

FALL 2011: Syllabus for Psy100-918

General Psychology: PSY 100

Adjunct Instructor: Prof. Charles Alexander Zorn

Section: 918 Time: T & TH 5:30pm-6:45pm Inwood Campus Room: I-314

Textbook:

King, Laura A. (2010) **Experience Psychology** (1st edition), **New York, N.Y.:**
McGraw-Hill

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Prerequisites: Humans with a desire to be thoughtful and purposeful in their pursuit of knowledge. Those prepared for a whirlwind of knowledge absorption.

Purpose: Explore the history and science of Psychology, in both theory and method, to observe and understand it's application, while striving to become critically thoughtful and scientific in regard to the study of the mind.

Homework: Read, Read, Read: Read and Think (text and brain), Read and Write (notes and paper), Read and Know (rinse and repeat).

Requirements: Requirements are: Attendance, Participation, Communication, Effort and the reading of the entire text. Attendance is based on the University's rule. If you exceed this number your grade may be lowered or a grade of F assigned for the course. Lateness, lack of attendance or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. **Cell phones, beepers and music devices should be off and put away in class.** Sunglasses are also not allowed to be worn in class. Hats may be worn with special permission but never ones with visors, esp. during exams. If you arrive late it should not interfere with the class in any way and it must always be discussed after class with me. Two times late to class will be equal to one absence, unless I determine otherwise when dealt with after class. This policy can change if I feel it is becoming an issue needing different attention. Remember to consistently read, write, listen and learn. Repeat as necessary. Raising your hand and discussions of relevant material helps everyone in class.

Quizzes and Final:

We will strive to have one equally weighted “Quiz” after each chapter, including the Final Exam. The material covered by the Quizzes, including the final is non-cumulative. There is no talking during quizzes except to me. Test questions will be based on assigned readings, and chapter review sections in the text, as well as review materials on the website corresponding to the textbook. The **web site** has a lot of useful review material; be sure to visit it. Extra credit work may be allowed at my discretion but is rare as we have plenty of opportunity and extra credit already. All tests are written anew each semester. Veracity and trust go hand in hand. Help each other learn or ask for help anytime but do not cheat yourselves from true absorption of knowledge. Study groups are encouraged.

Lectures and Discussions:

Since there is a great deal of material to review in an abbreviated amount of time, perhaps 80% of the class time will be lecture and discussion. Student participation and preparation is therefore imperative. The quality of our learning and thoughts rely on education as a social discourse. A thoughtful dialog with yourselves and others should be sought and maintained. Appropriate interaction is required. Additional readings or assignments may be given as the need arises. Opportunities to utilize scholarly journals and apply critical thought to popular and academic psychology publications will be encouraged. BMCC has excellent support services. If you need help finding such additional study help, just ask! I will be as available as possible to students. Feel free to speak to me before or after class. Study groups may meet with me during office hours for additional discussion, query and instruction.

Voluntary Paper Assignment:

The paper will count as another exam and reflects a deeper examination of a topic of interest and be a 6-8 page paper on a psychology topic of your choosing. Use your textbook for ideas, especially later chapters. Confirm your topic with Prof. Zorn. You must hand in a final draft typed and rough draft that is different than the final draft (hand written notes, outlines and reference notes, etc.). It is due by the Final Exam Day. It must be APA style unless Prof. Zorn gives permission for another format.

FALL 2011 Academic Calender

August 22-25	Monday - Thursday	Registration
August 25	Thursday	Last day to drop with 100% tuition refund
August 26	Friday	Classes begin
September 1	Thursday	Last day to drop with 75% tuition refund
September 1	Thursday	Last day to add / change a class
September 3-4	Saturday - Sunday	No classes scheduled
September 5	Monday	Labor Day- COLLEGE CLOSED- NO CLASSES
September 8	Thursday	Last day to drop with 50% tuition refund
September 15	Thursday	Last day to drop with 25% tuition refund
September 15	Thursday	Last day to drop a course so that it does not appear on student's transcript
September 16	Friday	Course withdrawal period begins (A grade of "W" is assigned to students who officially withdraw from a class)
September 23	Friday	Last day to file for January graduation
September 28-30	Wednesday - Friday	No classes scheduled
October 4	Tuesday	Classes follow a Friday schedule
October 7-8	Friday - Saturday	No classes scheduled
October 10	Monday	Columbus Day- COLLEGE CLOSED- NO CLASSES
November 1	Tuesday	Deadline for completion of INC grade from Spring and Summer
November 17	Thursday	Student Faculty Evaluations distributed
November 17	Thursday	Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W"
November 22	Tuesday	Classes follow a Thursday schedule
November 24-27	Thursday - Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess- COLLEGE CLOSED- NO CLASSES
December 11	Sunday	Student Faculty Evaluations due
December 13	Tuesday	Last day of classes
December 14	Wednesday	Reading Day
December 15-22	Thursday - Thursday	Final Examinations
December 24-25	Saturday - Sunday	COLLEGE CLOSED
December 31	Saturday	COLLEGE CLOSED

BMCC Policy Highlights:

Absences:

The maximum number of absence hours is limited to one more hour than the contact hours as indicated in the BMCC college catalog. For example, you may be enrolled in a four hour class that meets four times a week. You are allowed five hours of absence (not five days). In the case of excessive absence, the instructor has the option to lower the grade or assign an F or WU grade.

Class Attendance:

If you do not attend class at least once in the first three weeks of the semester, the instructor is required to assign a grade of *WN.

Lateness:

Classes begin promptly at the times indicated in the Schedule of Classes. Arrival in classes after the scheduled starting time constitutes a lateness. Latecomers may, at the discretion of the instructor, incur an official absence.

Academic Adjustments for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations or academic adjustments for this course must contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. BMCC is committed to providing equal access to all programs and curricula to all students.

Policy on Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's ideas, words, or artistic/scientific/technical work as one's own creation. A student who copies or paraphrases published or on-line material, or another person's research, without properly identifying the source(s) is committing plagiarism.

Plagiarism violates the ethical and academic standards of our college. Students will be held responsible for such violations, even when unintentional. To avoid unintended plagiarism, students should consult with their instructors about when and how to document their sources. The library also has both print and digital guides designed to help students cite sources correctly.

Plagiarism carries a range of penalties commensurate with severity of the infraction. The instructor may, for example, require the work to be redone, reduce the course grade, fail the student in the course, or refer the case to the Faculty-Student Disciplinary Committee (see Article 15.4 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees). Cases referred to that committee could result in suspension or expulsion from the college.

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<http://www.bmcc.cuny.edu/academics/>

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