

Course Syllabus
 PSY 200
 Principles of Psychology

Text: Psychology: Concepts and Connections by Stephen Rathus

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Course Objectives:

Students will be able to discuss and be tested on the following topics. It is expected that students will have read the corresponding text book chapters prior to the instructor's classroom presentation.

Topic	Subject
Topic I	Intro to Psychology
Topic II	Biology and Behavior
Test Topic	I & II
Topic III	Sensation and Perception
Topic IV	Consciousness
Test Topics	III & IV
Topic V	Learning
Topic VI	Memory
Test Topic	V & VI
Topic VII	Intelligence
Topic VIII	Motivation
Test Topic	VII & VIII
Topic IX	Human Development
Topic X	Health, Stress and coping
Test Topics	IX & X
Topic XI	Personality
Topic XII	Disorders
Test Topics	XI & XII
Topic XIII	Therapies
Topic XIV	Social Psychology
Test Topics	XIII & XIV

Note: Topics may be added or deleted at the instructor's discretion.

Evaluation and Grading:

Test will be multiple choice and/or essay, and scheduled as indicated in the Course Objectives section. Make-up tests will only be permitted with proper documentation. Make-up test will be subjective.

The majority, but not all, of the information on which students will be tested will be from classroom presentations and discussions. Therefore, it is imperative that students be proficient in note taking.

Grade distribution will be based on the following percentages of the total points available:

A = 100 – 90

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = < 60

Note: At the instructor's discretion, 5 additional points may be added to the final of those students who demonstrate an active and positive contribution to class discussions.

Class Etiquette:

Students are expected to act as educated adults. Side conversations are distracting and rude. Students who feel the need to persist in such activities will be instructed to withdraw from the course.

Class will start promptly at the designated time. Lateness also is distracting and rude. Students' arriving after the lecture has begun (usually indicated by a closed door) will be considered absent. Absences totaling 15% of the course may result in "F" for the course.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students found in violation of 43a of the Student Code of Conduct will receive an "F" for the course. Please consult the DSLCC Student Handbook or the instructor if you require further information.