| **PROFESSOR:** | **PHONE NUMBER:** |
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1. **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE, CATALOG DESCRIPTION, CREDITS:**

**PSY 2012 INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY (3 CREDITS)**

This course is designed to give all students an introduction to psychology as a science and an understanding of psychology’s applications to everyday life. The general models and methods psychology uses will be explored as well as the factors which influence human behavior, including physiology, genetics, sensation, perception, learning, memory, cognition, emotions, motives, personality, abnormal behavior, and social interaction.

1. **PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

**CO-REQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

1. **GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:** Topic Outline.

• An overview of the field of psychology

• Psychological research and ethics

• Biology of behavior

• Sensation and perception

• Consciousness

• Learning and memory

• Thinking, language and intelligence

• Development through the lifespan

• Motivation and emotion

• Health and stress

• Personality

• Disorders and therapy

• Social psychology

1. **All courses at Florida SouthWestern State College contribute to the general education program by meeting one or more of the following general education competencies:**

**C**ommunicate clearly in a variety of modes and media.

**R**esearch and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence.

**E**valuate and utilize mathematical principles, technology, scientific and quantitative data.

**A**nalyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.

**T**hink critically about questions to yield meaning and value.

**I**nvestigate and engage in the transdisciplinary applications of research, learning, and knowledge.

**V**isualize and engage the world from different historical, social, religious, and cultural approaches.

**E**ngage meanings of active citizenship in one’s community, nation, and the world.

**A.**  **General Education Competencies and Course Outcomes**

1. Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play an *integral* part in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

*General Education Competency*: **Think**

*Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:*

* Students will systematically evaluate human thought and behavior using psychological principles, theories, and research methods.

**B.** **In accordance with Florida Statute 1007.25 concerning the state’s general education core course requirements, this course meets the general education competencies for *social sciences*.**

* Students will demonstrate the ability to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view.
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.

**C.** **Other Course Objectives/Standards**

* Students will demonstrate an understanding of investigative techniques used by psychologists, and evaluate their relative strengths and limitations.
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of the biological bases of human behavior (e.g., brain structures and functions; physiological bases of sensation, motivation, emotion).
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of the cognitive bases of human behavior (e.g., thinking, memory, perception, intelligence).
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of the developmental aspects of human behavior (e.g., periods and processes of change, learning, language).
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of personal and sociocultural factors that influence individual differences (e.g., personality, social and cultural environments, gender).
* Students will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between mental and physical health (e.g., psychological disorders, health and well-being, therapy).

1. **DISTRICT-WIDE POLICIES:**

**Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the College’s guiding principles, offers students with documented disabilities programs to equalize access to the educational process. Students needing to request an accommodation in this class due to a disability, or who suspect that their academic performance is affected by a disability should contact the Office of Adaptive Services at the nearest campus. The office locations and telephone numbers for the Office of Adaptive Services at each campus can be found at <http://www.fsw.edu/adaptiveservices>.

**REPORTING TITLE IX VIOLATIONS**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act, has established a set of procedures for reporting and investigating Title IX violations including sexual misconduct.  Students who need to report an incident or need to receive support regarding an incident should contact the Equity Officer at [equity@fsw.edu](mailto:equity@fsw.edu).  Incoming students are encouraged to participate in the Sexual Violence Prevention training offered online.  Additional information and resources can be found on the College’s website at <http://www.fsw.edu/sexualassault>.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS:**

List specific course assessments such as class participation, tests, homework assignments, make-up procedures, etc.

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The professor’s specific policy concerning absence. (The College policy on attendance is in the Catalog, and defers to the professor.)

1. **GRADING POLICY:**

Include numerical ranges for letter grades; the following is a range commonly used by many faculty:

| 90 - 100 | = | A |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 80 - 89 | = | B |
| 70 - 79 | = | C |
| 60 - 69 | = | D |
| Below 60 | = | F |

(Note: The “incomplete” grade [“I”] should be given only when unusual circumstances warrant. An “incomplete” is not a substitute for a “D,” “F,” or “W.” Refer to the policy on “incomplete grades.)

1. **REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

(In correct bibliographic format.)

1. **RESERVED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

Other special learning resources.

1. **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

This section includes assignments for each class meeting or unit, along with scheduled Library activities and other scheduled support, including scheduled tests.

1. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CLASS PROCEDURES OR POLICIES:**

(Which would be useful to the students in the class.)