

PSY 3317 – Applied Psychology – Fall, 2009

Course Syllabus

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Course description: This course will explore the most prominent areas of applied psychology. In addition to more traditional areas such as clinical and counseling psychology, topics will include industrial/organizational, health, the legal system, school, etc. This course also provides you with the information needed to select and pursue a career in psychology or a related field, including the specific steps involved in applying to a graduate program in psychology.

Course Objectives: This course strives to introduce you to many of the diverse areas of applied psychology and possible career choices at the undergraduate and graduate level. Several individuals who have a degree in psychology or a related field and are currently employed in the Tom Green County/San Angelo area will serve as guest speakers. You will be asked to examine your own interest in psychology and take steps toward establishing a career in psychology or a related field. In addition, you will gain knowledge of the specific steps you should take if you wish to pursue a graduate degree in psychology or a related field.

Assignments: All course assignments will be announced in class and posted on the “Announcements” page in **Blackboard** (<http://blackboard.angelo.edu/>). Other important course information can also be accessed online through **Blackboard**.

Class attendance: You are expected to attend all classes. You will lose points by being absent, as many assignments will be completed and turned in while in class and cannot be turned in at another time. **Absences from class will not be excused for any reason, but points lost by missing class can be made up by earning extra credit.**

Course evaluation:

- (1) **20 online quizzes** will be posted on Blackboard, each worth 5 points (100 points; 22% of overall grade). Quizzes will be posted after most classes, and you will have until the next class meeting to complete the quiz. No make-ups will be given on the online quizzes.
- (2) **20 “clicker” quizzes** will be completed in class over the course of the semester, each worth 5 points (100 points total; 22% of total grade). No make-ups will be given on the clicker quizzes.
- (3) **14 homework assignments** (120 points total; 27% of overall grade) will be completed over the course of the semester. These assignments must be typed and will be reviewed in class in advance of their due dates. You will lose two points per day for late homework.
- (4) **35 “minute papers”**, each worth 2 points (70 points; 16% of overall grade), will be completed in class and cannot be made up.
- (5) You will participate in one **group oral presentation** (60 points total; 13% of overall grade). The format for the group presentation will be reviewed in class.

Final grades will be determined as follows:

22 online quizzes, 5 points each.....	100 points
22 “clicker” quizzes, 5 points each.....	100 points
14 homework assignments.....	120 points
35 minute papers, 2 points each.....	70 points
Group oral presentation.....	60 points
	<u>Total = 450 points</u>

You can access your course grade at any time through **Blackboard** (<http://blackboard.angelo.edu>). Click on “Grade Center”, then “My Grade”.

Extra credit opportunities: You may earn extra credit points for participation in volunteer work, research, and other relevant activities. A maximum of 20 extra credit points can be earned during the course of the semester.

Required course materials (available at the ASU Bookstore):

- (1) *Careers in Psychology: Opportunities in a Changing World*
(3rd Edition) (Kuther & Morgan, 2010) (ISBN#978-0-495-60074-9)
- (2) *CPS RF “clicker”* (located next to text in ASU Bookstore)

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 that warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center (942-2193), 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.

Classroom Etiquette: Please be respectful of others in class. When in doubt, apply the golden rule! Please attend class and be on time for class; if possible, inform one of the instructors in advance if you know you will be late or have to leave class early. Please refrain from engaging in “private chats” with your neighbors in class, as this is likely to distract other students. Turn your cell phone off while in class, and do not use your laptop in class unless you discuss your need to do so in advance with Dr. Montgomery. Finally, do not eat or drink in class unless you can do so quietly. Above all, have fun!

***This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of Dr. Montgomery in the event of extenuating circumstances.

