

**MARTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**Semester/Year: Spring 2011**

<b>COURSE NUMBER:</b>	PSY 150 (5H1)	<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	Gusiel D. Littleton
<b>COURSE TITLE:</b>	General Psychology	<b>OFFICE NO:</b>	Building 4, Room 8
<b>CREDIT HOURS:</b>	3	<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	NA
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**PROGRAM TITLE:** College Transfer

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course provides an overview of the scientific study of human behavior. Topics include history, methodology, biopsychology, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, cognition, abnormal behavior, personality theory, social psychology, and other relevant topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the science of psychology. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.*

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Demonstrate appropriate mathematical skills required for academic and work- related tasks.
2. Apply principles of sound critical thinking to analyze and solve problems and make logical decisions.
3. Demonstrate effective speaking, writing and reading skills.
4. Demonstrate appropriate technology skills required for academic and work-related tasks.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Apply major research methods in psychology.
2. Recognize, understand, and respect the complexity of sociocultural and international diversity as it relates the human behavior.
3. Demonstrate psychological knowledge, skills and values in various personal and occupational settings.

**LEARNING/TEACHING METHODS:** This course will be taught in a lecture/discussion format. Students are expected to read the chapter to be discussed before coming to class. Students will be assigned outside reading assignments. Students are responsible for all material presented in the class including videos, hand-outs, outside reading assignments etc.

**ASSESSMENTS:**

1. **TESTS:** There will be four tests. Tests will consist of multiple choice questions. Tests will cover all assigned readings including outside reading assignments, videos and discussions in the class. The tests must be taken on scheduled time period. To be considered for a make up test, you must provide a legitimate documentation (doctor's note, court papers etc.). You must make up the test within one week.

2. HOMWORK ASSIGNMENTS, DISCUSSION BOARDS AND QUIZZES: There will be a quiz for every chapter that will be covered. Quizzes will consist of 10 multiple choice and short answer questions. Quizzes will be posted on blackboard. If you don't take the quizzes by the due dates, you will get a zero. In some chapters there will be outside reading assignments and written homework assignments related to these materials. Homework assignments must be **typed** and turned in on **due dates**. Ten points will be taken for each late day.

For every chapter covered, there will be discussion board assignments on Blackboard which also require outside readings. You must complete discussion board assignments by due dates

The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

3. FINAL EXAM: The final exam will be comprehensive and it will be optional. If you take the final exam, Your lowest test grade will be dropped.

**GRADING POLICY:**

Total	100%
Outside reading assignments, discussion boards	5%
Quizzes	15%
Test 1	20%
Test 2	20%
Test 3	20%
Test 4	20%
Final Exam (optional)	20%

Grading Scale:

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F Under 60

**REQUIRED RESOURCES:** Rathus, S. (2008). *Psychology-concepts and connections*. (9<sup>th</sup> edition). Canada: Thomson.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Students must be present at least one class during first ten percent(10%) of the course in order to be considered enrolled in the class. If a student has not attended at least one class by the ten percent census date, the instructor will administratively withdraw the student. According to Martin Community College Attendance Policy, you must attend class 85% of the time. If you miss more than 5 hours of class or 4 contiguous hours without providing written documentation (doctor's note, etc.) and verifiable contact with me, you will be given a "WF" which is calculated as "F" in student's GPA.

Three times tardiness equals one hour's absence. A grace period of 5 minutes would be allowed for tardiness. If you need to leave the class early, you need to let me know before the class. If you are not present 75% of the class period, you will be considered absent. A seating chart will be prepared in order to take role.

Attendance will be taken at seated class sessions.

**\*In compliance with G.S. 115D-5, MCC policy permits a student to be excused, with the opportunity to make-up any test or other missed work, a minimum of two excused absences per academic year for religious observances required by the student’s faith. The policy limits the excused absences to a maximum of two days per academic year.**

Students who wish to be excused for a Religious Observance required by their faith must complete and submit a request form to the instructor(s) prior to the census date of each class. The *Request for Excused Absences for Religious Observances* form can be picked up from Student Services. This does not supersede the college-wide attendance policy as outlined in the college catalog or syllabus, with the exception of a reasonable accommodation for the make-up of missed course work.

**COURSE POLICIES:** Students are expected to behave appropriately in the classroom. If you wish to read, sleep, or talk, please leave the classroom. The consequence of engaging in these behaviors will be losing one point in your test. Turn off your cell phone before entering the classroom. If you are caught text messaging in the class, you will be asked to leave the class and you will be counted absent. Due to campus policy, no children are allowed in the classroom. Anyone caught cheating on an exam, quiz, or an assignment, or engaging in plagiarism will receive a zero and be subjected to disciplinary action.

**COURSE OUTLINE:** Please note that this is a tentative outline of instruction. It is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DATES (weeks)</b>
Chapter 1	What is Psychology?	Jan. 5 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter 11	Personality	Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>

**Test 1- Chapters 1 and 11**

Chapter 2	Biology and Psychology	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter 3	The Voyage through Life Span	Feb. 21, 28 <sup>th</sup> & March 7 <sup>th</sup>

**Test 2- Chapters 2 and 3**

Chapter 6	Learning	March 14 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter 7	Memory	March 21 <sup>st</sup>

**Test 3- Chapter 6 and 7**

Chapter 14	Psychological Disorders	March 28, April 4, 11 <sup>th</sup>
Chapter 16	Social Psychology	April 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>

**Test 4- Chapter 14 and 16**

**Final Exam- Will be announced**

**Last Day to Drop without Penalty – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**CONTACT:**

If you cannot reach your instructor, you may contact Dr. Phyllis Broughton, Dean of Academic Affairs and Student Services at (252)789-0246 or (252)789-0247 by phone, [pbroughton@martincc.edu](mailto:pbroughton@martincc.edu) by e-mail, or in person at her office in Building 2, Room 33.

**To access the Martin Community College Career Catalog for policies and curriculum requirements, please go online to [www.martincc.edu](http://www.martincc.edu).**

*If you have a need for a disability-related accommodation, please notify the Student Services counselor at (252) 789 0293.*