

## **PSY111 Fall 2011 Course Overview**

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Official Three Rivers Community College Course Description: This introductory course provides an overview of the theories and research findings pertaining to scientific psychology with an emphasis on: the origins of psychology, theoretical models, research methodology, biological bases of thought and behavior, learning theory, sensation and perception, memory, as well as emotion and motivation.

PSY111 operates completely in a virtual, asynchronous mode. This means there are no physical meetings and communication is anytime- anywhere.

Students work at their own pace, using suggested deadlines to keep on track. Students may begin to work on assignments anytime after the course web site is activated. There is only one absolute deadline for all assignments to be completed --- December 20, 2011 at 11:55 p.m.

Once you arrive at the PsychPortal web site, all e-mail communication occurs at this web site. There is no need to e-mail your Instructor at any other address.

You will want to check My Grades frequently. Activities and quizzes which are completed are scored automatically. Posts are manually scored by your Instructor. As soon as your Instructor reviews and scores a post, you will see the score appear. You will be able to see Course Percent at the top of the My Grade sheet. This calculation, which will automatically update each time a new score is entered on "My Grades", is the basis for your Course Grade (94%+ = A, 90% to 93.99% = A-, 87% to 89.99% = B+, 83% to 86.99% = B, 80% to 82.99% = B-, 77% to 79.99% = C+, 73% to 76.99% = C, 70% to 72.99% = C-, 67% to 69.99% = D+, 63% to 66.99% = D, 60% to 62.99% = D-, 59.99% and below = F). These grade cutoffs exclude extra-credit quizzes – that is, the assumption is that the student has done no extra credit.

The first task all Students must complete appears on Blackboard Vista web site. Students should complete steps 1-4:

1. Getting Started in PSY111
2. Required Software Check
3. Purchase Texts & Activate PsychPortal Code
4. PSY 111 PsychPortal

Purchasing Textbooks and Activating PsychPortal Code - What you need to know! [note - text prices and language on activation codes updated on 05-25-11]

All students are REQUIRED to (1) purchase [or rent - new option at College bookstore!] the Taking Sides paperback text [new Fall 2010] either from the College bookstore or any book seller AND EITHER (2A) purchase the Psychology, 9th Edition in Modules print text from the College bookstore [new Fall 2010], which comes bundled with a 365 day PsychPortal Activation code [new Fall 2010] OR (2B) purchase only the 365 day PsychPortal Activation Code from the College bookstore, OR (2C) purchase only the 365 day PsychPortal Activation code directly from the publisher's web site using a credit card. Please note that (3) the Study Guide to accompany the textbook is OPTIONAL. Details follow below.

PLEASE NOTE: All students are REQUIRED to purchase the activation code for the PsychPortal either as part of option 2A (the activation code comes bundled at no extra cost with the print text); OR option 2B (purchase activation code at bookstore) or option 2C (purchase activation code through the publisher).

1. TITLE: Taking Sides (Psychological Issues)

\* AUTHOR:Slife

\* EDITION:16th [expanded version]

\* COPYRIGHT YEAR:2011

\* PUBLISHER:McGraw-Hill Contemporary Learning Series

\* ISBN:9780077382872

\* NEW:\$47.50 [If purchased at College bookstore]

\* USED:\$35.75 [If purchased at College bookstore]

\* RENTAL:\$23.16 [last day to return rental without being charged extra 08-17-2011] [Only available at College bookstore]

2A. AND EITHER TITLE: Psychology In Modules bundled with the 365 day PsychPortal Activation Code from the Three Rivers Bookstore [PLEASE NOTE - If you wish to purchase the text bundled with the activation card, this package is only available from the college bookstore. The PsychPortal Activation code is REQUIRED. The PsychPortal contains all information and assignments necessary to complete this course, as well as a complete hyperlinked Psychology 9th edition in Modules eBook which your Instructor has customized for PSY111.]

\* AUTHOR:Myers

\* EDITION: 9th [Modules version]

\* COPYRIGHT YEAR:2010

\* PUBLISHER:Worth Publishing Company

\* ISBN:9781429267670

\* NEW:\$153.25

\* USED: \$111.75

\* Click on REGISTER, enter the requested information, then select the proper course: Select Connecticut, then Three Rivers Community College, then General Psychology 1 - Summer 2011 - Susen, Paul

\* Be sure to write down in a safe secure place the user name you create for the PsychPortal (your e-mail address) and the password you create for the PsychPortal as they are required to access the PsychPortal.

2B. OR TITLE: Psychology In Modules (Activation Cards Only) from Three Rivers Bookstore [PLEASE NOTE - If you choose this option, you are purchasing only the 365 day PsychPortal Activation card which provides access to all information and assignments necessary to complete PSY111, as well as a complete hyperlinked Psychology 9th edition in Modules eBook which your Instructor has customized for PSY111 - this option does NOT include the print text].

\* AUTHOR:Myers

\* EDITION: 9th [Modules version]

\* COPYRIGHT YEAR:2010

\* PUBLISHER:Worth Publishing Company

\* ISBN:9781429267663

\* NEW:\$62.75

\* Click on REGISTER, enter the requested information, then select the proper course: Select Connecticut, then Three Rivers Community College, then General Psychology 1 - Summer 2011 - Susen, Paul.

\* Be sure to write down in a safe secure place the user name you create for the PsychPortal (your e-mail address) and the password you create for the PsychPortal as they are required to access the PsychPortal.

2C. OR TITLE: Psychology In Modules (Activation Cards Only) direct from publisher

\* Click to purchase the 365 day PsychPortal Activation Card direct from publisher [\$56.25]

\* Click on PURCHASE, then select the proper course: Select Connecticut, then Three Rivers Community College, then General Psychology 1 - Summer 2011 - Susen, Paul. You will next see the page to purchase the 365-day custom subscription to Dr. Susen's Psychology 9th edition in Modules Portal.

3. OPTIONAL TITLE: Psychology in Modules Study Guide

\* AUTHOR:Myers

\* EDITION:9th

\* COPYRIGHT YEAR:2010

\* PUBLISHER:MPS (Macmillan Publishers)

\* ISBN:9781429233620

\* USED:\$23.75

**Suggested Deadlines for Assignments**

Mod 1-3: September 13

Mod 4-6: September 27

Mod 17-22: October 11

Mod 23-25: October 25

Mod 26-30: November 8

Mod 36-39: November 22

Mod 40-44: December 6

Taking Sides: December 20