

**Introduction to Psychology (Psyc1),
INTERNET COURSE
Saddleback College, EXAMPLE SYLLABUS
Ticket # XXX**

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Course Description:

This course is a general introduction to the study of psychology. The major learning objective of this course is for students to gain an understanding of the basic principals of, and research approaches related to, a broad range of areas within psychology. The areas/topics that this course will focus on include; historical perspectives in psychology, methods of studying human and animal behavior, biological psychology, sensation and perception, learning, memory, consciousness, development over the lifespan, motivation, social psychology, emotions and health, and abnormal/clinical psychology.

Course Goals and Objectives: By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the various areas of psychology as well as a command of the basic vocabulary in the field in both discussion and writing
- 2) Distinguish among the major theoretical perspectives in psychology and how they are used to describe, predict, understand, or modify human behavior
- 3) Identify and describe how psychological data are gathered, interpreted, and may be susceptible to bias
- 4) Critically evaluate sources of information in the field of psychology, including research articles published in major psychological journals

REQUIRED Text:

“Psychology In Action: **In Modules**,” Author: Huffman

Publisher: Wiley

ISBN: 9780470083635

Edition: 8th

Note: Be sure to purchase the Modules edition.

New or Used is fine, no “access codes” are required from the publisher

Additional Required Readings: Additional research articles and web site links will be made available to on the course Blackboard website for students to read in order to complete the course Writing Assignment described below.

Blackboard Website Usage: This internet-based system will be used for the entire course. It allows for class/faculty interaction and includes; class email lists, discussion boards, announcements, on-line quizzes and exams, grade posting, etc. Your username is your Saddleback College email address (without the @saddleback.edu) given to you at registration and your password is your *email* password. Note; Blackboard will be my only source of reaching you outside of class, therefore you will need to check your Saddleback college email account through MySite (<http://www.saddleback.edu>) or go through this site once in order to *change* your email options and forward email to an account that you regularly check. Blackboard can be accessed socccd.blackboard.com or through the main saddleback webpage under *Students* tab. Check your user accessibility IMMEDIATELY.

Chapter Quizzes: You should read assigned chapter material BEFORE taking the quizzes, as quizzes can only be taken once and will be administered entirely on the internet. There will not be a time limit on the quizzes but they can ONLY be taken once. You will submit your answers through the Blackboard website. They will be due on Wednesdays at midnight (before the day becomes Thursday). See course schedule. All answers will be submitted through Blackboard.

Discussion Board Assignments: Students will be required to submit thoughtful and clear answers to the Discussion questions posted each week. You are also encouraged to answer other students' discussion postings to fulfill this requirement. Postings will be due Wednesdays before midnight (before the day turns to Thursday). Each posting will be graded on a pass/no pass basis based on a) how well it addressed the specific question, b) quality of thoughts expressed. At least one clear paragraph containing all complete sentences is required.

Exams: There will be a total of three exams in this course. Each one will be worth 100 points. Each exam will cover the chapters and course lecture material described on the Course Schedule and will not be cumulative in nature. Exams will include both multiple choice and essay questions. Exams can ONLY BE TAKEN ONCE and will be administered entirely on the internet, with a two hour time limit to complete the exam once it has been started. There is no scheduled exam time during which the exam must be taken, but the due dates are firm. Be sure to prepare by reading and reviewing chapter materials before taking the exams. You will submit your answers through the Blackboard website. Do not click on the Save button or open another browser window while taking your exam, this may kick you off of the Blackboard exam.

Written Assignment: There will be a written assignment posted that requires students to read a research article or to answer questions about how a research study may be conducted. This will be worth 80 point each, and is expected to be typed, 2-3 pages long, and double spaced. Be sure to type your name and section number at the top of the assignment, and to make sure that you turn it in online as directed on the Blackboard website. (DO NOT SEND ASSIGNMENTS VIA EMAIL to the instructor).

Missed Assignment/Exam Policy: Late assignments/exams will not be accepted. Do not wait until the last minute. If you do, technical difficulties will not be an accepted excuse. If you must contact the instructor to inquire about valid medical or other excuses, you are required do so either one week before or one week fter the missed assignment.

Grading Policy:

There are a total of 530 points available to be earned in this class.

Online Chapter Quizzes	= 20% of course points
Exams	= 55% percent of course points
Writing Assignments	= 10% of course points
Discussion Boards Contributions	= 15% of course points

Final letter grades will be based on the percentage of total points earned in the class. The following scale will be used in assigning final letter grades:

90% - 100%	= A
80% - 89%	= B
70% - 79%	= C
60% - 69%	= D
≤ 59%	= F

Academic Dishonesty Policy:

Academic dishonesty in the form of cheating on an exam or plagiarizing the written work of others is considered a *very* serious offense & will not be tolerated in this course. All exams, quizzes, and assignments must be taken by the student who is enrolled in the course. If a student is suspected of or caught cheating on any test or assignment, he/she will receive a grade of zero on that test or assignment and an Academic Dishonesty Report will be filed with the Dean's office to be retained on record. It is very important to avoid putting yourself in the position of even being *suspected* of cheating (working with others on exams or assignments) or plagiarism (i.e., using another's words as if they were your own written words), as very serious consequences may result and remain on your student record.

There are several student support services available to all students through Saddleback College. You are encouraged to take advantage of such resources including:

Learning Assistance Program (LAP) Tutoring Center:

The Learning Assistance Program offers free tutoring for Saddleback College students in most subject areas. The LAP is located in Library 114.

Counseling:

Counselors are available to assist students in the areas of academic advisement, career planning, and personal counseling. For an appointment or for information regarding the availability of drop-in counseling, call 582-4572.

Special Services for Students with Disabilities: This office can be reached at 582-4885.

