

**IDEAL PROGRAM
PSYC 348 COURSE SYLLABUS
ONLINE**

Dear Student,

Please read the following course syllabus carefully, especially the course expectations and activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with the IDEAL office, your academic advisor, or the instructor.

The IDEAL degree-completion program is designed with the adult learner in mind. Adult learners approach learning with specific goals, want to be able to directly apply new learning to their work and personal lives, and tend to learn best when the coursework is problem-centered so that they are actively engaged in the learning process. In addition, adults bring rich and varied experience to the classroom, which becomes a valuable learning resource for other students.

The IDEAL Program assumes joint responsibility in the learning process. The activities and assignments in our courses build on the shared experience of all learners in each class. This is why each student's preparation, participation and interaction in class activities and discussions are critical to the success of each course. The accelerated format of each course requires a significant amount of time outside the classroom to prepare for and complete the course assignments. This varies between students and courses; however, students typically spend a minimum of ten-twelve hours per week on course material.

To participate in the IDEAL Program, it is expected that you will do the following:

1. Participate in and complete the online orientation prior to your first online course.
2. Obtain the required course materials prior to the course start date.
3. **If you do not participate during the first week of the course, you will be dropped one letter grade. If a student doesn't participate for two or more weeks a grade of "F" will be entered for a final grade..**
4. Login to your course a minimum of three times per week.
5. Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.
6. Participate in the class discussions and demonstrate respect and consideration to the instructor and other students when they express themselves in discussion.
7. If you have any technical difficulties, you must contact the Office of Distance Education immediately at ubonline@bridgeport.edu.

Cheating and Plagiarism

It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself or herself with and adhere to the standards set forth in the policies on cheating and plagiarism as defined in Chapters 2 and 5 of the Key to UB <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2623.asp> or the appropriate graduate program handbook.

E-mail correspondence

It is imperative that you check your UB e-mail on a regular basis. All written correspondence, to include IDEAL and the University will be sent to you through his e-mail. **The University can no longer correspond to your personal e-mail account(s).**

Have questions about taking an online course? Go to:

http://www.bridgeport.edu/Media/Website%20Resources/documents/continuinged/dl/Taking_online_classes.htm

The IDEAL Program

SYLLABUS

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT

Online Program of Studies

PSYC 348

PSYCHOLOGY OF WOMEN

Summer 2013

May 6 – June 28, 2013

Instructor: Patricia J. Sawyer

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Course Description:

This course will cover various aspects of psychology of women such as gender stereotypes and biases, gender comparisons, social situations, women and work, love relationships, women and psychological disorders, and violence against women.

Prerequisite: PSY 103: Introduction to Psychology or PSY 201: Child Psychology or PSY 202: Adolescence
3 semester hours

The Psychology of Women, Matlin, Margaret, 7th Edition, 20012, Wadsworth Publishers, ISBN:
9780840032898

Learning Objectives:

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

- A) Gain an understanding of the biological, psychological, and sociological factors that influence women.
- B) Explore the developmental stages of women from infancy through old age.
- C) Explore female stereotypes, socialization, and roles.
- D) Explore issues of sexuality.
- E) Examine patterns of violence against women in today's family and society.
- F) Understand the ethnic and cultural diversity of women.
- G) Better understand women's mental health issues.

Course Requirements

You are required to log on a minimum of three days weekly and perform the tasks and assignments according to the syllabus.

Each late assignment will lose one letter grade for each day the assignment is late beginning on the first day after the deadline.

Credit will not be given for late postings. In order to receive credit all postings must be completed by Sunday 11:59pm EST.

Evaluation

1. Research Paper: 20%

You are to write an 8 page double spaced research paper on a topic related to a topic related to women. You are to use a minimum of four references. The 8 pages does not include the cover page or sources page.

Your research paper must be cited using APA or MLA documentation. Use correct grammar, punctuation and full sentences. Put your best effort into it as its counts for a good part of your final grade.

Your research paper is Due: Sunday, 6/16/2013 11:59pm EST.

