

SOUTHERN POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY

Syllabus for PSYC 1000-001
ORIENTATION TO PSYCHOLOGY

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

1. Articulate knowledge about strategies and skills for college success.
2. Identify various job and career opportunities associated with an undergraduate degree in Psychology.
3. Interact with each other, with other psychology majors, and with faculty members who are involved in the psychology program.
4. Identify and meet with individuals working in occupations related to psychology.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

This course employs traditional lecture format, guest speakers, discussions, group presentations and written assignments.

INTERVIEW ASSIGNMENT:

Conduct an informational interview and write a brief summary of what you learned from the interview. What were the answers to the questions asked? What did you discover, confirm, or clarify about yourself? Were there any surprises? How might you use this information to guide your future career goals?

The summary should be at least one page doubled spaced typed/word processed, using 12 point font.

CLASSIFIED ADS ASSIGNMENT:

Students will collect two classified ads from newspapers or Web sites that represent jobs that would be appropriate for individuals with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Write a few sentences or a paragraph about why you selected each of the ads that you chose and which liberal arts and/or Psychology major skills are needed for the jobs selected. You are encouraged here to "think outside the box" and identify a variety of jobs that you might not have associated, before you started this course, as being appropriate for Psychology majors. You are welcome to cut out these ads from actual newspapers or to download, print, and cut out these ads from online newspapers and/or job search Web sites. There are several options for the latter; here are just a few examples: monsters®, YAHOO!® hot jobs®, and careerbuilder.com™. While you collect the ads from any newspapers, please know that many newspapers have expanded classified ad sections in their Sunday editions – that is, you might see jobs posted in the Sunday edition that do not appear other days of the week. Please make sure that you put your name on the paper to which you attach the ads.

CLASS PROJECTS/ ASSIGNMENTS:

You will receive these assignments throughout the semester. Assignments will be both individual and group. Assignments/Projects may vary from person to person.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance will be taken. Two (2) absences will be permitted without penalty. Beginning with the third absence, two (2) points will be deducted for each absence from your **FINAL GRADE POINT AVERAGE**. However, absences due to official university business will not count against you. Documentation must be provided.

It is your responsibility to make sure you sign the roll. You CANNOT sign for anyone else. If you do, you will be marked absent. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MATERIAL COVERED OR ASSIGNMENTS GIVEN WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

GRADING:

Class Projects/Assignments	60%
Interview	25%
Classified ads	10%
Class Participation	05%

GENERAL POLICIES:

Academic Dishonesty: Any student found to be cheating or submitting someone else's work as the student's own work (in accordance with Student Life Regulations 1.A.) will receive a minimal punishment of a grade of "F" in this course, with a letter to the registrar stating that the grade was awarded for academic dishonesty.

Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the counselor working with disabilities at (678) 915-7244 as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

Disruptive Behavior will not be tolerated. Students engaging in disruptive behavior, e.g., talking during class, receiving cell phone calls, sleeping in class, entering class late, leaving class early, doing homework for another class, eating in class, etc., **WILL** be penalized. Such behavior is not only distracting to the professor, but also is annoying to your classmates. Should you have a problem or a particular extenuating circumstance, please discuss it with me at your earliest convenience. **Please Note:** Three (3) infractions of being 15 or more minutes late will result in an automatic absence.

Assignments are due on the assigned date during class time. You must have a legitimate and documented excuse if an assignment is late. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Assignments will not be accepted electronically.

Electronic Equipment: The use of any electronic equipment such as cell phones, ipods, etc. is prohibited during class time. Tape recorders/laptops may be used only with the permission of the professor. One (1) point will be deducted from your final GPA for each infraction when electronic equipment goes off during class time.

H1N1 Emergency Plan: If the university suspends classes due to H1N1("Swine Flu"), I will maintain contact (for assignments and further instructions) with the class by way of SPSU email. Make sure you have a campus email account.