

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Psychology 101

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Catalog Course Description:

This course is designed as a general introduction to psychology for psychology majors, those with an interest in psychology, or anyone with a desire to further their understanding of human behavior. It provides an overview of the field of psychology, introducing students to the research methods used to advance the science of psychology and the various areas that comprise this diverse discipline. Research and theories are presented, discussed, and evaluated. Topics covered include biological psychology, sensation and perception, lifespan development, learning, memory, motivation and emotion, cognition, personality, psychopathology and social psychology.

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students provided with research findings and theories on a variety of behaviors from major areas of research such as learning and memory, cognition, neuroscience, development, motivation and emotion, psychological disorders and social psychology, will describe and/or evaluate the role that both genetics and environment (nature and nurture) play in the development of different behaviors.
- Students will identify and describe the assumptions and central ideas of the psychoanalytic, biological, behaviorist, humanistic, and cognitive perspectives in psychology.
- Students will compare and contrast the experimental method to other types of inquiry.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

- Instructor will reply to all student e-mails as soon as possible, within 24 to 48 hours.
- Bi-weekly, there will be e-mails from the instructor to the class instructing them about deadlines and other important class issues.
- Bi-weekly, there will be required discussion board posts in which students will answer a discussion

question provided by the instructor and reply to their classmates.

- A discussion board purely dedicated to questions for the instructor which allows students to ask questions which affect the entire class.

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Distance Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.