

PSYC 1560 - General Psychology

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Course Description

1560. General Psychology. An examination of scientific and clinical approaches to understanding the relationships between one's physical, mental, and emotional well-being, and quality of life, including the basic principles governing the growth and maintenance of behavior, emotion, and cognition. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Essentials of Understanding Psychology (eBook)	R. Feldman	1260408388

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/25	Textbook: Chapter 1 PowerPoint: Chapter 1 Textbook: Chapter 2 PowerPoint: Chapter 2	• Meaning and origin of Psychology (LO 1) • Five Perspectives in contemporary Psychology (LO 1-4) • Research Methods (LO 1 & 5) • Study of the nervous system and its functioning (LO 1 -2)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5) BlackBoard Assignment
9/1	Textbook: Chapters 1 & 2 PowerPoint: Chapters 1 & 2	• Meaning and origin of Psychology (LO 1) • Five Perspectives in contemporary Psychology (LO 1-4) • Research Methods (LO 1 & 5) • Study of the nervous system and its functioning (LO 1 -2)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)



9/8	Textbook: Chapter 4 PowerPoint: Chapter 4	• Understand the behavior of Sleeping and Dreaming (LO 1-3) • Define Psychoactive drugs and list the different types of drugs (LO1 & 3)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
9/15	Textbook: Chapter 4 PowerPoint: Chapter 4	• Understand the behavior of Sleeping and Dreaming (LO 1-3) • Define Psychoactive drugs and list the different types of drugs (LO1 & 3)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
9/22	TextBook: Chapter 5 PowerPoint: Chapter 5	• Understand different types of Learning: Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning, & Observational Learning (LO 1-3) • Describe reinforcement and its types (LO 2 & 3) • Explain how punishment differs from reinforcement (LO 1 & 3)	Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5) SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
9/29	Textbook: Chapter 5 PowerPoint: Chapter 5	• Understand different types of Learning: Classical Conditioning, Operant Conditioning, & Observational Learning (LO 1-3) • Describe reinforcement and its types (LO 2 & 3) • Explain how punishment differs from reinforcement (LO 1 & 3)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
10/6	Textbook: Chapters 6 & 3 PowerPoint: Chapters 6 & 3	• Understanding Memory and its types (LO 1 -5) • Explain Forgetting & identify different types of Memory dysfunctions (LO 1 & 3) • Understanding sensation and a relationship between a physical stimulus and kind of sensory responses that results from it (LO 1-2)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5) Exam I : Chapters 1,2,4,&5 (October 6th; Tentative Date)
10/13	TextBook: Chapters 6 & 3 PowerPoint: Chapters 6 & 3	• Understanding Memory and its types (LO 1 -5) • Explain Forgetting & identify different types of Memory dysfunctions (LO 1 & 3) • Understanding sensation and a relationship between a physical stimulus and kind of sensory responses that results from it (LO 1-2)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
10/20	Textbook: Chapter 7 PowerPoint: Chapter 7	• Understand Thinking, Language, and Intelligence (LO 1-4)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
10/27	Textbook: Chapter 8 PowerPoint: Chapter 8	• Understand Motivation and Emotions (LO 1-3)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)

11/3	Textbook: Chapter 9 PowerPoint: Chapter 9	• Understand physical, social, cognitive, and moral development across lifespan (LO 1-5) • Identify different Parenting Styles (LO 1-4)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5) Exam II: Chapters 3,6,7, & 8 (November 5th; Tentative Date)
11/10	Textbook: Chapter 9 PowerPoint: Chapter 9	• Understand physical, social, cognitive, and moral development across lifespan (LO 1-5) • Identify different Parenting Styles (LO 1-4)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
11/17	TextBook: Chapters 10 & 12 PowerPoint: Chapters 10 & 12	• Understand Personality and discuss different Theories of Personality (LO 1-4) • Describing a different psychological disorder and their prevalence (LO 1)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience (ongoing assignment) (LO 5)
11/24	Textbook: Chapters 10 & 12 PowerPoint: Chapters 10 & 12	• Understand Personality and discuss different Theories of Personality (LO 1-4) • Describing a different psychological disorder and their prevalence (LO 1)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Experience ongoing assignment(LO 5)
12/1	TextBook: Chapter 14 PowerPoint: Chapter 14	• Understand Social Psychology: Attitudes, Social Cognition, Social Influence, & Groups (LO 1-3)	SmartBook Assignment Interactive Assignment BlackBoard Assignment Sona Research Credits Completion are Due
12/8			Final Exam (December 8th)

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