Appendix A
Sample Course Syllabus

Psychology 101
INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: The goal of this class is to introduce you to psychology as a field and to familiarize you with the practice, principles, research methods, and controversies of the divisions within psychology: clinical, social, cognitive, organizational, developmental, and biological.

GRADING: Your final grade will be calculated based on a semester total of 600 points:

Paper one = 100 points
Papers two and three @ 50 points each = 100 points
Multiple-choice practice questions, worth 5 points each = 60 points
Three tests, worth 100 points each = 300 points
Participation in class discussion = 40 points

A = 600–560
A– = 559–540
B+ = 539–520
B = 519–500
B– = 499–480

C+ = 479–460
C = 459–440
D+ = 419–400
D = 399–380
D– = 379–360

F = 359 and below

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: You will be allowed two absences during the semester. Your section grade will go down by 2% for each additional absence. Exceptions may be made for significant (and documented) emergencies and illnesses—a broken alarm clock does not qualify as a significant emergency (sorry). Your participation grade will be based on your contributions to class discussions and/or your demonstration of participation in the course through visits to office hours, contributions to class e-mail discussions, etc.
GROUP PRESENTATIONS: The group presentations will be due on November 23. Each group presentation will last for about ten minutes. An informational sheet on the group presentation will be handed out in class on November 9.

PAPER: Your papers should be 4–5 pages (double-spaced) in length. More detailed descriptions of the papers will be handed out on Sept. 21. Papers will be graded down by one half-grade for every day that they are late.

PLAGIARISM: Plagiarism is the act of presenting other people’s work or ideas as your own. If you are suspected of plagiarism, your work will likely be forwarded to the college’s academic judiciary. Plagiarism can result in suspension or expulsion from the university. If you have any questions about how to reference material or about what constitutes plagiarism, please come see me.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 13 The Development of Psychology as a Field  
   Reading: Textbook, Chapter 1

20 Social Psychology  
   Reading: Textbook, Chapters 2 & 3  
   Paper assignment #1 will be handed out.

27 Biological Psychology  
   Reading: Textbook, Chapter 5  
   * Bring two copies of paper draft to section.

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