PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MASTER SYLLABUS

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSY 1010

Class Hours: 3.0  Credit Hours: 3.0
Laboratory Hours: 0.0  Revised: Fall 2010

Catalog Course Description:

An introduction to theoretical perspectives, psychological terminology, and major theories and theorists.

Entry Level Standards:

Students must be able to read and write on the college level, to think critically and to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Prerequisites:

None

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:

Other Psychology Web Sites: www.apa.org; www.google.com (search Directory-Psychology; many of the original works of noted psychologists can be found with key word search “psych classics”); PscyArticless, Social Sciences Full Text and other electronic resources available through Pellissippi State’s electronic library

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:

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II. Course Goals*:

The course will

A. Guide the student toward an understanding of psychology from several theoretical perspectives.  III.2

B. Facilitate recognition and recall significant psychological terminology. III.1; III.2; III.4

C. Develop the student’s awareness of major psychological theories and theorists. III.2; III.7

D. Prepare the student to describe, analyze, compare, and contrast the major psychological theories and therapeutic approaches. III.2; III.5, III.6

E. Foster the student’s ability to apply course content to his/her personal life. III.3, III.4

* Roman numerals after course goals reference Pellissippi State's general education goals listed at http://www.pstcc.edu/departments/curriculum_and_instruction/syllabi/.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

The student will be able to:

1. Reproduce examples of research method terminology. A

2. Recall founders and goals or perspectives of psychology. A

3. Evaluate components of an attitude and assess factors in attitude development. D

4. Describe the structure of a neuron, the process of neuron transmission, parts of the brain, and techniques for measuring brain structure and function. B

5. Discuss factors in the process of perception. B

6. Distinguish between the elements of the sleep process and critique theories of dreams. A, B, C

7. Differentiate components of classical and operant conditioning. A, B, C, D

8. Identify major contributors in the field of intelligence testing. A, C

9. Categorize causes and effects of stress and apply healthy coping strategies. B, D
10. Compare and contrast theories of personality development. A, B, C, D

11. Identify characteristics of psychological disorders. B

12. Evaluate different approaches in therapy. A, B, C, D

* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

**IV. Evaluation:**

A. Testing Procedures: 83% of grade

Five 100-points, 50 items, multiple choice exams are scheduled for the semester. The exams will include material from all lectures, video presentations, and assigned readings. Test items will require recall, recognition, analysis, synthesis, and application of content. Exam dates are in the Schedule of Instruction.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

N/A

C. Field Work: 17% of grade

One research project worth 100 points will be required during the semester. Students may choose from an application paper, journal article review, or an oral presentation. For these assignments, the student should consider the types of projects that are consistent with his/her talents and interests.

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

N/A

E. Grading Scale:

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**V. Policies:**

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of the Learning Division, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice
president of the Learning Division.

B. Academic Misconduct:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one’s own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

C. Accommodations for Disabilities:

Students who need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by going to Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131 or by phone: 539-7153 or TTY 694-6429. More information is available at www.pstcc.edu/departments/swd/.

D. Other Policies:

Submission of Assignments: Projects must be turned in by the due date in order to be available for full credit.