PSYC 2003   GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY  
NorthWest Arkansas Community College  
SYLLABUS  
Spring Semester 2005  

Class time & Location:  
Mon. & Wed. 07:45 a.m. – 09:00 a.m., Burns Hall Room # 2418  
Mon. & Wed. 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Burns Hall Room #1434  

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Statement regarding office time:  Please speak with instructor before or after class, other times may be scheduled upon request as available.  

Course Description and Credit:  
This is a full semester, 16 week course worth 3 credit hours when successfully completed. It is a general survey course and introduction to the field of psychology looking at basic areas including personality, development, cognition, perception, memory, learning, social behavior, and the brain.  

Textbook and other course materials:  
Invitation to Psychology, authored by Carole Wade & Carol Tavris, third edition. The study guide is not required, but may be purchased if desired. An online resource is available for the textbook at www.prenhall.com/wade. Scantrons, form 882-E, will be needed for the exams and may be purchased from the NWACC bookstore. Scantrons are not necessary for the quizzes.  

Course Objectives:  At the conclusion of the course, students should:  

| have an overall view of the general trends in psychology past and present as well as possible directions for the future |  
| demonstrate some knowledge about the major models of psychological thought and the basic areas of study in the field of psychology |  
| develop and appreciate the advantages of critical thinking skills |  
| experience exposure to the basics of scientific research methods employed in the field of psychology |  
| have considered the impact of culture on individual and/or group psychology |  
| have looked at how psychology impacts our daily lives |  

Disability Services:  
Any conditions affecting your ability to apply yourself to studying and completing the course requiring special classroom or testing accommodations must be documented through Dr. Mike Kirk, Director, Learning Development Center, phone number 479-619-4384. Information on making application for disability services may be accessed online on the ODS webpage at http://www.nwacc.edu/studentservices/disabi.php.
Course Requirements:
Regular class attendance is expected as well as reading the textbook as assigned. Material will also be presented from time to time which is not available in the text for which the student will be responsible for on exams (in addition to information from the text). Written homework assignments will be required as well as a semester project; instruction sheets will be given both for the homework assignments and the semester project. For the semester project there is a choice between doing either a research paper or service learning. Occasional participation in small group activities will also be required during class time.
Some textbook material will be covered in an exploratory manner during class time, requiring some type of student participation as well as homework assignments; material addressed in this way will not be formally tested over, but will instead be assessed through student participation and the homework assignments. A one-half point bonus will be available to be added to the semester test average for each homework assignment and the semester project when turned in at the beginning of class on the date due; no bonus will be added for assignments turned in after class time on the date due. To qualify for the time bonus, assignments turned in electronically must be sent prior to the class time the work is due. Also in order to qualify for the bonus on the semester test average all requested information such as listing the reference sources at the conclusion of the report and the attached documentation of reference material other than the textbook must be turned in on time.

Exams:
Three major exams will be given, exams will not be comprehensive (the instructor maintains the right to change the number of exams). The tests will be primarily objective (multiple choice) with a few essay questions. Also there will be some chapter quizzes in addition to the major exams. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped at the end of the semester and the remaining quiz grades will be averaged and treated as an additional exam grade.

Grading:
90-100 = A  80-89 = B  70-79 = C  60-69 = D  0-59 = F

Student grades for the semester will be computed as follows:
Exams.................................................................50%
Homework & Semester Project.................................25%
Attendance & Participation in group discussion.........25%

Attendance:
Regular class attendance is expected and recommended. Students are expected to sign the roster sheet each morning to provide a record of class attendance. Two class absences will be allowed without grade penalty; participation in one group activity may be missed before formal grade deductions apply.
Important Semester Dates: Spring 2005

Jan. 19 Class begins
Apr. 08 Last day to withdraw with a “W” on transcript from 16 week Course
Mar. 21-26 Spring Break
May 04 Last day regular class
May 11 Final exam

Make Up Exams:
For students suffering unavoidable emergencies a makeup exam for one of the major exams may be taken at the Testing Center in Burns Hall Lobby, Room 1019 (479-619-4317). Requests for make ups must first be made to the instructor. No make ups will be given for the quizzes. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped, so that if a quiz must be missed, the “0” for the missed quiz may count as one of the dropped scores.

Communicating with Instructor:
In the event of difficulty in communication or perceived problems with this instructor, the first step in resolving the problem should be to talk with me directly about your concerns. If for some reason speaking with me was unsatisfactory, the next step would be to contact Dr. Conrad Krauf (phone: 479-619-4268, e-mail: ckrauf@nwacc.edu, office # BH 2022).

Bad Weather Policy:
The student information line for the college is 479-619-4376 and information on class closings due to hazardous weather conditions, etc., will be available at this number. Online information may be accessed on the college website at www.nwacc.edu/pr.

Schedule
Please note that adjustments may have to be made in the following timetable for the course and stay in touch with any necessary changes to the schedule. For the most part dates for specific group activities have not been listed; group sessions will be worked into the weekly activities as time permits.

Week 1
Wed., Jan. 19 Class begins, Introduction

Week 2
Mon., Jan. 24 Chapter 1
Wed., Jan. 26 Chapter 1

Week 3
Mon., Jan. 31    Complete Chapter 1
Wed., Feb. 02  **Assignment #1** due
               Explore cognition, Chap. 7

**Week 4**
Mon., Feb. 07    Tentative date for **Quiz**, Chapter 1; Chapter 2
Wed., Feb. 09   Group exercise, psychological inventory

**Week 5**
Mon., Feb. 14    Chapter 2
Wed., Feb. 16  **Assignment #2** due, Explore motivation, Chapter 10

**Week 6**
Mon., Feb. 21    Tentative date for **Quiz**, Chap. 2
Wed., Feb. 23  **Assignment #3** due, Project Homework

**Week 7**
Mon., Feb. 28    Chapter 3
Wed., Mar. 02   Tentative date for **Exam I**, Chapters 1, 2, & 3, & lecture notes

**Week 8**
Mon., Mar. 07    Chapter 4
Wed., Mar. 09  **Assignment #4** due
               Explore Chapter 12, *Emotions, Stress, and Health*

**Week 9**
Mon., Mar. 14    Chapter 4
Wed., Mar. 16   Tentative date for **Quiz**, Chapter 4

**Week 10**
Mon., Mar. 21    No Class, Spring Break
Wed., Mar 23   No Class, Spring Break

**Week 11**
Mon., Mar. 28    Chapter 5
Wed., Mar. 30  **Assignment #5** due
               Explore motivation, Chapter 14

**Week 12**
Mon., Apr. 04   Complete Chapter 5, Chapter 6
Wed., Apr. 06  Tentative date for **Quiz**, Chap. 5, Chapter 6

**Week 13**
Mon., Apr. 11   Tentative date for **Exam II**, Chaps. 4,
Week 14
Mon., Apr. 18  Projects due: Chapter 8
Wed., Apr. 20 Tentative day for Quiz, Chap. 8; Chapter 9

Week 15
Mon., Apr. 25  Chap. 9
Wed., Apr. 27 Tentative day for Quiz, Chap. 9, Chapter 11

Week 16
Mon., May 02  Chapter 11
Wed., May 04  Assignment #6 due
              Complete material for Exam III
              Complete group activity
              Explore Chap. 12

Final
Mon., May 09  Exam III - Chaps. 8, 9, & 11