PSYCHOLOGY 1215 : Fundamentals of Psychology II
Spring Semester 2006

Section 001 (CRN 10180) – MTWF 8:30 – 9:25 Room A136A
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* Note: The accompanying supplementary materials (e.g. study guide) are optional. If you are interested in practicing questions for exams or would like auxiliary activities to enhance your learning of various topics, you can also explore the Psychology 1115 / 1215 link found in our Psychology Department’s homepage (www.langara.bc.ca/psychology) or visit the Psychology Lab (room A236).

Learning Outcomes:

Welcome to Psychology 1215! This course will introduce you to empirical research and theories about a broad range of topics such as personality, motivation, emotion, stress, intelligence, psychological disorders, therapeutic treatments, social and group processes. You will find that studying experimental research on such topics is valuable and can be applied to many situations in daily living. In addition, the information in this course could provide you with insight about yourself, others, and human relations in general.

As per Langara’s requirements, by the end of the course, students will be able to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of, comprehension of, and analytic abilities about the content of the course as described in the Langara calendar, so that they are capable of advancing to further studies for which this course is a pre-requisite.
COURSE EVALUATION:

Exam 1  Ch. 2 (selected topics), Ch. 10 & Ch. 11  Fri., February 3rd  26 %
Exam 2  Ch. 13, 14  Mon., February 27th  22 %
Exam 3  Ch. 15, 16  Fri., March 24th  22 %
Final Exam  * Cumulative final on all former topics  April 11 – 21  30%
           and selected topics from Ch. 17 and 18. (Exact date TBA)

* Note: Term tests will cover all material that is presented in lectures, videos, class activities and in relevant chapters of the textbook. You are responsible for all information in each chapter of the text (even if the material is not covered in class). The exams will consist of mainly multiple choice questions and a few short answer questions (e.g. fill in the blanks, definitions, application questions). Please note that correct spelling of psychological terms in the short answer section does matter!

Missed exams will be assigned a grade of 0 % unless suitable and valid documentation (e.g. medical note from a doctor) is presented to explain your absence. The instructor must be contacted preferably prior to the exam that is missed. It is the student’s responsibility to: obtain missing notes from a classmate, obtain handouts, borrow a missed video, or make up a missed exam by contacting the instructor. The instructor will not provide class notes. Students are expected to attend all classes. Regular lack of attendance will affect your letter grade.

As per Langara College Policy on final exams, “to receive course credit, you must write the scheduled final examination for each course taken…. Permission to write examinations at alternative times may be approved in cases of illness (with a medical certificate) or documented bereavement and for no other cause…. If you are registered in a course and have attended throughout the semester, but owing to illness or other special circumstances, are unable to write a final examination, you may apply to the Registrar for an “aegrotat standing”, that is, a grade based upon the semester’s work. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation must substantiate such applications.”

Final course grades will be assigned according to the following table:

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TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

Jan. 9 - 16 - Ch. 2 selected topics on research methods and statistics
Jan. 17 - 24 - Ch. 10 : Cognitive Abilities
Jan. 25 – Feb. 1 - Ch. 11 : Motivation and Emotion
February 3 - Exam 1 on Research Methods, Ch. 10, & Ch. 11 (26%)
Feb. 6 – 13 - Ch. 13 : Health, Stress, and Coping
Feb. 14 - 22 - Ch. 14 : Personality
Feb. 23 - 24 *** Spring Break. No classes.
February 27 - Exam 2 on Ch. 13 & 14 (22%)
Feb. 28 – March 15 - Ch. 15 : Psychological Disorders
March 17 – March 22 - Ch. 16 : Treatment of Psychological Disorders
March 24 - Exam 3 on Ch. 15 & 16 (22%)
March 27 - March 31 - Ch. 17 : Social Cognition (selected topics)
April 3 – April 5 - Ch. 18 : Social Influence (selected topics)
April 14 *** Good Friday. College closed.
April 17 *** Easter Monday. College closed.
April 11 – April 21 - Comprehensive Final exam (30%) --- 2 hours in length (date TBA)

THE PSYCHOLOGY LAB:

The Psych. Lab is located in room A236. Refer to the schedule posted on the lab door or in the Psychology Department’s homepage for hours when the instructional assistants, Kathy McBride or Chloe Kelly, are available in the lab to assist students. Kathy can be reached at: 604-323-5373 and Chloe can be reached at 604-323-5875.

You can sign out books, research articles, videos, your course textbook, study guide, and CD from this lab. Also, the lab contains several computers for students who wish to practice multiple choice questions, surf the net for psychology related topics, or type up and print reports related to their psychology courses. In addition, several non-compulsory labs / tutorials for Psychology 1115 and 1215 will be scheduled in the lab by Kathy McBride. Specific dates and times of these labs will be posted outside the lab door in the following week. These labs are intended to help maximize students’ learning of topics in introductory psychology courses.

I hope you enjoy the course, have fun learning interesting information, and develop an appreciation for the discipline of Psychology!