Psychology 3317 (D10)
Applied Psychology
Fall 2017

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Required Text:


APA Style online resources.

Location:

The Blackboard website for this class is located at: http://blackboard.angelo.edu.
This class will be conducted entirely online through the Blackboard site.

Important Note:

To communicate with me by email, please do so from your angelo.edu email account. As per ASU policy, I will not respond to emails from your personal email address.

Course Overview:

The purposes of this course are to: (a) introduce students to the branches of applied psychology and career opportunities, (b) offer guidelines for pursuing baccalaureate-level employment or graduate education, and (c) enhance an understanding of the multitude of ways in which human problems can be explained and solved by concepts in applied psychology.

Course Objectives:

- Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.
- Learning to apply course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions.
- Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.
- Developing skill in expressing myself orally or in writing.

Attendance:

In order to successfully complete an online class, the student must visit the Blackboard course site on a regular basis, and participate in all classroom discussion boards and assignments. All course work has specific due dates available under the Assignment and Classroom Discussion tabs, and on the course calendar. Late submission of any assignment will result in a reduced grade for the assignment, which will continue to reduce over the course of the semester (see Grading Rubric).
Course Grading System:

Acknowledgment & Introduction: 50 pts. = 50 pts.
Weekly Written Assignments: 11 @ 100 pts. = 1,100 pts.
Course Evaluation: 50 pts. = 50 pts.

Total Points = 1,600 pts.

There are no extra credit opportunities for this class.

Grading Rubric:

Final grades will be based on the following scale and there will be no curves or concessions:

A = 90% and above
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 59% and below

Late Assignment Reduction Schedule:

1 week late = 10% penalty after assignment is graded
2 weeks late = 20% penalty after assignment is graded
3 weeks late = 30% penalty after assignment is graded
4 weeks late = 40% penalty after assignment is graded
5 weeks late = 50% penalty after assignment is graded
6 weeks late = unacceptable. Grade = 0.

*In other words, it is very important for you to stay current with your work, and it will be impossible to wait until the last week of class to turn in your assignments and pass this class.

The Academic Honor Code:

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is available on the web at: http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf

Disabilities:

Persons with disabilities which warrant academic accommodations must contact the Office of Student Services (325 942-2191), Room 203-B in the Hardeman Building, in order to request such accommodations prior to their being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
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Tentative Course Calendar

Week 1: Aug. 28 – Sept. 1 Acknowledgment & Introduction - Discussion Board
Week 2: Sept. 4 – 8 Chap. 1: Choosing a Major and Career - Dropbox
Week 3: Sept. 11 - 15 Chap. 2: Clinical and Counseling Psychology - Dropbox
Week 4: Sept. 18 - 22 Chap. 3: School Psychology
Chap. 4: Legal and Forensic Psychology - Dropbox
Week 5: Sept. 25 – 29 Chap. 5: Health Psychology
Chap. 6: Sport Psychology - Dropbox
Week 6: Oct. 2 – 6 Paper: Where Are Your Interests - Dropbox
Week 7: Oct. 9 - 13 Chap. 7: Biopsychology, Cognitive Neuropsychology, and Clinical Neuropsychology - Dropbox
Week 8: Oct. 16 - 20 Chap. 8: Industrial, Organizational, and Human Factors Psychology - Dropbox
Week 9: Oct. 23 - 27 Chap. 9: Experimental, Cognitive, and Quantitative Psychology - Dropbox
Week 10: Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 Chap. 10: Social and Consumer Psychology - Dropbox
Week 11: Nov. 6 - 10 Chap. 11: Developmental Psychology - Dropbox
Week 12: Nov. 13 - 17 Chap. 12: Getting a Job after Graduation - Dropbox
Week 13: Nov. 20 - 24 Thanksgiving Week! No Assignment: Eat & Enjoy!
Week 14: Nov. 27 – Dec. 1 Chap. 13: Graduate-Level Careers in Psychology
Chap. 14: Getting into Graduate School in Psychology - Dropbox
Week 16: Dec. 11 - 15 Catch Up & Study for your other finals!!

*Course Evaluation Assignment - At some point in the last few weeks of the semester, you will receive an email from austin.hobbs@angelo.edu with the course evaluation. Please do not delete this email, as completing the course evaluation is an assignment for this class. You will need to send me an email after completing the course evaluation giving me one of the questions that you answered from the evaluation – NOT how you answered the question, as your answers are confidential, just one of the questions so that I will know to give you credit for the assignment.