You can submit your research paper to me via the Research Paper Link in Week 6 Assignments. Or you can email your research paper to me at: psawyer@bridgeport.edu

2. Weekly Discussion Board 40%

Each week you are required to answer the discussion board questions listed in the discussion board. In addition to your own answer, you must respond to at least two other postings in order to receive full credit. You will be graded on how completely you answer the assigned discussions question and by the quality of your responses to the other postings. You are to conduct research on the questions using your textbook, periodicals, journals, web, etc. List your sources after your response. Please answer the discussion question and then respond to at least two student posts. You are required to log on at least three days weekly to read, conduct research and respond to postings. You will have until Sunday 11:59pm EST to respond. No late postings will be accepted.

Discussion Grading Rubric

Discussion Grading Rubric	Points
Provided complete details & explanations in an organized manner using complete sentences for the Discussion Questions addressed in the discussion assignment. Complied with all Discussion Board requirements per syllabus.	10
Provided details & explanations in an organized manner using complete sentences for the Discussion Questions. Complied with most weekly requirements per syllabus.	8
Details & explanations were very limited but writing was organized for some of the discussion questions. Did not comply fully with Discussion Board requirements per syllabus	5
Details & explanations were very limited with no organization. Did not comply with discussion board requirements per syllabus.	0

3. Two Exams 40%

- **Mid-Term – (20%)** The exam will be posted with instructions in Week 4 Assignments during week 4. The exam will be a series of essay questions. (Ch's 1 - 8).

Due: Sunday, 6/2/2013 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time. Email your completed exam to me at: psawyer@bridgeport.edu Send as “one attachment” only. You can also submit your exam via the exam link in Week 4 Assignments.

- **Final Examination - (20%)** The final examination will be posted with instructions in Week 8 Assignments during week 8. The exam will be a series of essay questions. (Ch's 9 - 15).

Due: Wednesday, 6/26/2013 6:00pm EST. Email your exam to me at: psawyer@bridgeport.edu Send as “one attachment” only. You can also submit your exam via the exam link in Week 8

Assignments.

Topical Outline:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Gender Stereotypes and Other Gender Biases

Chapter 3: Infancy and Childhood

Chapter 4: Adolescence

Chapter 5: Gender Comparisons in Cognitive Abilities and Attitudes about Achievements

Chapter 6: Gender Comparisons in Social and Personality Characteristics

Chapter 7: Women and Work

Chapter 8: Love Relationships

Chapter 9: Sexuality

Chapter 10: Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Motherhood

Chapter 11: Women and Physical Health

Chapter 12: Women and Psychological Disorders

Chapter 13: Violence against Women

Chapter 14: Women and Older Adulthood

Chapter 15: Moving Onward

Helpful Hints

1. Don't fall behind – the most important factor for achieving success in this course is to follow the Learning Units closely, and complete your assignments correctly and on time.
2. Share your opinions – the Discussion Board is largely based on your application to the abnormal psychology principles you will learn. While the actual principles and theories are based on research, your answers to the questions are based on your personal application of these principles and theories.
3. Ask questions – if you are having trouble understanding any parts of this course, let me know as soon as possible. I will gladly answer any questions you have about the course materials, lessons, resources and the assignments. So if you have a question, please ask!
4. Please put your name on all assignments (on the assignment as well as in the subject line of the email).

PSYCHOLOGY 348 - Psychology of Women Course Schedule

Learning Unit 1

5/6 – 5/12	Introduction	Ch. 1
	Gender Stereotypes & Other Gender Biases	Ch. 2

Learning Unit 2

5/13 – 5/19	Infancy and Childhood	Ch. 3
	Adolescence	Ch. 4

Learning Unit 3

5/20 – 5/26	Gender Comparisons in Cognitive Abilities & Achievement Motivation	Ch. 5
	Gender Comparisons in Social and Personality Characteristics	Ch.6

Learning Unit 4

5/27 – 6/2	Women and Work	Ch. 7
	Love Relationships	Ch. 8

Examination #1 Due: Sunday, 6/2/2013 11:59pm EST

Learning Unit 5

6/3 – 6/9	Sexuality	Ch. 9
	Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Motherhood	Ch. 10

