

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: PY 101: General Psychology

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: RD 100, EN 060

Description:

This course is an introduction to the study of behavior including the principles of learning, thinking, and perceiving; emotion, motivation and personality development; and the biological basis of behavior.

Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe the major fields, theoretical perspectives and key concepts within psychology
- Apply psychological principles to everyday life
- Critically evaluate information from a variety of sources using scientific and psychological principles
- Describe sociocultural influences on mental processes, behaviors and interactions

Topical Outline:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Biology and Behavior
- Sensation and Perception
- Consciousness
- Learning
- Memory
- Cognition, Language and Intelligence
- Human Development
- Motivation and Emotion
- Health and Stress
- Personality Theory and Assessment
- Psychological Disorders
- Therapies
- Social Psychology

Text: Wood S., Green-Wood, E., Boyd, D. (2018). *Mastering the World of Psychology* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pearson.

Student Assessment: Assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

#### Tutoring & Project Assist

If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

#### **Before Withdrawing From This Course**

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) **BEFORE** withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.