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**Instructions for Students Enrolled in Psychology 301**

**Fall 2015**

**Welcome! You are about to embark on an exciting journey where you will discover the professional field of psychology. The world of psychology is truly an intriguing one. And, students know it. Do you know that nearly 90,000 bachelor’s degrees will be awarded in psychology this year? Psychology’s popularity is one of the reasons why we have developed this course for you. Just as there is an abundance of reasons why students are interested in psychology, there are just as many settings and career paths a degree in psychology can provide you. But, you’ve got to be informed. You will need to explore what you can do as an undergraduate to maximize your chances to be accepted to graduate programs and find careers with a BA. You will get all of that out of PSY 301, and more!**

**In this course, you will:**

* **Explore the exciting variety of career possibilities for graduates in psychology**
* **Identify your own personal career goals**
* **Develop an informed plan of action to get the most out of your undergraduate studies**
* **Identify work settings and/or graduate study programs to which you are best suited**
* **Discover what skills and experiences you will need to be successful in future jobs & graduate programs**

**Information about the Course:**

* **There are seven sections of PSY 301 – all taught online, using BeachBoard. All students will be using the BeachBoard section called PSY 301 – All Sections. The instructors are L. Maxfield, C. Killian, and M. Sawatzky. The course is team taught by all of us. Students in all sections will have the same assignments, instructions, grading policy, graders, etc.**
* **As soon as possible, and definitely by the end of the first week of the semester, each student must have an email account registered on “MYCSULB” in order to access the course through BeachBoard and to receive course related email.**
* **To access Psychology 301, go to https://bbcsulb.desire2learn.com. You will be asked for your campus ID (printed on your picture ID card) and the password for your account.**
* **You should have access to the 301 course on the first day of classes. On the first day of classes, you should receive an email welcoming you to the course and giving you more information on getting started with PSY 301 during the first week.**
* **There is one required textbook for the course *(Available in the campus bookstore and from amazon.com):***

**J. Helms and D. Rogers (2010). *Majoring in Psychology: Achieving Your Educational and Career.* Wiley-Blackwell.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR FALL 2015: We will still use the FIRST edition of the text, NOT the 2015 second edition!**

* **If you are confused or want more help, you should attend the orientation sessions. *The orientation sessions are not required, but we strongly recommend attending one. Extra credit is given for your attendance.***

**The orientation sessions will be held during the first and second weeks of the semester. Please see schedule on back for dates and times. No reservation is necessary. Please attend one of the orientations at your convenience.**

* **Emails from the 301 instructors will be sent to the email account you have registered on “MY CSULB”. To send messages to the instructors, you should send them to csulbpsy301@gmail.com. It is not possible (in PSY 301) to send messages to the instructors via BeachBoard.**
* **Information about using BeachBoard (procedure for getting readings and assignments, taking quizzes, etc.) is online at http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/academic\_technology/itss/beachboard/index.html**
* **Seven of the assignments are available starting the first week of the semester. Three of these are due by Thursday of Week 2 of the semester (Sept 3rd), so get started ASAP. More assignments, critical to your grade, are due by Thursday of Week 3 (Sept 10). *No late work is accepted, no matter what the excuse*.**
* **Important announcements and updates about 301 will be posted on the *News* section of BeachBoard. Sometimes you may get 301 emails about assignments. Be sure to check BeachBoard and your email at least three times a week—including at least once on Monday or Tuesday. Not reading the News announcements or failing to check your email regularly is not an excuse for missing assignments.**
* **There are two computer labs on campus in the library or the Horn Center for you to use, if you need access to a computer while on campus.**
* **All questions about the *course* should be sent to csulbpsy301@gmail.com. For questions to csulbpsy301@gmail.com, please use the format as described on BeachBoard under Course Procedures. (Questions about Beachmail and BeachBoard should be addressed to helpdesk@csulb.edu). The csulbpsy301@gmail.com email account is checked regularly, Monday through Thursday during the semester.**
* ***Please* *do not send questions about PSY 301 to an individual instructor’s email account.*  *Only messages about PSY 301 sent to* csulbpsy301@gmail.com *will be answered*.**

**Have a good semester!**

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| **Fall 2015 PSY 301 Orientation Schedule** | | | |
| **Day** | **Date** | **Time** | **Room** |
| **Thursday** | **August 27th** | **7:30 – 8:30 pm** | **PSY 150** |
| **Friday** | **August 28th** | **2 – 3 pm** | **PSY 150** |
| **Monday** | **August 31st** | **6 – 7 pm** | **MM 100** |