

PSY 470

Good morning and welcome to PSY 470 - the Senior Seminar in Psychology. As this is one of the final classes in the Psychology course of study, I assume you're close to graduation. Congratulations.

In this course, we'll take the opportunity for you to take what you have learned in your other psychology courses and integrate those concepts before graduating. by focusing on current topics in the field of psychology such as Positive Psychology, Peace Psychology, and Cultural Psychology. We'll emphasize ethical behavior and how you can use your Psychology degree to have a positive impact on the world.

Rather than utilize the usual format of discussions, we'll use a format of mini papers each week. One on a specific topic I'll assign and one a critique or reflection on a *scholarly* article or piece of scholarly research on a topic of your choice. Each paper should be between 400 and 600 words. I have attached a rubric for the Critiques in the first week's Critique assignment. And in the Announcement section. I will comment on both of your weekly papers.

Everything should be written in APA format. I'm sure you have a favorite resource for APA questions at this point in your degree. If you wish another, my favorite is at the Purdue Online Writing Lab at https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

If you would like to discuss any of the above or anything else, shoot me an email and we'll set up a telephone (516-384-3721) or Zoom appointment. I've scheduled Zoom Office Hours for Tuesday night 3/16 and we'll meet on Zoom twice during the session to discuss your work with each other. Although school is closed on 4/1 and 4/2 that week will remain an open week for us.

Finally, this remains a stressful time for everyone as we go through this (hopefully) last stage of the Pandemic. If you get overwhelmed or stuck – reach out to me. We'll work out what we have to.

Let's go :-)

Common Student Learning Outcome for Liberal Education Courses

COMPETENCY AREA COMMON OUTCOME Writing WR Students will prepare arguments for specific audiences and occasions.

EMPIRICAL REASONING ER Students will use appropriate methods for gathering, analyzing and interpreting data.

ETHICAL REASONING ETH Students will justify their moral beliefs when solving a moral problem on their own.

CRITICAL THINKING CTC Students will analyze and interpret the complexity of elements of society and culture in relation to their history, values, politics, communication styles, economy, or beliefs and practices.

PROFESSIONAL READINESS PR Students will develop professional competencies to enhance their success in college and in the workplace.

William Peace University Non-discrimination Policy

William Peace University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, age, disability or veteran's status in the recruitment and admission of any student. This nondiscriminatory policy also applies to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the university and to the administrators, faculty and staff and to the administration of educational policies.

Plagiarism policy (from student handbook):

Plagiarism is theft; it is the *deliberate or accidental* use of a source's words, interpretation, or information *without properly quoting or paraphrasing and acknowledging that use*.

In both the professional world and the academic world, plagiarism is punished. In the professional world, charges of plagiarism, when proven, carry potentially enormous financial penalties. In the academic world, universities and colleges punish plagiarism with varying degrees of severity, with the penalties ranging all the way from expulsion from the school, to automatic 'F' in the course, down to automatic 'F' on the particular project or paper.

There are only two ways to avoid plagiarism:

1. **Quote and Citation**: Use the source's exact words, place quotation marks at the beginning and end of them, and insert a citation immediately at the end of the quotation according to the standards of the discipline.
2. **Paraphrase and Citation**: Transform (paraphrase) the source's words and information entirely into your own style of writing, and insert a citation at the end of this paraphrase. If what you write still echoes the source's words and style, you have plagiarized. If you fail to insert a citation, you have plagiarized.

Honor Code

All students in this class will be held to the William Peace University Honor code. The William Peace University Honor code is as follows:

On my honor as a William Peace University student, I will not lie, cheat, or steal; nor will I condone the actions of those who do.

A complete summary of the Honor Code and Honor Board policy can be found in the Academic Catalog.

Incompletes

An Incomplete is appropriate for a student that has been making steady, successful progress in a course and has an unexpected, verifiable mitigating circumstance at the end of the semester which precludes

them from completing the last assignment or exam. Poor time management is not an appropriate reason to request an Incomplete. All incomplete grade requests must be approved first by the Instructor, and then by the Director of Online Programs. If the Incomplete is approved the student will have up to six additional weeks to complete the work, as determined by the Instructor. If the student does not complete the final work, the Instructor will assign the appropriate letter grade for work completed or the grade will revert to an "F."

Assignments and Grading

Each week begins on Monday and ends on Sunday night 11:59 PM . I'll endeavor to have your grades for each week up on Moodle no later than Wednesday each week

EXAMS AND PROCTORING

There will be an online final exam the final week of class.

The on-campus proctoring will be available for the spring semester. If you plan to utilize the on-campus proctoring, you can sign-up up for time slots online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f45a8ab2ba75-spsproctoring>

A few reminders:

- You must have a valid ID to verify your ID (government issued ID or Pacer card)
- You must sign up for an individual time slot for each exam

You can also sign up to be proctored through ProctorTrak. I'll publish current directions when they're available

Email

Feel free to email me from within Moodle or directly at lawrenceeisenberg@gmail.com. I'll endeavor to respond to you within 24 hours.