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Course PSYC 2301-83010
Semester: Spring 2020
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**Course Description**

**PSYC 2301 – General Psychology (3 Credit Hours)**

General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The cultural context in which we live influences the way we think, feel and behave. This class will explore the basic principles and theories of Psychology. Topics include: research methodology, conditioning, motivation, learning, memory, emotions, thinking, intelligence, personality, altered states of consciousness, social influences on behavior, human development, abnormal behavior, and human sexuality. The cultural context in which we live influences the way we think, feel and behave.

**Prerequisite Required:** College level ready in Reading.

Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 4201015125

**Textbooks**

- Real World Psychology (purchase the text with Wiley Plus access to My Learning Space) by Huffman and Sanderson. ISBN: 9781119293941.
- Yes you will need to purchase the Wiley Plus assess code to view the videos and complete the assignments. Wiley publishing is providing students with a limited grace period access to the Huffman e-book and Wiley Plus (details provided the first day of class)

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior
Course Evaluation – Grading Scale

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(Tentative exam schedule:
- Exam 1 Feb 18  chapters 1-3
- Exam 2 Mar 10  chapters 4-6
- Exam 3 Apr 7   chapters 7-9
- **Paper Apr 15**
- Exam 4 May 5    chapters 10-12
- Exam 5 May 12   chapters 1-13

Core Curriculum Objectives:
- Critical Thinking Skills – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- Communication Skills – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- Personal Responsibility – to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
- Social Responsibility – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Course Drop Dates

The DCCCD drop date without a “W” is before April 16, 2020.
The last day to drop a class with a “W” is Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Institutional Policies

Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link:
www.richlandcollege.edu/syllabipolicies

Richland College Quality Enhancement Plan:

Richland College is implementing its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in select classes. The QEP provides techniques, practices and tools to help students develop the habits, traits or behaviors needed to be effective and successful lifelong learners in college and in life. For more information, please visit richlandcollege.edu/qep.

Attendance and Participation:
If you do not attend classes, you could lose your financial aid. You must attend and participate in your on-campus or online course(s) before the course certification date and continue beyond the course withdrawal date.

Your instructor is also required by law to validate/certify your attendance in your on-campus or online course(s) in order for you to receive financial aid. To meet this attendance requirement, you must participate in an academic-related activity pertaining to the course such as, but not limited to, the following examples: initiating contact with your instructor to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course, submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, completing an interactive tutorial, participating in computer-assisted instruction, attending a study group that is assigned by the instructor, or participating in an online discussion about academic matters relating to the course.

In an online class, simply logging in is not enough by itself to demonstrate academic attendance. You must show that you are participating in your online class and are engaged in an academically related activity as described above.

**Academic Progress:**

Students are encouraged to discuss academic goals and degree completion with their instructors. Specific advising is available throughout the semester. Check [http://richlandcollege.edu/admissions](http://richlandcollege.edu/admissions) and [http://richlandcollege.edu/advising](http://richlandcollege.edu/advising) for more details.

**Religious Holidays:**

Absences for observance of a religious holy day are excused if you inform your instructor at the beginning of the course. A student whose absence is excused to observe a religious holy day is allowed to contract with the professor to take a make-up examination or complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

**Food, Drink, and Cell Phones in Classroom Statement of Responsibility:**

Students who intend to bring drinks or food into the classroom must agree to take full responsibility to remove cans, bottles, trash, etc. from the learning environment and to deposit trash in appropriate receptacles outside the classroom. This right does not extend to classrooms/areas with or near computers, lab materials, equipment, and/or college-owned books – these are restricted from food and drink. Cell phones may be left on but must be in the silent or vibrate mode at all times while in the classroom.

**Financial Aid:**

Failure to attend classes could result in loss of Financial Aid (FA). If you are receiving any form of financial aid, you should check with the Financial Aid Office prior to withdrawing from classes. Withdrawals may affect your eligibility to receive further aid and could cause you to be in a position of repayment for the current semester. Students who fail to attend or participate after the drop date are also subject to this policy.

