



ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION

Fall 2009 Semester

COURSE: PSYCH 151 L1

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General Psychology

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There are many benefits of online courses at MCCC:

- Less restrictive scheduling
- Convenience
- Intensive self-study
- Course materials are accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week

Some students struggle in an online format. Other students excel. Students who excel in an online format are:

- Highly self-motivated
- Have strong computer skills
- Possess good time management skills
- Know how to study independently
- Possess good communication skills

Online classes at MCCC are NOT self-paced. Instruction is delivered in an entirely web-based format. Students must complete exams, assignments, etc. by specified due dates. Some exams and assignments may be required to be completed at an authorized location as established by the instructor.

When taking an online class students are responsible for:

- A reliable computer with Internet access and Microsoft Word; course specific software will be described below
- Knowing how to email attachments
- Maintaining their own computer and Internet connection; technical issues are NOT acceptable excuses for not keeping up with due dates

It is also the student's responsibility to log into Blackboard on a regular basis. It is essential to log into Blackboard regularly to keep up with communication and assignments.

Blackboard

Online courses use Blackboard course management system as the means of communication between the students and the instructor.

It is the student's responsibility to be able to log into Blackboard and maintain their computer setup to work properly with Blackboard.

The Blackboard Login can be found on the College's webpage, www.monroecc.edu. Information on student usernames and passwords can be found on the Student Support tab on the Blackboard site.

Blackboard courses are made available to students on the day the course begins. Please see the Start Date below.

MCCC Student Email

Online students are required to use their MCCC sponsored student email address. Information on the MCCC student email can be found on the Student Support tab on the Blackboard site.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>Subject matter begins with an introduction to the major models of human behavior along with appropriate research methodology, including applied statistics. The operational framework is then applied to the following topics: physiological processes, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, emotion, stress, development (life span), personality, adjustment, mental health and therapeutic techniques, personal growth and social processes. Useful information regarding "real life" application is emphasized throughout the course. It is assumed that, in the majority of cases, this may be the only psychology course the student will experience; as the field of psychology has shifted from theory-based to fact-based, it appears both desirable and possible to expose students to useful information for everyday living while providing a comprehensive coverage of the current major concepts, exploratory models and research procedures inherent in an introductory psychology course.</p> <p>The complete Outline of Instruction can be found at http://www.monroecc.edu/outlines/.</p>
COURSE BEGINS	Thursday, August 27, 2009
COURSE ENDS	Tuesday, December 15, 2009
PREREQUISITE	None
REGISTRATION PROCESS	Students must register for the course through the College's regular registration process.
PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS	None
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PROCTORED EXAMS OR ASSIGNMENTS	<p>Some online classes require students to take exams at authorized, proctored locations. Test proctoring centers are authorized testing locations where a staff person administers a test or assignment. If students are not able to arrange transportation to MCCC's main campus for testing, a proctored test site must be arranged. Students near the MCCC campus can take the test in the Regional Computer Technology Center (RCTC). Additional information on the RCTC can be found at http://www.monroecc.edu/rctc/index.htm. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for proctoring with their instructor. Students should also be aware that some testing sites have service fees, which are the responsibility of the student.</p>
COURSE MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION	<p>Textbook information can be found on the MCCC Bookstore's webpage, http://www.monroecc.edu/bookstore/. Textbook information is posted approximately one month prior to the beginning of the semester. IMPORTANT: Make sure when identifying which course you are enrolled in, you get the materials for the ONLINE version of the course. Online course materials are not necessarily the same materials for the face-to-face class.</p> <p>Please contact the MCCC Bookstore for additional information, 734.384.4140.</p>

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<p>COURSE EXPECTATIONS</p>	<p>The online course has weekly deadlines and online assignments. Students should anticipate reading and writing assignments requiring a minimum of 6 hours per week. You must submit all assignments as Word documents. In addition, you will be expected to participate in discussion boards on various topics throughout the semester. There will be on-line, timed exams.</p>
<p>BLACKBOARD SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS</p>	<p><u>Browser Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, Internet Explorer 8 is not compatible; or Mozilla Firefox 2.0 or higher; or Safari 2.0 or higher • AOL not recommended. If using AOL, please minimize the window and open your web browser in a new window • JavaScript must be enabled • Cookies must be enabled • Java must be enabled <p><u>Software Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Word 2000 or higher is required • Microsoft Office Suite is recommended • Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher <p><u>Other System Requirements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High speed or broadband internet connection recommended; 56K connection is required • Video and sound cards are recommended • CD-ROM drive (minimum 16x speed is suggested)
<p>COURSE SPECIFIC SOFTWARE</p>	<p>Microsoft Word 97 or higher software and experience using Microsoft Word.</p>
<p>WHERE DO STUDENTS START</p>	<p>On Thursday, August 22, 2009, the course will open. On that day, you should log into the class as instructed above. You will find the course syllabus, assignments and further instructions.</p>
<p>OTHER INFORMATION</p>	<p>Willingness to learn Blackboard technology independently.</p> <p>If you have other questions, please email Patrick Wise at pwise@monroeccc.edu.</p>
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