Psychology 6303 (D10)
Social Psychology
Spring 2018

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Required Text:


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.

Catalog Description:

A study of the development and modification of human interaction including topics such as social motives, social influence, aggression, attraction, attitudes and group processes.

Course Overview:

The course will include weekly written assignments over chapter material from the textbook, articles, and videos submitted to discussion boards. A written project will be created and assembled over the course of the 8-week course culminating in a final paper. Self-motivation and self-initiation are required for successful online learning. Please pay close attention to the assignment due dates.

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 Assignments: 13 @ 100 pts. = 1,300 pts.
Project Draft: Intro & Lit Review 150 pts. = 150 pts.
Final Project: Discussion & Conclusion: 150 pts. = 150 pts.
Course Evaluation: 50 pts. = 50 pts.

Total Points = 1,700 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.

Academic Dishonesty and 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 contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook." Students will be expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their online classroom experiences as well. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject to disciplinary action and possible expulsion from the program.

You may view the Academic Honor Code at http://www.angelo.edu/forms/pdf/honorcode5.pdf
Tentative Course Calendar

Week 1: January 16 - 19
Acknowledgement & Introduction - Discussion Board

Week 2: January 22 - 26
Background - Discussion Board

Week 3: January 29 – February 2
Basic Processes I - Discussion Board

Week 4: February 5 - 9
Emotional Psychology - Discussion Board

Week 5: February 12 - 16
Basic Processes II - Discussion Board

Week 6: February 19 - 23
Discovering Who I Am - Dropbox

Week 7: February 26 – March 2
Social Relations & Behaviors I; Ideas for Final Project - Discussion Board

Week 8: March 5 - 9
Psychology of Evil - Discussion Board

***** March 12 – 16
Spring Break!!

Week 9: March 19 - 23
Social Relations & Behaviors II - Discussion Board

Week 10: March 26 - 30
Introduction & Literature Review of Final Project - Dropbox

Week 11: April 2 – 6
Prejudice, Stereotyping & Discrimination - Discussion Board

Week 12: April 9 - 13
Social Relations & Behaviors III - Discussion Board

Week 13: April 16 - 20
Connections to Related Fields I - Discussion Board

Week 14: April 23 - 27
Connections to Related Fields II - Discussion Board

Week 15: April 30 – May 4
Discussion & Conclusion of Final Project - Dropbox

Week 16: May 7 – 11
Neuroscience - Discussion Board

*Course Evaluation Assignment - At some point in the last few weeks of the semester, you will receive an email 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.