

# CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Dual Credit

## PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction course to the ever-changing field of Psychology. It will provide the student with an excellent foundation for further classes in this field. During the course of this semester, the student will discover the many figures that shaped this field and the various theories that are prominent in Psychology. We will look at the biological basis for behaviors and thoughts; we will discuss sensation, perception and genetics in this biological arena as well.

The student will examine the course of development and the many theories associated with this area; we will also look at some theories of learning, cognition and intelligence. This course will look at stress and how it is impacting your life as well as provide some ideas on how to effectively deal with stress. Finally, the semester will end with an in depth look at some of the disorders which are found in the DSM-V.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Lahey, Benjamin B. *Psychology: An introduction* (10th edition). New York, NY: McGraw Hill. (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> will be fine, dependent on what your school has). The text has little variation in the various printings so any of the editions will suffice. This is used as reference points and you will need to read the accompanying chapters that follow along with the lecture material.

### COURSE GRADING SCALE

90-100	=	A
80-89%	=	B
70-79%	=	C
60-69%	=	D
Below 60%	=	F

**EXAMS.** We will have a minimum of two exams...; there may be others but you will know in advance for any long exams however, there may be pop quizzes from time to time.

This is a COLLEGE LEVEL CLASS so you will be expected to be in attendance, be attentive in class, take lecture notes and keep up with the reading , whether chapters are assigned or not....

There will be various projects assigned throughout the course of the semester based on the topic we are covering at the time. These will be discussed in class as assigned.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

**Phones need to be OFF in my class; if I continue to see them out, then they will be turned in to the facilitators at the beginning of each hour, no exception. They are distracting, addicting and unnecessary. OFF, put away where they are NOT VISIBLE.**

You may use Ipads, chromebooks, etc to take notes in class but be advised that these devices are not allowed in class during exams that might be Open notes. So for example on the final, I typically allow open notes, but NO electronic devices including Apple watches or similar devices, no phones, no computers, NO electronic devices are allowed so you will need to print off your notes.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM CMU**

### **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Central Methodist University's policy on academic honesty is attached and will be strictly enforced.

### **ACADEMIC PROPERTY**

All work (original or copy) submitted by the student to satisfy the requirements of the course may be retained at the discretion of the instructor for non-profit and educational purposes. Such work is generally used for assessing the course and providing evidence of student accomplishment for review by accrediting agencies. Any student wishing to prohibit such use of their work may do so by notifying the instructor in writing.

### **NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Central Methodist University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or federally defined disability in its recruitment, admission, and retention of students.

### **INSTRUCTORS POLICIES**

It is expected that YOU will each be responsible for your OWN work and exams; if someone is caught cheating, you will automatically receive a 0 for that project or exam, your principal and your parents will be contacted. Should you cheat on another exam/project, You will receive an F for the class. Unless it is specifically requested I do not give out mid quarter grades; you will receive a quarterly grade and a semester grade which is what will go on your final transcript.

### **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Central Methodist University believes that honesty throughout life is a significant foundation of character and personal integrity. The University's Policy on Academic Honesty applies to all forms of academic work, including but not limited to quizzes and examination, essays and papers, lab reports, oral presentations, surveys, take-home tests, etc. Every student is responsible for understanding this policy. By registering at the university, every student accepts the obligation to abide by this policy. Students are also responsible for understanding the particular policy applications required by each of their instructors and to ask the instructor for clarification of any areas of uncertainty.

Academic honesty requires that each person accept the obligation to be truthful in all academic endeavors. To help members of the community understand the implications of academic honesty; the University provides the following explanation of academic dishonesty.

**Academic dishonesty is any conduct that has either as its intent or its effect (independent of intent) the false representation of a student' s academic performance.**  
Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Cheating in any form (e.g., ghost-written papers, cheat sheets or notes, copying during exams, quizzes or other graded class work, etc.)
2. Collaborating with others on work to be presented contrary to the stated rules of the course
3. Stealing or having unauthorized access to examination or course materials.
4. Falsifying records, or laboratory or other data.
5. Submitting work previously presented in another course without the advance consent of the instructor.
6. **Knowingly and intentionally assisting any other student in any act of academic dishonesty (this includes intentionally allowing any other student to use or submit your academic work or performance, or other academic work supplied by you, under a name different from the author of the work), and**
7. **Plagiarism. Plagiarism is a form of cheating and stealing. It is morally unacceptable as well as against academic policy.** Plagiarism includes but is not limited to: (1) representing as one's own work, a paper, speech, or report written in whole or in part by someone else (from the unaccredited use of significant phrases to the unaccredited use of larger portions of materials), (2) failing to provide appropriate recognition of the sources of borrowed material through the proper use of quotation marks, proper attribution of paraphrases, and proper citations. Paraphrase is the direct use of others' ideas, data, or structures of thought stated in language substantially different from the source upon which they depend, and therefore not requiring quotation marks even though the substance of the material is borrowed. In borrowed material, appropriated recognition of the source must be given.

The University will discipline students for infractions of the Academic Honesty Policy with various sanctions which it deems appropriate, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the University. ***Penalties internal to a course, including grades and expulsion from the course, are at the discretion of the instructor.*** Students can appeal instructor's internal course penalties to the Committee on Academic Standards and Admissions, whose decision is final. Instructors must report all penalties they impose for academic dishonesty, with a brief account of the offense, to the Dean of the University, so that all violations are recorded. For serious or repeated offenses, the Dean may impose further penalties beyond the course penalty. These penalties include but are not limited to notations in the student file, notations on the student transcript, probation, suspension, and expulsion. A decision by the Dean of the University can be appealed to the Faculty Committee on Academic Standards and Admission, whose decision is final.