

**LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE
PSYCHOLOGY 2**

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Meeting Day/Time: Thursdays 6:50 - 10:00 p.m.

Room: INST 1002 **Section #:** 3424

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The class will examine the nervous system as it applies to behavior. We will discuss the role of biological factors in such areas as perception, motivation, learning, thinking and pathology.

Student Learning Outcome:

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

Required Textbook:



Pinel, John. Basics of Biopsychology (1st Ed.) ISBN#: 1-2566-7900-3 version with ECollege/Mylabsplus PIN code-(\$115.50 new- \$86.65 used with PIN code)

<http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/>

In order to access powerpoints and your progress in the course, you need the PIN Code to access the ECollege/MyPsychKit. You can buy the PIN Code ONLY through LAMC's bookstore. Here is the link to ECollege site: <http://www.lamission.edu/online/>

Instructions to login to our class website for ECollege/MyPsychKitPlus:

Step 1:

Purchase assigned book from LA Mission Bookstore, which comes with MYLABSPLUS access code. You can ONLY get the PIN code by purchasing the book through the bookstore.

Step 2:

Go to www.lamc.mylabsplus.com (also known as ECOLLEGE Login page)

1. Your log in name is your school id 88----- (no spaces or dashes)
2. Then your password is "PASSWORD" all CAPITALS
3. Then you will see our class " Psychology 2, Wednesdays, Fall 2012, Prof. Milani"
4. At some point you will need to enter your Enter student access code (from your book) and or will have the opportunity to buy the code at that time too.

For security reasons it's best if you CHANGE the password as soon as possible.

Final Grade

Your grade will be determined based on the following:

	<u>Percentage</u>
1. 3 Exams (Each exam is 100 pts)	30%
2. Final Exam	20%
3. Research Paper	30%
4. In-Class Assignments	10%
5. Class Participation/Attendance	10%

Exams/Final Exam: We will a total of 3 exams, each worth 100 points. The Final Exam will be worth 200 points. You will need a #2 pencil and a scantron for all exams. There are no make-up exams. All exams need to be taken on the designated day.

Research Paper: This assignment will consist of a typed, APA styled, 5-7 page paper. You will have the freedom to choose a topic related to Biopsychology. All research topics have to be cleared by the instructor before beginning the paper. Research paper is worth 30% of your grade.

In-Class Assignments: We will have a total of 5 in-class assignments. Students will be asked to complete a writing/reaction paper on the topics discussed in class. These in-class assignments will be random. If you miss a class, you will miss the opportunity to complete the assignments. Thus, it is imperative that you come to every class.

Attendance and Class Participation: Attendance is taken each day at the end of the class. In order to get credit for the day, you must stay for the entire class. Two (2) classes are excusable. Please notify me by *email* should you have an emergency and need to be excused from the class. Participation is highly encouraged in order to get full score. Any distracting behavior such as talking, texting and/or leaving in middle of lecture will adversely affect your grade.

Extra Credit: Students will have extra credit opportunities throughout the class. These assignments will be related to biopsychological aspects of behavior. Extra credit will add up to 25 points for the course.

Important Dates:

February 15, 2013 – Last Day To Add Full Term Class.

February 15-18, 2013 – College Closed (President’s Day)

February 18, 2013 – Last Day To Drop without a “W” Online or In Person

March 08, 2013 – Last Day To Petition for Credit/No Credit and do a section transfer

March 28, 2013 – No Class

May 3, 2013 – Drop with a “W” (In Person)

May 5, 2013 – Drop with a “W” (Online)

May 30, 2013 - FINAL EXAM @ 8:00 p.m.

June 04, 2013 – Graduation Day

College Resources For Students

Admissions and Records: Students can register for classes, request transcripts, file petitions for graduation, and drop classes at this office. For more information call 818-833-3322 or visit: <http://www.lamission.edu/admissions/>

Assessment Center: Offers student assessments in English, English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) and Mathematics. Please contact the Assessment Center at (818) 364-7613 for more information or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/assessment/>

Bookstore: For hours of operation, book availability, buybacks, and other information call 818-364-7767 or 7768 or visit <http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/default.asp>

Counseling Department Office: For appointments and information call 818-364-7655 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/counseling/>

Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSP&S): For appointments, eligibility and information call 818-364-7732 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/dsps/>

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS): For appointments, eligibility and information call 818-364-7645 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/eops/>

Financial Aid: For information and applications call 818-364-7648 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/financialaid/>

Library: For information on hours, resources, workshops, and other services contact 818-364-7106 or visit <http://www.lamission.edu/library/>

Tutoring Services in Learning Center: Laboratories for Learning, Writing, Math & Science. Walk-in and appointment services offered. Call 818-364-7754 or visit www.lamission.edu/learningcenter/

For a comprehensive list of student services you may visit: <http://www.lamission.edu/students/>

Policies

Cheating- unauthorized material used during an examination (including electronic devices), changing answers after work has been graded, taking an exam for another student, forging or altering attendance sheets or other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/scantron/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/exam and referred to the Department chair and/or Student Services for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism- Plagiarism is defined as the act of using ideas, words, or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving proper credit to the original sources. This includes definitions found online on Wikipedia, materials from blogs, twitter, or other similar electronic resources. The following examples are intended to be representative, but not all inclusive:

- failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions.
- failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, **whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof**
- Paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution
- Representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own.

First offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, as determined by the disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Recording devices in the classroom- Section 78907 of the California Education Code prohibits the use of any electronic audio or video recording devices, without prior consent of the instructor. (including laptops, MP3 players, and more). The use of cellphones for texting or otherwise is prohibited during lecture.

Reasonable Accommodations: If you are a student with a disability and require accommodations, please send me a private email. The sooner I am aware of your eligibility for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to assist the DSP&S Office in providing them. For students requiring accommodations, the DSP&S Office at Mission College provides special assistance in areas like: registering for courses, specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, instructor liaisons, community referrals and job placement. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the DSP&S Office in Instructional Building 1018 (phone 818/364-7732 TTD 818/364-7861) and bring a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

SYLLABUS

DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT
Feb. 7	Introduction to the Course and Biopsychology	Chapter 1
Feb. 14	The Anatomy of the Brain	Chapter 2
Feb. 21	The Anatomy of the Brain Neural Activity and How to Study It	Chapter 2 Chapter 3
Feb. 28	Neural Activity and How to Study It	Chapter 3
March 7	Brain Damage and Neuroplasticity Exam 1 (Chpts 1, 2, 3)	Chapter 8
March 14	Brain Damage and Neuroplasticity Video	Chapter 8
March 21	Sleep, Dreaming, and Circadian Rhythms Video	Chapter 12
March 28	No Class	
April 4	No Class - Spring Break	
April 11	Behavioral Neuroscience of Psychiatric Disorders Video	Chapter 15
April 18	Behavioral Neuroscience of Psychiatric Disorders	Chapter 15
April 25	Hunger, Eating and Health Exam 2 (Chpts 8, 12 and 15)	Chapter 10
May 2	Health Psychology	Chapter 13
May 9	Health Psychology	Chapter 13
May 16	Hormones and Sex Exam 3 (Chpts 10 and 13)	Chapter 11
May 23	Learning, Memory and Amnesia Research Paper Due	Chapter 9
May 30	Final Exam 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	

Please Note: The course outline is a guide for the semester and may be modified/revised to enhance learning outcomes or by events outside the control of the instructor.