Required

This is a 17-week course. Course completion, which includes readings, online discussions, and assignments, will take approximately 6-10 hours per week.

Recommended Skills

- Basic computer skills (use of word processor, email, organize files)
- Basic Internet skills (use of browser, searches, uploading and downloading files)
- Familiarity with discussion boards and posting images a plus

How to Login to and Use WebAccess

1. Go to: <http://smccd.mrooms.net>
2. Note the login area at left. At G-number, type in **your G number**
3. At Password, type in **your six-digit birth date** – mmddyy (no hyphens or spaces). Click **Login**.

The screenshot shows a login form titled "Login". It contains two input fields: "G-number" with the value "g0000027" and "Password" with a masked value of "*****". Below the fields is a "Login" button and a link for "Lost password?".

- the course(s) you are enrolled in. Click the link for this course.
If you don't see your course listed at left, search for it by course name (ie., PSCI 200) or CRN.
- You're now taken to the main course site.

Main Course Site

At left you will see the subheads People, Activities, and Administration. Basically, these links within these areas provide access to resources you'll use in this class. In the main window at right, you'll see course and instructor information, as well as links to helpful tutorials and support sites.

The screenshot shows the SMCCCD WebAccess interface. At the top, it says 'WEBACCESS' and 'STOT Class of 2009-10'. The user is logged in as 'Peter Bruni : Temporary Student'. The main navigation bar includes 'Web Access' and 'STOT_2009-10'. The left sidebar has three main sections: 'People' with a 'Participants' link; 'Activities' with 'Chats', 'Forums', and 'Resources' links; and 'Administration' with 'Grades' and 'Profile' links. The main content area is titled 'Topic outline' and features a large graphic with the text 'CSM • CAÑADA • SKYLINE Distance Education'. Below this, it lists 'Peter Bruni' as the 'DE Coordinator/Instructor' for 'Educational Services and Planning'. There is a 'Structured Training for Online Teaching' link and a 'Syllabus' link. An 'INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION' box provides contact details: 'District Office: Second Floor', 'Hours: M-F, 12:45-4:30pm', 'Phone: 650-574-6598', and 'Email: bruni@smccd.edu'. A 'News forum' link is also visible. At the bottom, there is a 'Welcome to STOT 1' message and a 'New to WebAccess?' notice with a link to 'Faculty Tutorials / Tech Support'.

Below the course and instructor information you'll find the course lessons, organized by week or topic. Each week's or topic's instructional material appears in blocks within this main section.

People

Clicking on the Participants link under the People subhead takes you to the class list, where you can see who else is in your class. Clicking on your name here allows you to edit your class profile.

Activities

This area builds to show the various activities being assigned/used in your course over the semester. You can click on an activity and be taken to it from this menu.

Administration

The Administration area contains a **Grades** link, which lists all the assignments you have completed, and the scores for each. The second link allows you to update your profile at any time.

News Forum

Announcements to the class may be posted in the **News Forum**. For each post to the **News Forum**, you and others enrolled in the course will receive an email of the message.

Assignments

The requirements and details of your assignments are posted by week or topic. Assignments vary but often are to be submitted to your instructor in an Assignment drop box within the online course. See the attached schedule for details of due dates for all assignments, including discussions.

Discussions

This class makes use of various online tools to facilitate learning. You are required to participate in each assigned online discussion topic. Click on a discussion forum to read the discussion prompt and posts from others. Click on "Add a new discussion topic" to post your own contribution to the discussion forum, or click on a student's post to reply to him or her directly.

Technical Requirements

- Modern (not over 5 years old) Mac or PC, with a current operating system and current browser (Internet Explorer 5.5+ or Firefox). **Mac users: Use Firefox, not Safari browser!**
- Internet connection, preferably broadband (DSL or cable speeds), but a 56k modem can work.

iTunes U SetUp

- In this class, I'll post media files online for you to download, view, and/or listen to. You'll need to set up your computer to be able to access the iTunes U site. An iTunes U Student Quickstart Guide is available on the iTunes U Welcome site located here: <http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu>

Other introductory information such as tech and WebAccess support numbers is on the course website home page, accessible one week before class begins.

How to Succeed in this Online Course

- **Use your my.smccd.edu email** for this class. All instructor and admin emails will be sent there.
- Block out time in your schedule to do the work, and follow the schedule.
- Check in on class discussions regularly, if not daily.
- Treat your fellow course participants' learning efforts with respect.
- Have patience and a sense of humor with technology.
- Ask for help when you need it, and assist others when you can help.
- Contribute to discussions early in the week to allow others the opportunity to respond.
- Respond to at least two classmates' posts each week, with comments to expand on the discussion.

I look forward to a great teaching and learning experience with you all! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at yourusername@smccd.edu. Don't forget to check out the new DE Gateway site created especially for online learners. It's at <http://www.smccd.edu/degateway/>