

## PSYCHOLOGY 1B CLASS REQUIREMENTS

### GRADES

Grades in this class are based on straight percentage of cumulative points for the whole semester. Every assignment you receive back will indicate your points out of the total points possible so you can keep track of your own progress. Grades are updated online every week; go to <http://www.cybersisman.com/grades> to check your progress. Any questions regarding assignments need to be cleared up at the time the grade reports are posted. Extra credit work will be given at certain times throughout the semester for the entire class, not for individual students.

### CITIZENSHIP & WORK HABITS

Here's the policy:

- O = outstanding participation, attendance and work in class
- S = satisfactory participation, attendance and work
- N = excessive tardies (4 or more) or excessive single absences, excessive talking, low work quality, several missing assignments and/or little participation in class
- U = those who accumulate 6 or more tardies, 2 or more unexcused absences, 1 or more truants (all per semester), excessive absences, few assignments turned in and/or disruptive behavior in class

### ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments will be given at least one week in advance. You may turn in these assignments at any time up to and including the due date. Assignments turned in before the due date will receive two extra credit points for each assignment. **There will be no late assignments accepted.** Students will not be eligible for extra credit points on assignments after they have accumulated 11 absences, 6 tardies or 5 points in the class. The only assignments required in handwriting and not typed are the chapter vocabulary lists. You may also submit the vocabulary assignments on notecards.

### READING ASSIGNMENTS

Reading assignments from the textbook are given at least a week before they are due to give you time to arrange your busy schedules to complete the assignment. Each reading assignment will comprise half of a chapter. It is recommended that, because of the reading level of the textbook, you plan out your reading over several days. Assignments begun in class, however, may be due in a shorter period of time depending on their length and accompanying work.

### TESTS

Tests have both an objective and subjective component, and are given by chapter. There is one midterm examination covering Units 1-5. Tests are usually announced well before they're given and are worth 50 points. The midterm examination will be worth 100 points.

In testing situations there is absolutely NO TALKING until the last test is turned in. Talking or other disruptive behavior constitutes cheating and will result in a zero on your test. The philosophy is that everyone is entitled to a nice, quiet classroom for as long as they're taking the test.

### QUIZZES

Quizzes may be given at any time, unannounced. Quizzes are usually objective and occur when reading is due. They are worth 10 points each. Each student will have their own Quiz Answer Sheet given to him or her by Mr. Sisman; this will be used for all quizzes taken in class. If a student is absent or arrives to class after a quiz has been handed out to the entire class, they will skip this quiz and have the next quiz grade count double (see make-up quiz policy).

#### MAKE-UP TESTS

If you have an excused absence for a test you will make up a short answer or essay test a few days after your return during class or at lunch (depending on the number of students). Dates and times will be posted on the board. Make-up tests will NOT be given for unexcused or truant absences. If you miss the make-up exam you will receive a 0/50 on that assignment.

#### MAKE-UP QUIZZES

If you have an excused absence for a quiz the next quiz score counts double. If you're absent for the second quiz, the first quiz becomes a zero and the third quiz counts double. *Doubling quizzes will only occur twice so make sure you're here on quiz days.* For unexcused or truant absences the quiz grade will be a zero.

#### EXPERIMENTS

As part of our investigation in Experimental Psychology, you will be completing one 1500-3000 word psychological write-up on a naturalistic observation, a survey OR an experiment conducted during the fourth quarter. You will be able to work in groups of 2-3. These projects will include research on your topic, descriptive statistical analysis (we'll be learning everything you need to know in class), and a formal write-up. The write-up will be worth 200 points and constitutes your final in this class.

#### ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

The usual school policy applies to this class. Letters and calls home to the folks will occur if tardies start to add up. According to district policy a tardy technically occurs when you are not in your seat when the bell rings; **going up to the attendance office to get a readmit during class time can also constitute a tardy and counts as such in this class.** As a junior or senior, you're well aware of when you walk into class late; keep track of your own tardies as Mr. Sisman will not inform you at the time if class has already begun. If you ask students who have had me as a teacher before they'll tell you I closely adhere to the tardy policy.

#### MAKE-UP WORK

It is your responsibility to see me for the work missed while absent. An appropriate amount of time will be given to complete the work. If you have Internet capabilities you can always check homework due dates online at <http://www.cybersisman/homework.html>.

#### MATERIALS TO BRING EVERYDAY

Every day you need to bring paper, pens and pencils. Although it will not be collected, it is recommended that you keep all your work organized in a notebook to study for the midterm exam and final projects. You may leave your textbook at home as there is a class set of books for use at school.

#### PERSONAL BUSINESS

Each student will be given two opportunities to go to their locker or to the bathroom. You will be asked to leave your cellphone on Mr. Sisman's desk when you leave the room.

Make sure you have all your materials, show up to class, be on time and take care in being a responsible student.

#### EXTRA HELP

If you don't understand the course concepts, extra help is available at snack, lunch or after school. Please see me in advance to set up a time for individual help.

#### AP & IB EXAMS

While Psychology 1A and 1B are both college preparatory courses, they also partially prepare students interested in taking the AP exam in psychology. Please let me know at the end of the semester; it is recommended that you take Psychology 1B to receive all the information you'll be tested on the AP exam.

If you are an IB student I will be giving you suggestions throughout the semester to better organize your material for the IB exam in psychology.

Both the AP and IB Exams in Psychology are in May.