Learning Unit 6

6/10 – 6/16	Women and Physical Health	Ch. 11
	Women and Psychological Disorders	Ch. 12

Research Paper Due: Sunday, 6/16/2013 11:59pm EST

Learning Unit 7

6/17 – 6/23	Violence Against Women	Ch. 13
	Women and Older Adulthood	Ch. 14

Learning Unit 8

6/24 – 6/28	Moving Onward	Ch. 15
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Examination #2 Due: Wednesday, 6/26/2013 6:00pm EST

The End!!!!

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Ethics Statement of Confidentiality

An integral component of an IDEAL course is student and faculty expression of personal experiences for the purpose of facilitating coursework. Students enrolled in the program are expected to honor confidentiality as it pertains to student disclosure. Shared information, comments, or opinions expressed by another student or the faculty member during the course of classroom discussion should never be used in a manner which is intended to humiliate, embarrass, harass, damage, or otherwise injure other students in their personal, public, or business lives. In addition, confidentiality must be upheld by not disclosing any information that would identify any particular individual.

Attendance Policy

Course attendance, especially in an online course, is an integral part of the academic experience; therefore, students are expected to be participative in all course activities and discussions. If you do not participate during the first week of the course, you will be dropped from the course. If you cannot participate in all the course activities you should consider dropping the course.

Drop Procedures

To drop a course, you must complete and submit a Schedule Change Request Form. The form can be accessed at the following web page:

<http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2595.asp>

Starting Fall 2012

- Drop a course after the start date.....\$30.00 per transaction
- Drop prior to the start date.....100% Tuition Refund
- Drop prior to the second week of the course.....75% Tuition Refund
- Drop prior to the third week of the course.....50% Tuition Refund
- Drop during/after the third week of the course.....0% Tuition Refund

****Please note students will not be automatically dropped for not participating during the first week. Lack of participation for one week will reduce the final grade by one letter grade. If you have to miss the first week of the online course, *you must contact your instructor* in writing before the first week. However, a grade reduction will apply.**

Please print and complete the form and fax the form to the IDEAL Office: 203-576-4537. Prior to dropping a course, the student should contact their IDEAL Academic Advisor to understand the implications to financial aid and/or degree plan progress.

Please review the Academic Calendar to see the fees for a drop and the impact on tuition. The Academic Calendar can be found at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2595.asp>

Academic Dishonesty

We are committed to intellectual integrity in our academic pursuits; therefore, the IDEAL program prohibits all forms of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is normally defined as, but not limited to, the following two categories:

Cheating – Using inappropriate sources of information in an assignment or on a test. The following are examples of cheating taken from real student experiences:

Case #1: A student is enrolled in an introductory computer-programming course. He has co-workers who program in the same language as his final project. As the end of the term approaches, he wonders how he will find the time to get the project finished, and asks one of his co-workers for help. His co-worker hands him a disk with a complete program similar to the kind required for the course project. The student makes minor modifications to the program, and submits it under his own name.

Case #2: A student enrolled in a religious studies course has never taken a humanities or history course, and is unsure about how to structure a research paper. She is doing research on the World Wide Web, and comes across a paper written by a student from another university. Using her computer mouse, she copies and pastes the document into her word processor. She goes to great lengths to re-word the paper in her own style, but essentially leaves the content and organization the same.

Plagiarism – Intentional as well as unintentional failure to acknowledge sources as well as the use of commercially available so-called “research papers” without full recognition of the source. Presenting as one’s own, the ideas, words, or products of another. The following are examples of plagiarism taken from real student experiences:

Case #3: A student is conducting research for a Civil War research paper. He has reviewed work on the Internet as well as in the library. Finding helpful information, he has summarized his findings without citing his sources. He believes that minor paraphrasing is all that is necessary.

Case #4: A student is writing a paper that requires her to address specific topics and problems in the assigned course textbook. She takes the information directly from the textbook with slight modification, without giving any citation. She thinks that since it is the course textbook, she doesn’t have to use quotations or citations.

