

# PSYCHOLOGY 1050

## SOCIAL AND INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR

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GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course, in combination with its prerequisite (Psych. 1040), is intended to provide a general introductory survey of the field of psychology. Specific topics examined in this course include: psychological testing; various theories of personality; social psychological phenomena such as social roles, attitude change, and the effects of groups upon the individual; behavioral disorders (abnormal psychology); and various types of therapy.

The course is not designed to be a course in applied psychology. Instead, it is intended to familiarize the student with the terminology employed by psychologists, to develop the student's tolerance for ambiguity (e.g., an appreciation for why psychologists disagree), and to develop an understanding of basic psychological concepts and processes.

To facilitate teaching the student what the discipline of psychology is, there will be a greater emphasis upon examining how psychologists "do" or practice psychology.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The successful student should demonstrate an understanding of the relevant concepts, terminology and theoretical assumptions which will be examined. The student should also be able to demonstrate a basic familiarity with, and an understanding of, the relevant experimental procedures and the results of our more significant psychological studies.

**TEXTS.**

1. Psychology, (6th Edition), by Dworetsky, 1997, Brooks/Cole (Publisher).
2. Study guide for Psychology, (6th Edition), by Rees, 1997, Brooks/Cole (Publisher).
3. Taking sides: Clashing views on controversial psychological issues, (10th Edition), by Sliffe, 1998, The Dushkin Group (Publisher).

A tentative timetable for the course is provided below. Various changes in the timetable may be announced in class.

<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>DWORETSKY</u></b>	<b><u>TAKING SIDES</u></b>
Jan. 7 - 14	Chapter 14 (Personality)	
Jan. 19 - 21	Chapter 13 (Intelligence and creativity)	
Jan. 26 - 28	Chapter 18 (Social psychology)	Issue #2, #6
<b><u>FEBRUARY 2</u></b>		
Feb. 4 - 11	Chapter 19 (Gender, attraction, and intimacy)	Issue #15, & #17
Feb. 16 - 18	Appendix A (Industrial/Organizational psychology)	
March 2 - 4	Chapter 15 (Stress, health, and coping)	
<b><u>MARCH 9</u></b>		
March 11 - 30 <sup>1</sup>	Chapter 16 (Abnormal behavior)	Issue #9, #14
April 1 - April 15	Chapter 17 (Therapy)	Issue #1, #12, & #13

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<sup>1</sup>I will be attending a conference from March 15 - 19. There will be no classes during that period.

GRADING SYSTEM

SCALE	TRANSLATION	APPROXIMATE % EQUIVALENT
9		90 - 100
<u>8</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>80 - 89</u>
7		72 - 79
<u>6</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>65 - 71</u>
5		57 - 64
<u>4</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>50 - 56</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>45 - 49</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Failure</u>	<u>26 - 44</u>
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Marks in the course will be weighted as follows:

February 2nd exam	30%
March 9 <sup>th</sup> exam	30%
Third Exam exam <sup>2</sup> (Date announced by the Registrar's office)	30%
Disussion of <u>Taking Sides</u>	<u>10%</u> 100%

Marks for in-class discussion of the issues from Taking sides will be based primarily upon student participation. Grades for each discussion will be assigned as follows:

<u>Quality/involvement</u>	<u>Grade assigned</u>
Excellent/well prepared/good participation	100%
Moderate	85%
Present/unprepared/ inadequate participation	50%
Unexcused absence	0%

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<sup>2</sup>This exam will not be a final exam.

It should be noted that students will be held accountable for lectures delivered in addition to any announcements made in class. If any student is unable to attend a particular class, it will his/her responsibility to find out what was missed.

If it becomes apparent to a student that s/he will be unable to write an exam or attend a class discussion of the assigned readings at a scheduled time, the student should notify the instructor immediately<sup>3</sup>. In the event that the student cannot reach the instructor in person, s/he should leave a message for the instructor on the answering machine (539-2994). If the student is unable to write the third exam at the scheduled time<sup>4</sup>, he/she should notify the instructor immediately and make arrangements to write a deferred exam.

The exam dates listed on this handout are tentative and are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Students should not make plans for travel, holidays, employment, etc., which would interfere with their writing exams during any scheduled class time. As well, students should not make plans that would conflict with their writing the third exam during the times established in the final exam timetable (times to be announced by the Registrar's office).

Since the information recorded on this sheet will be required by the student throughout the semester, I recommend that precautions be taken to insure that it is not lost.

It is essential that students become familiar with the policies described in this course outline.

Students are strongly encouraged to see me after class or in my office (C403) if they are having difficulty in the course or simply wish a further discussion of the material.

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<sup>3</sup>For a student to receive an excused absence from an exam, or in-class discussion of readings, it is essential that the student notify the instructor prior to the time that the exam or discussion exercise is to be held. If the student has been absent from a discussion or exam due to medical reasons, a physician's certificate should be provided to obtain an excused absence for medical reasons on subsequent occasions.

<sup>4</sup>It should be noted that the final examination timetable will be announced by the Registrar's office.