General Psychology Dual Credit
(PSY 2301)
Angelo State Univ/ Frenship High School
Fall 2020, Per. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8  RM 1512  Conference: Period 4/7
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Textbook: *Psychology* by S.K. Ciccarelli and J.N. White, 4th edition. This can be bought (new or used) or rented online (Amazon, Chegg, cheaptextbooks.com, Barnes and Noble, etc.) Do this the first day of class!

General Course Description: This course provides an overview of the main topics in the field of psychology, including theories and empirical findings. As a first course in the discipline of Psychology, it will cover the fundamental concepts such as physiological bases of behavior, learning, memory, consciousness, personality, human development, sense and perception, social psychology, as well as psychological disorders.

Course Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the major core concepts and theories in psychology
2. Understand the methods of psychological research and how it contributes to the body of knowledge in psychology
3. Learn how to think critically about course material presented in class and be able to apply psychological concepts and principals to everyday life

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will work toward achieving the following goals by the end of the semester:

1. Be acquainted with the diversity of subject matter in the field of psychology
2. Gain factual knowledge about the basic theories, concepts and terminology in the field of psychology and be able to apply them to daily life
3. Understand empirical methods used in psychological research and be able to critically analyze their merits and deficiencies
4. Have a greater understanding of cultural factors which influence the behavior and mental processes of individuals
5. Develop skills to more effectively communicate both orally and written as it relates to psychology
6. Be able to think more critically and openly about various psychological issues

Class Expectations:

1. All students are required to participate in class discussions and activities. Your thoughtful participation in class discussions will make this class more interesting and meaningful to you and your classmates.
2. Cell phones are allowed ONLY if instructor says they can be used for a particular activity. Otherwise, all cell phones must be put away at the start of class.
3. Students are expected to respect fellow classmates’ personal beliefs, values and life situations. Insensitivity concerning race, religion, SES, or sexual orientation will not be acceptable in this class.
4. As per Frenship policy, all students will be required to wear a mask/face covering at all times in the classroom unless the student has a medical exemption with proper documentation from a medical doctor.

Academic Honesty Policy: I do not tolerate cheating in any form. If you plagiarize an essay or cheat on an exam once, that assignment will receive a “0”. If you plagiarize or cheat a second time, you will receive an “F” in the course. (See www.plagiarism.org for more information on plagiarism).

SCHOLOGY: All assignments, power points, outlines, quizzes and recordings of class will be posted on Schoology.

Course Grading Criteria:

Exams: 45% (3 exams - 15% each)

Exams will be given once every six weeks. The exams consist of multiple choice questions over the assigned chapters in the text, as well as class notes. There will be information in the text which is not covered in class, as well as information given in class which is not covered in the text. It is extremely important to read your assignments and take good notes in class in order to do well on the exams. Exams will be open notebook, but NOT open textbook. (If you take notes of your reading, you may use these notes on your exam. However, you may NOT make copies of your chapters)

Quizzes: 30% (10 quizzes - 3% each)

Each week, you will have a quiz to complete on Schoology that covers the topic of the unit being covered that week. There will be 10 quizzes over the chapter readings in the Ciccarelli/White text. These quizzes are designed to check that the text has been read/understood and are assigned typically BEFORE we cover the topic in class. (Reading the assignment prior to class will enhance your ability to participate in class discussion). Quizzes will be open at noon on Thursday and will close Wednesday at midnight (the following week), unless otherwise specified. Quizzes may be taken twice within the allotted time period and the highest grade will be entered in grade book.

Assignments/Activities: 25%

There will be assignments provided throughout the semester which will be done in and out of class for an activity grade.

Late Work /Re-take/ Make-up Policy:

Exams: If you know you will be gone for an exam, it is your responsibility to take the exam BEFORE you will leave. If you miss an exam due to an illness, you are responsible for coming in the next day during AP to make up the exam.

JUST LIKE IN COLLEGE, THERE ARE NO RETAKES OF EXAMS! EXAMS ARE WORTH 45% OF YOUR GRADE, SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE GOOD NOTES ON THE READINGS AND GOOD NOTES IN CLASS. YOU MAY USE THEM ON ALL EXAMS!

Quizzes: If you do not take the quiz during the allotted week, you will receive a ZERO for that quiz. However, I will make an exception ONE time during the semester where I will reopen a quiz if you had extenuating circumstances and were unable to take the quiz. (I suggest you not use this early on in the semester unless you absolutely have to!)

Assignments: All assignments will have a due date. However, assignments are part of the learning process, therefore, no late points will be subtracted for submissions less than 1 week late. I would rather you turn in an excellent product a day or two late, than turn in a mediocre product on time because you were rushed. (I will not accept assignments after one week.) You may REDO an assignment ONLY if you turned it in on time and it must be redone within a week of the due date.
Tentative Quiz and Exam Schedule Course Schedule:  Fall 2020

Date  (Quiz opens Thursday @ noon – closes Wednesday @ 11:59 PM)

Thurs. Aug. 20 – Sept. 2          Quiz Chapter 1 - (Science of Psychology)
                                   (This is the only quiz where you have two weeks to take it)

Thurs. Sept. 3 – Wed. Sept 9      Quiz Chapt. 2 - (Biological Perspective)

Thurs. Sept 10 – Wed. Sept 16     Quiz Chapt. 4 - (Consciousness)

**Tues. Sept 22/Wed. 23**         **Exam #1 - Chaps. 1,2, & 4**

Thurs. Sept 24 – Wed, Sept. 30    Quiz Chapt. 5 - (Learning)

Thurs. Oct 8 – Wed. Oct. 14       Quiz  Chapt. 6 - (Memory)

Thurs. Oct. 15 – Wed. Oct. 21     Quiz Chapt. 8 - (Development Across the Lifespan)

**Tues. Oct 27/Wed. Oct. 28**     **Exam #2 - Chaps. 5, 6 & 8**


Thurs., Nov. 5 – Wed. Nov. 11     Quiz  Chapt. 13 - (Theories of Personality)

Thurs., Nov. 12 – Wed. Nov. 18    Quiz  Chapt. 14 – (Psychological Disorders)

**NOVEMBER 23-27**               **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

**Thurs/Fri. Dec 3/4**            **Exam #3 - Chaps.  12, 13, &14**

**Mon., Dec. 7**                  **Angelo State Univ. grades due**

Dec. 7- Dec. 11                    Presentation of Psychological Disorders (included in FHS Grade only)

Thurs. Dec. 17/Fri. Dec. 18       Final exam (Only for those who have lost exemption. This
                                   will not be included in ASU final grade)

*This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change as instructor deems necessary.*