



COURSE EXPECTATION 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:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Students will identify and describe the assumptions and central ideas of the psychoanalytic, biological, behaviorist, humanistic, and cognitive perspectives in psychology.
- 3) 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](#)

Over the course of the semester there will be regular instructor student contact.

Methods of student contact include:

- 1) At the beginning of each week, the Instructor will email the class to remind students of upcoming deadlines and any class events.
- 2) Instructor will reply to all student emails as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours. If unusual events cause a delay in replying to student emails, the instructor will inform the students in advance or as soon as possible.
- 3) Students have been provided a Google phone number and instructed to text the Instructor at that number for urgent events. Instructor will reply to class Google phone texts as soon as possible, usually before 24 hours have passed.

- 4) Instructor will maintain both class-wide communication and individual communication with students using within Canvas email system.
- 5) Instructor will provide individualized feedback to students about their progress as part of grading and returning weekly homework assignments.
- 6) Weekly Discussion assignments will facilitate regular communication between Instructor and Student and between students.
- 7) Instructor provides Test Review Discussion Board prior to exams.

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 Online 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.

Additional Information:

This is a Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) course. Students are provided with FREE access to an Open Educational Resource (OER) e-textbook. This e-book includes active links to other free, visual, auditory, and written learning resources. The assigned readings from this textbook are embedded into your weekly course Canvas modules. The active-link e-book is also available online from outside of the Canvas environment. For those who prefer to work with a hard copy of the readings, a FREE download of this e-book is available in either pdf or zip formats. To allow for maximal student choice, an optional, low-cost paper copy of the book can be purchased; additional information is provided on the course syllabus. Please contact your instructor if you have any questions about your textbook.