Psychology 200-702

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Office & Office Hours  
- For fall 2021, by Zoom (https://siue.zoom.us/j/95266603677) each Thurs. from 8:15 – 9:15 or by appointment

Required Texts  
- Other assigned readings will be posted on Blackboard

Course Description  
This course is designed to provide you with information and skills that will help you select and succeed in a career in psychology.

Course Objectives  
By successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

1. Better understand SIUE’s career-boosting opportunities and psychology curriculum.
2. Demonstrate increased knowledge about subfields of psychology.
3. Understand how to find information about and otherwise prepare for graduate study.
4. Understand how to find information about and otherwise prepare for job searching.
5. Better understand your vocational interests and skills.
6. More skillfully locate and use resources for career information and job searching.

Expectations & Policies  
1. Attend class (via Blackboard in 2021) and ask questions to clarify your understanding.
2. Carefully follow instructions posted on Blackboard.
3. Check Blackboard and your SIUE email for course-related announcements and instructions.
4. Make-up exams and quizzes when necessary on designated make-up days, as described on Blackboard.
5. Show respect for your classmates during discussions. As college students I expect you to be open to a variety of viewpoints and opinions, including those with which you disagree. To disagree politely with someone in the class, follow the professional advice at https://www.speakconfidentenglish.com/disagree-in-english/.
6. Comply with the COVID-19-related policies at the end of this syllabus.

ACCESS Instructions  
Students needing accommodations because of a medical diagnosis or major life impairment will need to register with Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS) and complete an intake process before accommodations will be given. Students who believe they have a diagnosis, but do not have documentation, should contact ACCESS for assistance and/or appropriate referral. The ACCESS office is located in the Student Success Center, Room 1203. You can also reach the office by emailing myaccess@siue.edu or by calling 618-650-3726. If you feel you would need additional help in the event of an emergency situation, please notify your instructor to be shown the evacuation route and discuss specific needs for assistance.

Psychology Department Policy on  
As a student in this course, you will be expected to display university-level writing, which includes completing course assignments that meet the following basic writing criteria. Specifically, all written assignments completed for this course should include:
Student Writing

- clear transitions from sentence to sentence and idea to idea (e.g., paper is organized/flows well);
- verb tense consistency;
- clear and unambiguous sentences and ideas;
- writing that is free of typos, spelling errors, and major grammatical errors;
- properly formatted citations and references (if relevant).

This is by no means an exhaustive list of basic writing skills, but will give you an idea of what we are looking for in our papers. If you feel you need help with your writing, you are encouraged to seek assistance from the writing center on campus (https://www.siue.edu/lss/writing/index.shtml) or utilize one of the many online resources they have identified to help students (https://www.siue.edu/lss/writing/resources.shtml). If your graded written assignments fail to meet the basic writing requirements listed above (and any others found to be appropriate by your instructor), the instructor will stop the grading process and return the paper to you (see below for the specific policy for this class).

In this class, the penalty for unacceptable writing is a zero on the submitted paper, with just one opportunity to start over with an entirely new paper (for full-credit) that is due within five days of the professor’s notification that you received a zero on the paper.

Psychology Department Policy on Plagiarism

Plagiarism includes presenting someone else’s words without quotation marks (even if you cite the source), presenting someone else’s ideas without citing that source, or presenting one’s own previous work as though it were new. When paraphrasing from another source or your own work, at the very least, the student should change the wording, sentence syntax, and order of ideas presented in the paper. Additionally, you should not submit a paper, or parts of a paper, written to fulfill the requirements of one class for the requirements in another class without prior approval of the current instructor and appropriate citation. Ideally, the student will integrate ideas from multiple sources while providing critical commentary on the topic in a way that clearly identifies whether words and ideas are those of the student or are from another source. Plagiarism is one type of academic misconduct described in SIUE’s Student Academic Code (http://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml). University policy states that “Normally a student who plagiarizes shall receive a grade of F in the course in which the act occurs. The offense shall also be reported to the Provost.” (http://www.siue.edu/policies/1i6.shtml). The University policy discusses additional academic sanctions including suspension and expulsion from the University. To insure that you understand how to avoid plagiarism, we encourage you to review the information on plagiarism provided on the Department of Psychology web page at http://www.siue.edu/education/psychology/plagiarism.shtml.

Psychology Department Policy on Incomplete Grades and Withdrawal

All withdrawals must be completed by the end of the 13th week of classes during fall and spring, and by a similarly late date (i.e., before 82% of class meetings have occurred) in any summer term. Grades that apply to students who initiate a withdrawal and grades that apply when a student fails to officially withdraw within established deadlines are determined by university policy (see http://www.siue.edu/policies/1j1.shtml).

The granting of a grade of I (Incomplete) is not automatic. It is available only in cases when a student has completed most of the work required for a class but is prevented by a medical or similar emergency from completing a small portion of the coursework before the deadline for grade submission. An I must be approved by the instructor with appropriate documentation provided by the student. If an instructor agrees to give a student an I, the instructor will fill out a Memorandum of Incomplete Grade to be kept with the student’s records. If the work is not completed by the time specified on the Memorandum, the student’s grade will be changed
from I to F.

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<td>• Exam #3 (WK 16): 60 points (this is the final exam; each question is worth 2 points)</td>
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Assignments will be described in greater detail on Blackboard before they are due.

*Normally, the penalty for submitting an assignment after the class meeting in which it is due is a 25% grade reduction for each solar day the assignment is late. For example, turning in an assignment 11 minutes after the class in which it was due ends will result in a 25% grade reduction; turning it in 27 hours later would result in a 50% grade reduction. But in this class during 2021, there are stated make-up days on Blackboard for assignments, quizzes, tests, and papers not submitted by the deadline. Should you fail to submit graded work by the deadline or the make-up day, you will get a zero on that graded work.

