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JINAN UNIVERSITY

Principles of Psychology

Lecturer: Dr. Arlene Clachar

Time: Monday through Friday (June 18, 2018-July 20, 2018)

Office hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 60 (50mins each)

Credits: 4

Location: MBA Center

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Overview:

Psychology is the academic discipline concerned with the systematic investigation and understanding of the human mind. This introductory course in psychology is a survey of the multiple aspects of human behavior. The course explores some of the historical, theoretical, and empirical foundations of the discipline of psychology. It also focuses on the foundations of human functioning in such associated with specific areas of the brain, theories of learning, motivation, emotions, stress, mental health, personality, pathology/mental illness, physiological factors, and social influences.

Required Book:

Exploring Psychology. David Myers, 8th ed. Worth Publishers.

ISBN-13: 978-1-4292-3826-7

Myers, D. G. (2012) Exploring Psychology (9th ed.). London, UK: Worth Publishers.

ISBN-13: 978-1464108402

ISBN-10: 1464108404

Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

Grading Policies

Exams: There will be three exams over the five week term. Each exam will be worth 25% of the final grade.

Paper: There will be one short paper assignment (5 pages) which will be worth 15% of the final grade.

Attendance and Participation: The remaining 10% of the student's grade will be determined by regular attendance and participation in class. You are allowed 3 absences maximum for the course before dropping a letter grade. Full and prepared participation is expected. Attendance is mandatory in the class. Respect towards the instructor and classmates are expected. Unjustified absences, disrespectful behavior in the classroom and lack of participation in class will have a negative impact on the final grade.

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Satisfactory	C	70-79
Poor	D	60-69
Fail	E	Below 60

Course Schedule

Week 1

Monday - Introduction to Psychology Chapter 1

Tuesday – Research Methods Chapter 1

Wednesday - Research Methods continued

Thursday - Biology of the Mind Chapter 2

Friday - Biology of the Mind continued

Week 2

Monday – Consciousness Chapter 3

Tuesday – Nature and Nurture Chapter 4

Wednesday – Nature and Nurture continued
Thursday – Cognitive Development Chapter 5
Friday- EXAM I

Week 3

Monday - Sensation and Perception Chapter 6
Tuesday – Language Acquisition and Learning Chapter 7
Wednesday - Memory Chapter 8
Thursday - Thinking, Language and Intelligence Chapter 9
Friday - Motivation Chapter 10

Week 4

Monday – EXAM II
Tuesday - Emotions, Stress and Health Chapter 11
Wednesday – Personality Chapter 12
Thursday – Personality continued
Friday- Paper Due: Class presentations

Week 5

Monday – Psychological Disorders Chapter 13
Tuesday - Psychological Disorders continued
Wednesday - Social Psychology Chapter 15
Thursday - Social Psychology continued
Friday - EXAM III

Academic Honesty

Jinan University defines academic misconduct as any act by a student that misrepresents the students' own academic work or that compromises the academic work of another scholastic misconduct includes (but is not limited to) cheating on assignments or examinations; plagiarizing, i.e. misrepresenting as one's own work any work done by another; submitting the same paper, or substantially similar papers, to meet the requirements of more than one course without the approval and consent of the instructors concerned; sabotaging another's work within these general definitions, however, Instructors determine what constitutes academic misconduct in the courses they teach. Students found guilty of academic misconduct in any portion of the academic work face penalties ranging from lowering of their course grade to awarding a grade of E for the entire course.