Welcome to Psychology 1: General Psychology at LAVC!

Please read all the important information below prior to logging onto the Etudes class system.

Do we have any class meetings on campus?
There are no in-person class meetings; the class is 100% online. While there are no class meetings, you will still need to virtually come to class many times each week, as frequent login is necessary for passing the class.

What textbook do I need?
The required textbook or ebook is *Psychology, An Introduction* by Benjamin B. Lahey, 10th Edition. (No other editions should be used.)

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/](http://www.lavcbookstore.com/); pick the term and click “go”, then select the department, course number, and your section.

**OR**, if you prefer, you may purchase the ebook (electronic textbook) at [http://www.coursesmart.com/007726715X](http://www.coursesmart.com/007726715X)

Note about the textbook: The textbook will be used often in this class. Quizzes are based heavily on the textbook readings and the material discussed and presented online. It is your responsibility to purchase your textbook in time for the start of this class.

How do I set up my browser prior to the start of class?
LAVC uses an online website program called “Etudes”. Even if you have taken an Etudes class before, you will want to make certain you are using only the required browsers and the correct browser version. The only two browsers that are fully functional with Etudes are Internet Explorer and/or Firefox.
Below are the steps to ensure you have your computer and web browser set up properly for class:

Step 1: To learn how to set up your web browser, please visit the Etudes Systems Requirements Link

Step 2: Go the LAVC Virtual Valley website at: http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.html
1) click on the “system information” link
2) click on the link to take the “online tutorials”
3) click on the link and read the “FAQ's”
4) click on the “student resources” link

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the LAVC Virtual Valley site and the resources available to you.

Can I use a Mac?
Yes, however, you need to use only Firefox or Internet Explorer as your web browser. Do not use Safari, or you will encounter problems. See the above information and links for how to set up your browser.

Do I need an email address?
YES! In order to receive important class information, reminders, and due dates, you need to have your most up-to-date email address listed with our LAVC Admissions and Records office.

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.
Where do I login to come to class?
The Virtual Valley website has Etudes login instructions: http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.html

Please also bookmark the Etudes site at: https://myetudes.org

Note: Your Etudes login information is different from your LAVC user name and password; please follow the login instructions carefully on the LAVC Virtual Valley site.

Once you login to Etudes, you will see a tab for “my workspace” where you can enter or verify your email address. The Psy 001 class tab will appear approximately one day before the first day of classes.

What if need HELP, or I cannot login, or I have technical issues?
Visit the Virtual Valley “Help Desk” page at http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/help.html where you can call, email, or walk in to get help. If you are still unable to login, email me immediately at tromblcm@lavc.edu

Note: The expectations of students who take an online class are that you know how to use a computer, the internet, and word processing programs. Technical problems will not be accepted as an excuse for missed deadlines or any other issues. It is highly recommended that you have a backup computer plan (i.e. a computer at a friend/family’s house, a Fedex Office store location (usually open 24 hours), Internet café, public library, the college, etc.).

What are some of the requirements for this course?
This class includes weekly interactive online discussions, several assignments, quizzes, and a final exam.

The syllabus will be available once the class site opens. Remember, the class will open the day before the first day of classes.

See you online in the Fall!

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