

Video Transcript

Psychology: Introduction to eCampus, Part II ecampus2.html (8.5 minutes)

Again, notice the series of tabs across the top. We started at MY DCCCD and then went over to TRAINING AND SUPPORT. There is a tab for LIBRARIES. However, this link goes to the DCCCD Libraries site. We will give you quicker access and customized links to the information you need for this class by going through the El Centro College Library website. Links will be embedded in your Psychology eCampus class for you. Thus, I recommend that you NOT use the Libraries tab.

Let's return to MY DCCCD. Scroll down the screen until you see the section labelled MY COURSES. Click on the link for Intro to Psych. This will take you into your eCampus Psychology classroom.

Down the left side, you'll notice a series of buttons: Announcements, Syllabus, Assignments... These contain relevant information about your class. The default information that you see displayed down the right side of the screen is the Announcements page. Please read these carefully! These are very relevant and very important. You are responsible for the information contained here, as well as the content elsewhere in eCampus.

Let me go over the Expectations of Students with you.

Expectations of Students

This announcement addresses expectations of you as students, i.e., what is expected - and required - in order for you to pass this course with a grade that is satisfactory to you. Please be aware that if you fail to address any of these issues, I can assure you with a *minimum* of 95% probability, that you will NOT pass this course. In the rare event that you pass, it will *not* be with the grade you desire.

You must read the material in your textbook. It is impossible for me to relay all of the information from your textbook to you because we simply do not have the time.

You will find it much easier to follow lectures in class if you read the chapters prior to the lecture in class.

You are required to download and read the supplemental materials in the "Course Documents" folder on this web site.

You are required to download and read the Syllabus.

Please make sure that you understand the concepts of active listening and note-taking. If you do not, go to the Learning Support Centre (LSC) on the third floor of Building A. They have people you can help you with these concepts, as well as with reading comprehension and exam anxiety - a very common problem for students at *all* levels.

It is *your* responsibility as a student to seek assistance in whatever areas you require in order to do your best in all your course work. I am not able to intuit on what your problems are, but I will help you if I am aware of them.

Learning can be - and usually is - fun but you are an **engaged and active participant** in the process. I will do my best to make this interesting for you and, occasionally, entertaining. I can only *offer* the content; **you** are responsible for learning it.

We have a new software package at El Centro, called Safe Assign. It helps us prevent Plagiarism. All of your assignments for this class will be submitted through the Assignments folder. There is a link in

that folder for each assignment that is required of you. When you click on the VIEW COMPLETE link, a screen will open for you to submit your assignment. Read the instructions, follow the directions, and submit your work. The Safe Assignment software compares your work to over ½ million different databases. If you have written something in your paper that you can not take original credit for or you have not credited the original source, you have committed a crime. It is punishable by both fines and imprisonment.

This topic will be discussed further in class. For those in the online sections, there will be a link that takes you to additional information on this topic.

Let's look under STAFF INFORMATION. This gives you information on how to find me. My office telephone number, my office email, my office location, and my office hours are all posted here. My office hours are also posted on the door of my office, which is Room 551 in the A Building.

I have been teaching at college and university level over 20 years and have a very good idea of what works and what does not. Even though ensuring that is an ongoing process of education for me. I have to be flexible and so do you.

Let's look at a few HELPFUL HINTS. No one learns new information in the same way.

Your first homework assignment for the semester can be access from this location as well as in the ASSIGNMENTS folder but it does have to be uploaded from the ASSIGNMENTS folder.

This is a questionnaire that will tell you how you learn and what things will help you learn. To open a link in eCampus, RIGHT-MOUSE click on top of the link and then click open in a new window. This will open up a new window. You can look at the information – do what you need to do – print it, download it or save it from this window – and then simply close the window.

It is important that you do this in eCampus, because if you left-click, it will open the information inside eCampus, but you won't be able to download it, save it or easily print it.

I also include tips here on how to write essay exams. My exams are part essay and part multiple-choice. This address such things as: how to set up your time allotment for individual questions, reading questions, looking at directive words, it encourages you to outline your answers before you begin writing, and gives you the basics of actually how to write an essay response. Please pay attention to this. It will help you when you take your first exam. Directive words that you are most likely to see on my exams are the ones that I've bolded here:

Analyze, compare, contrast, define, describe, evaluate, illustrate, outline, summarize. There are others, but these are the ones most likely to be encountered on my exams.

You'll also see a link here for a document containing information on "Searching the Open Internet".

Work that you submit in this class must come from professional, peer-reviewed journals and documents accessed through the Library's online databases. You are not to use the open Internet or Wikipedia - it is not a reliable resource. Going through Lycos, Google, or Yahoo or any of the other search engines, while that may get you to some acceptable sources, you will be expected to pay for them. If you go through the library's databases, they are free. Please open this document, download it, and read it carefully.