Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS
PSYC 380
PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is designed to investigate the most recent findings in the area of physiological psychology. Topics of study will concern basic information about the nervous system, sensory systems, physiological bases of behaviors and the development of learning and memory.

RATIONALE
This course is intended to introduce the student to the scientific discipline of psychophysiology, the study of the brain, physiological processes, psychopharmacology, and behavior.

I. PREREQUISITE
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)
IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Apply fundamental research skills per current APA style and formatting.
B. Apply the ethical principles that guide research in the area of neuropsychology.
C. Explain the physiological dynamics influencing the major mental health disorders.
D. Describe the research techniques most often used in neuropsychological research.
E. Identify the parts of the central nervous system and their functioning.
F. Explain the neuron and its purpose within the nervous system.
G. Compare the biblical view of the creation of man to the evolutionary view.
H. Discuss how the sensory and motor neurons work together to facilitate functionality for the human being.
I. Identify the major parts of the brain and their purposes.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/websites
B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
C. Discussion Board Forums (4)
   There will be 4 Discussion Board Forums throughout this course. The purpose of the Discussion Board Forums is to generate interaction among students in regard to relevant and current course topics. The student is required to submit 1 thread of at least 250 words, and then to submit replies of at least 100 words each to the threads of 2 classmates. For each thread, the student must support his or her assertions with at least 2 citations in current APA format.
D. Research Paper
   The Research Paper is the capstone assignment for this course and is to be a written representative of the research conducted on the psychophysiological aspects of an issue chosen from the textbook. Using the services of Liberty University's Online Library, the student will select and read at least 5 recent journal articles on the chosen issue. The student will then summarize his or her findings in an 8–10-page paper, written in current APA style, and submitted through SafeAssign. This assignment will be submitted in 2 parts: the Title Page, Abstract, and References, and the completed Research Paper.
E. Exams (4)

The student will complete 4 exams throughout this course. Each exam is open-book/open-notes, has 40 multiple-choice questions, and has the time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes. The student may take each exam up to 3 times, and only the highest grade of the 3 attempts will be recorded.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

A = 900–1010  B = 800–899  C = 700–799  D = 600–699  F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
**Course Schedule**

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**TOTAL** 1010

*DB = Discussion Board*

**NOTE:** Each course week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.