

PSYCHOLOGY 002
General Psychology
COURSE SYLLABUS
Los Angeles Mission College
Fall 2012

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Class Days & Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9:05 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Section # 0425 - 3 Units

Class Location – INST-1002

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Covers the biological and physiological basis of behavior. It is presented in the context of fundamental concepts and issues in psychology. The structure and functions of the brain and the nervous system and their effects on human behavior are studied.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME (SLO):

1. Identify the structure and function of the cells in the human nervous system.
2. Students will analyze the anatomy and physiology of the brain and central nervous system and their effects on human behavior.
3. Analyze the biological bases of major psychological disorders, addictive behaviors, and stress and brain damage.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNED CHAPTER(S) and/or CLASS EXERCISES:</u> <i>(Subject to Change)</i>	
1	08/27/12	Read Chapter: 1 – The Major Issues	
2	09/03/12	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (No Class Mon; Class will meet on Wed 9/5)	
3	09/10/12	Read Chapter: 2 – Nerve Cells and Nerve Impulses	
4	09/17/12	Read Chapter: 3 – Synapses	
5	09/24/12	Read Chapter: 4 – Anatomy of the Nervous System <i>Test #1 will cover Chapters 1, 2, and 3</i>	<u>TEST #1</u>
6	10/01/12	Read Chapter: 5 – Development and Plasticity of the Brain	
7	10/08/12	Read Chapter: 8 - Movement	
8	10/15/12	Read Chapter: 9 – Wakefulness and Sleep	
9	10/22/12	Read Chapter: 10 – Internal Regulation <i>Test #2 will cover Chapters 4, 5 and 8</i>	<u>TEST #2</u>
10	10/29/12	Read Chapter: 11 – Reproductive Behaviors	
11	11/05/12	Read Chapter: 12 – Emotional Behaviors	
12	11/12/12	VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY (No Class Mon; Class meets on Wed 11/14)	
13	11/19/12	Read Chapter: 13 – The Biology of Learning and Memory <i>Test #3 will cover Chapters 9, 10, and 11</i>	<u>TEST #3</u>
14	11/26/12	Read Chapter: 15 – Mood Disorders	
15	12/03/12	Read Chapter: 15 – Schizophrenia	

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16 12/10/12 ***FINAL EXAMINATION***
(Final Examination will be Comprehensive.)

Regularly Scheduled Class that Meets on MONDAY and WEDNESDAY at 9:05 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
WILL MEET for
FINAL EXAMINATION TIME IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 FROM 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

TEXT BOOK: Kalat, James W. (2009).
Biological Psychology, Tenth Edition.
Wadsworth Cengage Publisher.

ASSIGNED READINGS and CLASS EXERCISES:

Each student is responsible for all assigned readings whether discussed in class or not. Test questions may be taken from assigned readings, which may not have been discussed in class. Also, various handouts will be distributed throughout the semester in conjunction with various topics and will be discussed in class. These materials may also be included in final examination questions. It is each student's responsibility to be prepared to discuss various assigned readings and class material. Each student will be required to participate in various class exercises. Audio/video recording of class lectures ***is not*** permitted. Use of electronic devices ***is not*** permitted. ***Texting*** and/or cell phone use ***is not*** permitted in class.

SUGGESTED READINGS: ***Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders***, Fourth Edition.
American Psychiatric Association. (1994).
American Psychological Association Publication Manual, Sixth Edition, (2009).

RESEARCH PROJECT:

The Research Project will consist of a typed, APA format, six (6) to ten (10) page research paper. The research paper will account for 30% of your grade (300 total points).

Plagiarism Policy:

Plagiarism can lead to failure and disciplinary action.

OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT: Five minute Biopsychological literature presentation to class worth 5 points each; total of 5 per semester, per student up to a total of 25 points.

TESTS:

The testing series will consist of three (3) examinations and a one (1) final examination. Each test will consist of fifty (50) multiple choice questions worth two (2) points each for a total of one-hundred (100) points per test. The final examination will consist of fifty (50) multiple choice questions worth six (6) points each for a total of three-hundred (300) points. If a scheduled test is missed, the test ***cannot*** be made-up.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance to all scheduled sessions is mandatory. Any absences must be discussed with instructor, ***prior*** to the absence, in order to make up the work. Repeated absences may lead to a drop of one (1) full letter grade and/or automatic exclusion. *A new state policy in effect as of Summer 2012 limits students to ***3 attempts per course***. Receiving a grade or "W" for a course counts as an attempt, ***regardless of when the course was taken***. Our Fall 2012 schedule of classes states that the drop deadlines for full length (16-week) classes are as follows:*

Friday, September 7: Drop classes without receiving a "W" with refund (in person)

Sunday, September 9: Drop classes without receiving a "W" with refund (internet)

Withdrawal by September 9, 2012 (avoiding a "W") will not count as an attempt.

FINAL GRADE:

Your final grade will be calculated based on the following:

Final Examination	30%	300 total points
Research Project	30%	300 total points
Tests	30%	300 total points
Attendance & Participation	10%	100 total points