

# ASSIGNMENTS for PSY 200

**All work must be completed by August 4, 2010**

**We will be using Psychology: Modules for Active Learning, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., by Dennis Coon and John Mitterer. This text is published by Thomson Publishing.**

**YOUR FIRST ASSIGNMENT** is to go to the Discussion Board at the **Blackboard** site and share with us why you are taking this course. This first assignment is important for two reasons. The first is that we can find out something about each other, and second, we can make sure that we can find and use the blackboard site. **For information about or help with your Germanna email address, SIS, and/or Blackboard, go to:**

Contact us! Email [all@gcc.vccs.edu](mailto:all@gcc.vccs.edu)

Call (540) 891-3077 Hours: M - F: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

or go to <http://www.germanna.edu/dl>

This is the Distance Learning web page for the College. It has lots of useful information for students. I encourage you to check it out.

**We will be covering 10 chapters during the semester.**

**The chapters are:**

Ch 1, Ch 2, Ch 3, Ch 5, Ch 7, Ch 10, Ch 11, Ch 12, Ch 14, Ch 15

**TESTING:** There is a test for every chapter. The tests will consist of twenty five questions and are multiple choice. The tests are on the Course Blackboard site in the Assignments Folder. For more information on testing, go to the web page on testing. Each test is worth 100 points.

After the tests for Ch 1 and 2, you may take the tests in any order as long as you keep up with the number of tests. For example, the deadline for the Ch 7 test is June 29th, it is the 5th test, so as long as you have taken 5 tests by June 29th, they can be taken out of order (as long as you take the Ch 1 and 2 tests first!).

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Germanna Community College requires that each student complete two assignments on campus. I have decided to require students to take two

of the chapter tests on campus (the tests for Ch 10 & 11). (If you do not live within driving distance of the College, other arrangements can be made, please email me.) More information on this requirement will be available at the class meeting at the beginning of the semester.

**PERSONALITY TEST:** In chapter 10, personality theory and personality testing is covered. I have always felt that if students were going to study personality testing that it is important for them to have had the experience of taking a personality test. There are many different types of tests available, but I have selected one that is used in many different settings; work, career counseling, marriage counseling and just for general information. The focus of this test is to measure how normal people score on four different scales. Please note that this test is oriented towards measuring and describing normal behavior. It was not designed to measure any abnormal or problem behavior and it doesn't!! Everyone looks normal on this test - even if you aren't.

Your assignment is to go to the site below - take the test - it doesn't take long - Then post your reaction to the experience on the Discussion Board. This assignment is worth 75 points. For those of you who aren't sure what you'd like to do with the rest of your life, it does give some suggestions if you're interested.

Go to: <http://www.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes1.htm>

**THE EXPERIMENT:** This assignment gives you the opportunity to view the world through the "eyes of a psychologist". Psychologists try never to assume something is true, we do research.

Your assignment is:

1. To think of at least one question - you can do more than one - and it can be on any topic that interests you. It is absolutely your choice what you ask. These questions can range from - "Who will win the super bowl?" (ask fast!) To "Do you believe in the death penalty?" Ask at least 10 people/subjects your question.

2. Write up your results in a page or two. For more information on this, go to the EXPERIMENT web page where you will see the format explained and an example written by a student. You should follow the format exactly. Then you will need to post your results to the forum page on Blackboard. Do not post as an attachment.

This is probably the single most important assignment this semester. Please take this into consideration as you submit your work. It does not have to effect the question that you ask, but it should effect the type of work that you submit. Do not submit this assignment as an attachment. This assignment is worth 250 points.

**DEADLINES:** The deadlines for this course must be met. The deadlines for assignments are as follows:

Date to be completed by	Assignment	Possible Number of Points
5/29/10	Introducing Yourself on Blackboard	25
6/1/10	TEST Ch 1	100
6/8/10	TEST Ch 2	100
6/15/10	TEST Ch 3	100
6/22/10	TEST Ch 5	100
6/29/10	TEST Ch 7	100
7/6/10	TEST Ch10 (Must be taken on campus)	100
7/13/10	TEST Ch 11 (Must be taken on campus)	100
7/20/10	TEST Ch 12	100
7/27/10	TEST Ch 14	100
8/3/10	TEST Ch 15	100
7/6/10	Personality Test	75
7/23/10	Experiment	250
	TOTAL	1350

\*\*\*Remember that Chapters 10 and 11 must be taken on campus in the Testing Center. Don't wait too long, **take them towards the beginning of the semester.**

I reserve the right to withdraw students who don't meet these deadlines or who haven't contacted me.

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## TO RECAP REQUIREMENTS

Introducing Yourself on Blackboard	25
10 TESTS @ 100 points each	100
Personality Test	75
Experiment	250
Total Points	1350

## GRADING:

A	1215 - 1350	90% - 100%
B	1080 - 1214	80% - 89%
C	945 - 1079	70% - 79%
D	810 - 944	60% - 69%

**A grade will not be submitted until all work is completed. All work must be submitted over the internet.**