

Introduction to Psychology, 203, Section 71, CRN 30109, Fall 2007

Wednesday - 6:05 – 8:45 pm – Room B-17

Instructor Information - Blue Ridge CTC – Room A03, Office Hours: 9:30 am – 10:30 am, Monday through Thursday, Call ahead to make an appointment. Professor; MA Counseling, MS Public Administration, BA History; e-mail: [wlucht@blueridgectc.edu](mailto:wlucht@blueridgectc.edu), (304) 260-4380 X 2203

Textbook - *Psychology, Themes and Variation, 6th Edition*, by Wayne Weiton; Wadsworth Publications.

Course Description - This class is designed to provide a basic overview of methodologies, theories and applications of the science of animal and human behavior.

Course Objectives - To give the student an opportunity to learn and discuss basic psychological principles and to enable the student to examine current thinking about: development, personality, sensation and perception, thinking and intelligence, learning, psychological disorders and treatment.

Program Assessment - The faculty members of Blue Ridge Community & Technical College are dedicated to assuring that each student meets the educational objectives of the program. The educational objectives have been developed and are planned to assure that the program is producing graduates who will be successful in obtaining and maintaining positions in the entry-level business field who will be quality employees. To achieve this goal, the faculty is committed to a systematic and comprehensive process of assessment of student learning. As part of this program assessment, students will from time to time be asked to participate in non-graded assessment activities which may include, but are not limited to, participation in role-playing simulations and completion of standardized written or practical examinations or pre and post graduation surveys.

Academic Integrity – Cheating in all its forms, including plagiarism and cheating on visual work, is considered an academic matter to be controlled and acted upon by the instructor of this course. Students guilty of academic dishonesty on any graded assignments in this course will be penalized with a grade of F in the course. Such action shall be taken by the instructor, with written notification to the Dean of Academic Instructions at Blue Ridge Community & Technical College. Students involved in facilitation academic dishonesty among others, such as the unauthorized dissemination of examination materials, will be subject to disciplinary action as well.

Withdrawal from this course – The last day to withdraw from this course is November 9, 2007.

Attendance Policy – Attendance is mandatory. Make up work will only be allowed for absences beyond your control, such as illness or family emergencies.

Course Evaluation – The course evaluation will consist of a class paper, four or more quizzes, and class participation. The class paper will be due Wednesday, November 7 and will focus on a topic of interest in the field of psychology. Required 8 – 10 pages APA style.

Class paper equals 50 points.

Four quizzes covering lecture, book and discussion equals 30 points. (There may be surprise quizzes and more than four quizzes at the instructor's direction)

Grading Policy – The student's final grade will be based upon the total number of points (300) earned by the student throughout the semester. Final letter grades will be as follows:

90 – 100 = A

80 – 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

60 – 69 = D

Below 60 = F

#### Daily Objectives

Classes begin August 20 and during this week we will review expectations of the course.

August 27- 31: we will discuss Chapter 1 of the text; the Evolution of Psychology. There will be a lecture and group work.

Sept 3 – 7 : We will discuss Chapter 2, the Research Enterprise in Psychology. Lecture, group discussion and quiz during the week. Quiz will cover Chapters I and II.

Sept. 10 – 14: We will discuss Chapter 3, The Biological Bases of Behavior; lecture and group work.

Sept 17 – 21: We will review Chapter 4, Sensation and Perception. Lecture and group work.

Sept 24 – 28: We will review Chapter 5, Variations on Consciousness; Lecture and group work. Quiz on Chapter 3, 4, and 5.

Oct 1 – 5: We will review Chapter 6, Learning; Lecture and group work.

Oct 8 – 12: We will review Chapter 7, Human Memory; Lecture and group work.

Oct 15 -19: We will review Chapter 8, Cognition and Intelligence; Lecture and group work. Quiz on Chapters 6, 7, 8.

Oct 22 – 26: We will review Chapter 9, Motivation and Emotion. Lecture and group work.

Oct 29 – Nov. 1: We will discuss Chapter 10, Human Development Across the Life Span.  
Lecture and group work.

Nov. 5 – 9. **TERM PAPER DUE**

Nov. 12 – 16: We will review Chapters 11 and 12, Personality: Theory, Research and Assessment, and Stress, Coping and Health. Lecture and group work.

Nov. 26 – 30: We will discuss Chapter 13, Psychological Disorders. Lecture and group work.

Dec. 3 – 10: **FINAL QUIZ** on Chapters 9 – 13.