

Psychology Course Info 2017-18

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PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

To put it briefly, we'll be learning about *how* and *why* people do what they do in a very wide variety of areas.

DAILY LESSONS

I will be covering the course material in a variety of ways. The material we cover in class will include the textbook, outside readings (newspaper and magazine articles), and other things that may come up.

The classroom meetings themselves will be in a variety of formats, including lectures, group/partner work, independent work, class discussions, videos, etc.

ASPEN

Grades will be regularly updated on Aspen. It is the **responsibility** of all students to check grades on Aspen **frequently**.

GRADING

Grading is on a point system, with your grade being equal to points earned out of the total possible. Assignments are generally worth the following

Tests	100 points
Quizzes.....	20-40 points
Homework/Classwork.....	10-50 points

TESTS

Our tests will be based on the textbook, class notes, outside readings, videos, etc.

Tests are generally at the end of each chapter. Normally, we'll have roughly 2-3 tests per quarter. I will always give plenty of notice before a test.

IF YOU MISS A TEST, YOU MUST MAKE IT UP ON THE DAY YOU RETURN TO CLASS.

HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK

Homework and classwork assignments **must be submitted on time** to receive full credit. If you miss class, it is **your responsibility** to see me about any work you missed. **Feel free to email me to find out what you missed!**

- ✓ **Students will receive ½ credit for assignments that are turned in late.**
- ✓ **Once a test has been given for a unit, late work will no longer be accepted.**

QUIZZES

Normally, we will have several quizzes each term based on what you do in class and for homework.

EXTRA CREDIT

My expectation is that you will do your best at all times. I do NOT do extra credit assignments, so please don't ask.

FINAL EXAM

All Psychology students, **including seniors**, will have a final exam at the end of the course, in May, on a date to be announced, usually our last double.

The exam will cover the material for the **2nd semester only**.

FOLDERS

All students will have a manila folder that will kept in a plastic crate at the side counter. These folders are for putting your **completed assignments** into. Once I have checked/graded an assignment, it should be promptly **removed** from your folder and kept in your binder.

I expect students to keep their folders free of old, checked assignments. **Folders are NOT to be used for storage!** Folders that are not used properly will be dealt with accordingly.

INTERNET

The website for this course is: doyleqhs.com

Look for the "Psychology" link when you get there. You'll find vocabulary reviews, notes, handouts, links to useful websites, and lots more.

- ✓ **If you miss class, you are expected to get the notes from the website.**

Also, everyone must fill out the **Student Info Form** that is on the site. Just click the link that's at the top of every page (or in the menu on phones). This is counted as a quiz grade for the first term.

TOPICS WE'LL BE COVERING

This is a quick list of just some of the things we'll learn about in the class, time permitting:

- What are psychologists and what do they do?
- How does the brain affect behavior?
- Sleep and dreams
- The effects of drugs and alcohol
- The psychology of eating
- Psychological disorders

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS/SNOW DAYS

If we have a **snow day** on the day a **test** is scheduled, the test will be given on the day we **return**.

EXPECTATIONS

- You are expected to treat everyone with respect. That means not talking when others are talking.
- You are expected to do any assigned reading or written homework before coming to class.
- **If you miss class, you are responsible for any notes, content, handouts, and/or other information you missed.**

VERY IMPORTANT

Any student who misses a class, excused or otherwise, is responsible for getting any notes you missed for the class(es) in question!

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QUIZLET

I can't stress enough how helpful it will be for you to use Quizlet for this class. Join my Quizlet group at this link:
<https://quizlet.com/join/3Se95VEJr>

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING TO CLASS EVERY DAY

- A pen or pencil. **DO NOT ASK ME FOR SOMETHING TO WRITE WITH!**
- A 3-ring binder to keep your work in.
- A notebook or paper for your binder.

If you miss class, these are the expectations:

1. Find out what you missed. It is your responsibility to get any work you missed. "I wasn't there" is never an excuse for missing assignments.
2. Get the notes from the website or a classmate

OTHER STUFF

Just some technical details/rules:

- All students must do their own work. Any student(s) found to be copying/cheating will be given a **zero (0)** for the assignment in question.
- If you going to be late for class, **get a pass!**
- **NO PHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are allowed during class, either, unless I give permission

TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS

Period 3

To receive alerts & messages from Mr. Doyle via **text**, just text **@psychqhs3** to **81010**. Your phone number will remain confidential!

To receive messages via **email**, send an email to:
psychqhs3@mail.remind.com (subject can be left blank)

Period 7

To receive alerts & messages from Mr. Doyle via **text**, just text **@psychqhs7** to **81010**. Your phone number will remain confidential!

To receive messages via **email**, send an email to:
psychqhs7@mail.remind.com (subject can be left blank)

For more information, go to remind.com.

NOTE!

Changes may be made to this set of guidelines during the year. You will be told about any changes or additions.

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