Academic dishonesty applies to all courses, assignments or exams completed by students and submitted as their own original work, whether in person or by electronic means. The University does not tolerate cheating in any form. It is a serious breach of conduct with serious consequences. Instructors have the right to determine the appropriate penalty for academic dishonesty in their own classes; generally, however, such acts will result in a failing grade for the assignment and/or the course. The penalty for subsequent acts of academic dishonesty may include expulsion.

More information on how to recognize plagiarism can be found at this site:

http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/plagiarism_test.html

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The Academic Resource Center is available for IDEAL students seeking help in their studies. The Center is staffed by writing professionals and peer tutors. More information can be found at:

<http://myub.bridgeport.edu/academics/academicrescenter/Pages/default.aspx> The Center is located in the Wahlstrom Library, Room 506. Hours of operation are Mondays –Thursday 9am – 6pm and Fridays

9am – 1pm. Make an appointment or walk-in: Telephone: 203-576-4290. **Online Tutoring** is available at: www.etutoring.org. To use this free service you must have a UBNNet account.

Obtaining a UBNNet Account

Every registered student should obtain a UBNNet Account. The account allows you to access your grades, access library services, access online tutoring, access the computers in computer labs, and provides an email account in which the University sends out information. Go to: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/ubnet> - Click on “New UBNNet Account” and follow the instructions.

The @bridgeport.edu email address is the official email the University uses to send information to you. You can have your Bridgeport.edu email forwarded to any other email account you use. Following the activation of your UBNNet account (takes 24 hours), login at: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/email> and click on “forwards” at the top of the page. Follow the directions to forward email messages to your other account.

Accessing Your Grades & Schedule Online

The WebAdvisor online information system allows students to search for available classes, check grades, view semester class schedule and verify your personal profile. Grades are generally posted 2-3 weeks following the end of a course. Information on WebAdvisor is password protected and requires you to use your UBNNet username and password. To access WebAdvisor, go to:

<http://www.bridgeport.edu/webadvisor>

1. Login in with your UBNNet username and password.
2. Click on “Student Menu.”
3. Click on “My Grades.”

If you are carrying a financial balance, access to WebAdvisor will be restricted.

Using the Library

You can access the library through the library’s website: <http://www.bridgeport.edu/library>.

Research tools available:

- Search for books held at the library.
- Search the online databases for your academic field; business, counseling, human services, psychology, etc.
- Send questions to the Reference Librarian for assistance in research topics and searching strategy.

To access the online journals for research purposes, you will need a UBNNet account (see above).

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Office	Contact	Telephone	Email
Bridgeport Campus Security		(203) 576-4911	ubsecurity@bridgeport.edu
Bursar	Robinson Hernandez	(203) 576-4692	bursar@bridgeport.edu
Cashier	Lana Mistry	(203) 576-4682	cashier@bridgeport.edu
Financial Aid		(203) 576-4568	sfs@bridgeport.eud
Registrar		(203) 576-4642	registrar@bridgeport.edu

Emergency Notification Phone		(203) 576-4159	
Distance Education Office		(203) 576-4853	ubonline@bridgeport.edu
IDEAL Office		(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu

CAMPUS CONTACT INFORMATION

Campus	Address	Telephone	Email
Bridgeport	126 Park Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06604	(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu
Stamford	5 Riverbend Drive Stamford, CT 06750	(203) 358-0700	ubstamford@bridgeport.edu
Waterbury	84 Progress Lane Waterbury, CT 06705	(203) 573-8501	ubwaterbury@bridgeport.edu
Woodbridge	6 Lunar Drive Woodbridge, CT 06525	(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu
IDEAL Office		(203) 576-4800	idealinfo@bridgeport.edu
Directions to IDEAL Campus locations		http://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/2260.asp	

To fill out your financial aid report to the Federal Government, please go online to www.fafsa.ed.gov. The school code for the University of Bridgeport is 001416. Federal Student Aid Information: 1-800-433-3243.