The letter-grade thresholds will be at the X0.00% mark in this course, as usual. For example, to receive an “A” your percentage must be 90.00% or higher. To receive an F, your percentage must be below 60.00%.

**Tentative Class Schedule**

Carefully read what’s posted on Blackboard so you miss no required learning material.

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| Week 3 (starts) | Psychology as a Major, the SIUE Psychology Web Site, and APA Style |
9/6) Please visit the Coursework Week 3 area on Blackboard for detailed instructions about readings, videos, and a worksheet

Week 4 (starts 9/13) SIUE Psychology Major Opportunities
• Please visit the Coursework Week 4 area on Blackboard for… you get the idea, right?

Week 5 (starts 9/20)

Week 6 (starts 9/27) Clinical and Counseling Psychology; Neuropsychology
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 6 area

Week 7 (starts 10/4) School, Educational, and Forensic Psychology
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 7 area

Week 8 (starts 10/11) Performance Psychologies: Industrial/Organizational, Exercise and Sport, and Health
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 8 area

Week 9 (starts 10/18) “Experimental” Psychologies: Biological, Cognitive, Developmental, and Social-personality
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 9 area
• Did you notice what it says about the term paper and when it is due?

Week 10 (starts 10/25)

Week 11 (starts 11/1) Academic Careers
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 11 area
• For Fall 2021, SIUE has declared October 14th a “Reading Day”
  o Per the SIUE provost, a Reading Day is not “a vacation day or cancellation, but a moment for catching up, review or preparation” (7/27/21 email)
  o So you are encouraged to complete this week’s quiz before Thursday

Week 12 (starts 11/8) Applying to Psychology Graduate Programs
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 12 area

Week 13 (starts 11/15) Graduate Programs and Careers in Related Fields: Marketing research, social work, public health, college student personnel administration, MBA vs. MPA
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 13 area

Week of 11/22 NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 14 (starts 11/29) Job Market Preparation
• Please follow all instructions (including the term paper submission instructions) in the Coursework Week 14 area

Week 15 (starts 12/6) Financial independence and retirement planning
• Please follow all instructions in the Coursework Week 15 area

12/14 or a designated make-up day

EXAM #3
COVID-19 Pandemic Policies Related to Classroom Instruction (Fall 2021)

**Health and Safety**

The measures outlined below are **required** and any student who does not comply may be in violation of the COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy, as well as the University’s Student Code of Conduct.

The full text of the COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy can be found here: [https://www.siue.edu/policies/Covid.shtml](https://www.siue.edu/policies/Covid.shtml)

**Classrooms, Labs, Studios, and Other Academic Spaces**

While in the classroom, lab, studio, or other academic spaces, students (regardless of vaccination status) shall wear face coverings that fully cover the nose and mouth and practice physical distancing measures to the extent practicable based on the specific classroom capacity and pedagogy. Classroom furniture should not be rearranged, and furniture that has been taped off or covered should not be used.

Students who forget to wear a face covering will be reminded of their obligation to comply with SIUE’s COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy and temporarily asked to leave the class until they are able to conform to the policy. Students who forget or lose their face coverings may be able to obtain replacements from a friend, a faculty member, or a nearby departmental office. Face coverings are also available for purchase in the Cougar Store (MUC).

Students who refuse to wear a face covering will be asked to leave the classroom and referred to the Dean of Students for non-compliance with community health and safety protocols. Repeated non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions, including the student being administratively dropped from an on-ground/face-to-face course or courses without refund if no alternative course format is available.

If a student has a documented health condition which makes wearing a face covering medically intolerable, that student should contact ACCESS to explore options with the understanding that ACCESS will not grant accommodations which excuse the need for a face covering while on campus or in the classroom. ACCESS will work with qualifying individuals to find reasonable alternatives, whenever such solutions are available. Please call or contact the ACCESS Office via email to schedule an online appointment to discuss potential alternatives.

**General Health Measures**

At all times, students should engage in recommended health and safety measures, which include:

- Conducting a daily health assessment. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, but not yet tested positive, have had COVID-19 close contact exposure, or are COVID-19 diagnosed as presumptive or confirmed positive, stay home and contact your health provider or SIUE Health Service at cougarcare@siue.edu or 618-650-2842. More information on reporting procedures is available here.
- Frequent washing or disinfecting of hands.
- Physical distancing.
- Face masks or face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required in indoor public spaces regardless of the ability to maintain physical distance. Indoor public spaces include common spaces or community settings that anyone can access, such as reception areas with walk-in access, restrooms, hallways, classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, as well as common spaces in residence halls, conference rooms, lobbies, and break rooms.
- If present, adhere to directional signs and traffic flow patterns in buildings and offices. In many spaces, doors for entering and exiting buildings are designated.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are reminded that the expectations and academic standards outlined in the Student Academic Code (3C2) apply to all courses, field experiences and educational experiences at the University, regardless of modality or location. The full text of the policy can be found here: [https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml](https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml).
**Recordings of Class Content**

Faculty recordings of lectures and/or other course materials are meant to facilitate student learning and to help facilitate a student catching up who has missed class due to illness or quarantine. As such, students are reminded that the recording, as well as replicating or sharing of any course content and/or course materials without the express permission of the instructor of record, is not permitted, and may be considered a violation of the University’s Student Conduct Code (3C1), linked here: [https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml](https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml).

**Potential for Changes in Course Schedule or Modality**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, there remains a possibility that planned classroom activities will need to be adjusted. Depending on circumstances and following state-issued recommendations, potential changes include changes in course modality (e.g., transition from face-to-face to online) or in course scheduled meetings. These changes would be implemented to ensure the successful completion of the course. In these cases, students will be provided with an addendum to the class syllabus that will supersede the original version.