Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Psychology 112

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Catalog Course Description:
PSY 112 - Lifespan Development - 3 Credits - (Formerly PSY 012)
Advisory: ENGL 035 or ENLA 100 or appropriate assessment; READ 023 or appropriate assessment.
Transfers to: UC (credit limit*), CSU (*Students will receive credit from UC for only one of the following courses: PSY 112 or CD 106)

This course provides an overview of human psychological development across the lifespan. It addresses the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional changes that occur from the prenatal period through death. It explores the development issues of stability vs. change, continuity vs. discontinuity, and nature vs. nurture, and examines the perspectives of major developmental theorists, including Freud, Erickson, and Piaget. It explores current research findings and their applicability to ongoing developmental problems. This course is appropriate for the student seeking to develop a better understanding of the development gains and losses that occur throughout our lives.

Student Learning Outcomes:

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
1) DEMONSTRATE AN ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY THE NATURE-NURTURE DIMENSION IN VARIOUS HUMAN BEHAVIORS THAT DEVELOP OVER THE LIFE-SPAN.
2) IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE THE EFFECT OF NON-NORMATIVE LIFE EVENTS, NORMATIVE HISTORY-GRADED EVENTS, AND NORMATIVE AGE-GRADED EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND IN THE STUDENT’S OWN LIFE.
3) GIVEN RESEARCH FINDINGS AND THEORIES IN PSYCHOLOGY, DESCRIBE AND/OR EVALUATE THE ROLE THAT BOTH GENETICS AND ENVIRONMENT PLAY IN DIFFERENT BEHAVIORS.
4) (PSYCHOLOGY AA DEGREE FOR TRANSFER SLO) -- STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE FEATURES OF LANGUAGE.

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:

The methods for teacher-to-student and student-to-teacher contact include: use of weekly announcements, an introduction of the instructor for the course, called About Your Instructor; provision of a Google phone number that can be used to contract the instructor in an emergency; information provided for optional use of Canvas phone app which is used by the instructor; weekly emails sent to remind students of upcoming reading and assignments due; scheduled weekly online office availability for student email, chat, phone, or video conferences; students are provided with information about on-campus availability; feedback is given within one week on all discussion boards, applied project assignments, quizzes, and exams, including consistent use of the "comment" box located in the Canvas Speed Grader.

The methods for student-to-student contact include: the use of discussion board assignments with clear guidelines for appropriate use; the provision of a Student Lounge with clear guidelines for appropriate use and appropriate and acceptable communication practices; the use of collaboration for applied experience project assignments; the use of peer review for applied experience project assignments; instructor encouragement for group online or face-to-face study groups for exams.

Additional Information:
Expectations for Participation and Withdrawals

As an instructor, I am permitted to initiate a drop or withdrawal for students who are not meeting the course participation requirements. In this course, student participation is assessed by having a consistent weekly presence on Canvas, instructor assessment of weekly time spent on canvas, on-time submission of weekly quizzes and assignments, evidence of engagement in weekly class discussions, and initiating regular contact with your instructor. In the event that the above evidence indicate that a student is not meeting participation requirements for the course, I will first contact them to provide feedback and seek a resolution regarding their insufficient participation. If the lack of participation continues, College policy and professional ethics would require me to drop them from this course.

Please do remember that while an instructor is permitted to Drop a student, it is fully each student's responsibility to drop themselves from any class in which they have enrolled. Carefully check your Rio Hondo College Fall 2019 schedule for specific deadlines, requirements, and due dates.

https://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/important-dates-and-deadlines/

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 orientations can be found at: https://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.

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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.