**Academic Honesty:**
Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct http://www.richlandcollege.edu/conduct.

**Children on Campus:**
Minors should not be brought to campus in lieu of appropriate childcare. A student will not be allowed to attend class when minors are accompanying the student. Minors should not be brought into classrooms, laboratories, the Test Center, Center for Tutoring and Learning Connections, Library, or Academic Computing areas because of disruption of instruction or study, exposure to material unsuitable for minors, and possible danger to minors.

The instructor reserves the right to amend this syllabus as necessary.
e-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONS

Each student in this class is **required** to log on and register his/her email address on e-Campus within the first week of the semester. (If you do not have access to the Internet, please go to the Computer Lab in room D229 for assistance. They can also assist you in getting a free email address as a student of Richland College.) Using Internet Explorer, type in [http://ecampus.dcccd.edu](http://ecampus.dcccd.edu). (Please note that you don’t use the “www” in the URL above.) If you have any technical difficulty with e-Campus (such as logging in, etc.), please contact e-Campus Support at **972-669-6402, 866-374-7169** (toll free number).

1. Go to: [http://ecampus.dcccd.edu](http://ecampus.dcccd.edu) Click on Access Courses. Under “**My DCCCD**” heading, go to the “Login Here” box in the middle of the page. Click on **Username** and input your seven-digit Student ID number with an “e” in front of the number. **(Note: Your Student ID number can be found on your fee receipt or student ID card.)** You must enter the full 7-digit student ID number, including any preceding zeros, with an “e” in front of the numbers. Use this for both the “**Username**” and “**Password**.” Click the “Login” button.
   
   Example:  Username e1234567 Password e12
   
   Please change your Password after your initial login (see step 3 below). If you still cannot login, please contact e-Campus Technical Support at **972-669-6402, 866-374-7169** (toll free number).

2. The screen will come up on “**My Institution**” and it will include all the courses you are taking at this time. You will have one site for all Richland courses.

3. Please change your password. To do this, go to “**My DCCCD**” Tab (just under the DCCCD logo on the top left of your screen). Go to “Tools” box on the left side of your screen. Click on “**Personal Information**”, then “**Change Password**”, then input the new password two times, and then click on “Submit”. You should get a confirmation saying, “User updated”. (You can also change your password from within your course site by going to “Tools”, “**Personal Information**” and following the above steps.)

4. While you are in the “**Personal Information**” section, please put in the correct information by clicking on “**Edit Personal Information**” and inputting your name, address, phone number, and email address (**these 4 are required**) and any other information you wish to enter. It is very important that you **input** your **entire correct e-mail address** so that you will receive any information that might be sent by email to the class during the course of this semester. (This a requirement. If you don’t have an email address, you can go to Yahoo, Hotmail or the school e-mail administrator in D229 and obtain one).

5. To input the correct e-mail, go to “Tools”, “**Personal Information**”, “**Edit Personal Information**”, delete the dummy e-mail [that is in there), input your **correct e-mail address**, then scroll down and click “Submit”. To enter your class, click on the “Courses” tab and then click on the underlined name of your course.

6. After you have clicked on the name of your course, you can access the following from the “Courses” tab:
   
   - Click on “**Home Page**” to find timely announcements and information regarding the course.
   - Click on “**Syllabus**” to find a description of the course and current syllabus.
   - Click on “**Assignments**” to find the chapter review sheets and PowerPoints for class lectures for each chapter in unit test. If English is your second language, please email me at wgoss@dcccd.edu to let me know so special arrangements can be made.
   - Click on “**Videos**” to access videos in the course.
   - Click on “**My Grades**” to find your grades for quizzes and assignments.
   - Click on ”**Student Tools**” to find links to helpful tools
   - Click on ”**Help**” to find step-by-step instructions will help you find the information that you need about e-Campus. If you do not have access to the Internet, please go to the Computer Lab in room D229 for assistance. Computer labs are located in room D257.

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