Welcome to Psychology 2: Biological Psychology at LAVC!

This welcome letter is intended for students enrolled in Psychology 2 Online course for Fall 2010. This welcome letter contains more detailed information that the one posted on Virtual Valley web page.

Please read below for important information you will need prior to logging in online to the ETUDES system.

FAQs

Do we have any on campus class meetings?
There are no in-person class meetings. The class is 100% online.

Is there a perquisite for this course?
Yes, Psychology 1, with a grade of “C” or better is a prerequisite for this class. Concurrent enrollment in Psychology 1 and Psychology 2 is not permitted.

Is online Psychology 2 transferable to UC and/or CSU?
Yes, this course is UC/CSU transferable.

What textbook do I need?
Brain and Behavior: An introduction to Biological Psychology – Second Edition by Bob Garrett. The textbook is required. I also recommend purchasing the companion Student Study Guide. This textbook may be purchased from the LAVC Bookstore in person or the LAVC Bookstore online (shipped to your address). The website for the LAVC bookstore online purchasing is http://www.lavcbookstore.com.

The textbook will be used, starting second week of the semester and for weekly discussions. Quizzes will be heavily based on textbook readings in addition to material discussed and presented online. Your chance of passing this course is low without having access to the textbook on a regular basis. It is your responsibility to purchase your textbook in time for the class.

What if I encounter technical difficulties with my computer or internet during the semester?
Technical difficulties, such as disruption in internet service or hard-drive crash, are never excuse for missing exams or deadline for submission of assignments. You must have a back up plan at all times just in case. One advice: never wait until the last possible moment to start a test or work on an assignment, since technical difficulties could happen at anytime.

Is this a self-pace course?
Although this is a fast paced course, we cover topics in order. Quizzes, assignments and discussion topics are scheduled, and you cannot take quizzes, submit assignments, or post
your responses to discussion topics ahead of time. There will be penalty for missing deadlines (even if due to technical difficulties).

I am enrolled in the Honor’s section of the course. What additional requirements are there?
Students enrolled in the Honor’s section (7056) are responsible for extra course work, in addition to requirements of the regular section. The extra course work may include, but not limited to research papers and assignments. More information will be provided once the class starts.

How do I set up my computer prior to the start of class?
Go the LAVC Virtual Valley website at http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.htm 1) click on the “System Requirements” link on the left to configure your browser and add the plug-ins according to the instructions. This is especially important if you are using a Mac. 2) click on the link to take the “Online Tutorial”, 3) click on the link and read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s), 4) click on the “Student Online Resources” link, and then click on the “Student Skills Quiz”.

What about my email address?
Be sure that you have your most up-to-date email account listed with our LAVC Admissions and Records office so that you will receive important class announcements and information.

To check what email address you have listed on the system, go to the online student registration system https://eweb1.laccd.edu/WebStudent/signon.asp. If you do not have an email address you can get one for free from websites such as Yahoo or Google.

Once you login to Etudes you can also change or verify your email address again in the “my workspace” area.

What if I cannot login or I have technical issues?
Visit the Virtual Valley “Student Resources” “Help Desk” page where you can call, email, use the student users group, or walk in to get help. Technical problems will not be an excuse for missed deadlines or any other issues. Not having access to the Internet is the online equivalent of “the dog ate my homework.”

Where do I login to come to class?
The Virtual Valley website has a portal to the ETUDES class system at: https://myetudes.org/portal. Your login is different from your LAVC user name and password so be sure to read all instructions carefully.

When will the course be opened?
The class tab will appear about one day before the first day of classes.