Information Session
for Online Learning

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Online Learning

- What is online learning?

- What does an online course look like?

- How students can be better prepared for learning online?

WHAT IS ONLINE LEARNING?

- 24x7 access

- Anywhere with Internet Connection

- Cover the same materials as those in an on-campus class.

- Scheduled on a semester basis with a beginning date and ending date.

- Within a time block (week/unit), there are reading, homework, projects, or exams. You are required to submit course work by a certain date.

- Guided by your professor, you read textbook or supplemental materials, do homework, and submit your work by a certain time.

Most Frequently Asked Questions About Online Learning

- How much time does it take?
  - You may spend more time working on your online classes due to intensive self-driven course work and technological troubleshooting.

- How often do I go online?
  - Your professor will tell you how often you are expected to log-in.
  - Plan on visiting your online class several times a week to check for new emails or new announcements and participate in new discussions.
  - You may read textbook or complete your assignments off line but submit assignments online following a deadline.

- Do I need a textbook to take an online course?
  - Yes, you are required to purchase a textbook when you take an online course. Although some online courses have videos, all online courses require you to read textbook.
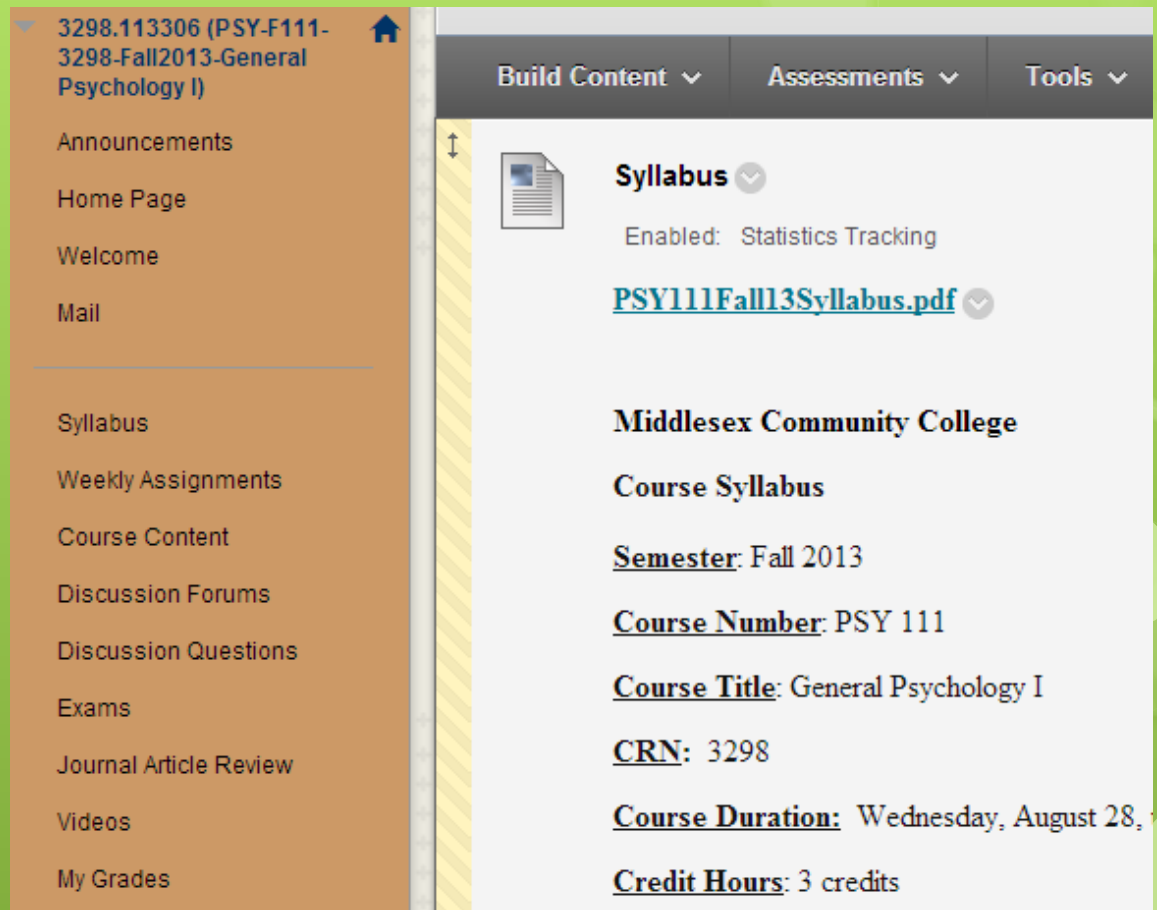
WHAT DOES AN ONLINE COURSE LOOK LIKE?

- Course Menu
- Links
  - Syllabus
  - Discussions
  - Tests
  - Journal Review
  - Mail
  - Announcement
  - My Grades
- Content
  - Lecture Notes

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When entering

📁 **Welcome**
Read First

📁 **Weekly Assignments**
Weekly Breakdowns

An Online Course - Syllabus

- Contact Information
- Objectives
- Outlines/Schedule
- Evaluation
- Grading Range
- Assignments

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Course Syllabus

Semester: Fall 2013

Course Number: PSY 111

Course Title: General Psychology I

CRN: 3298

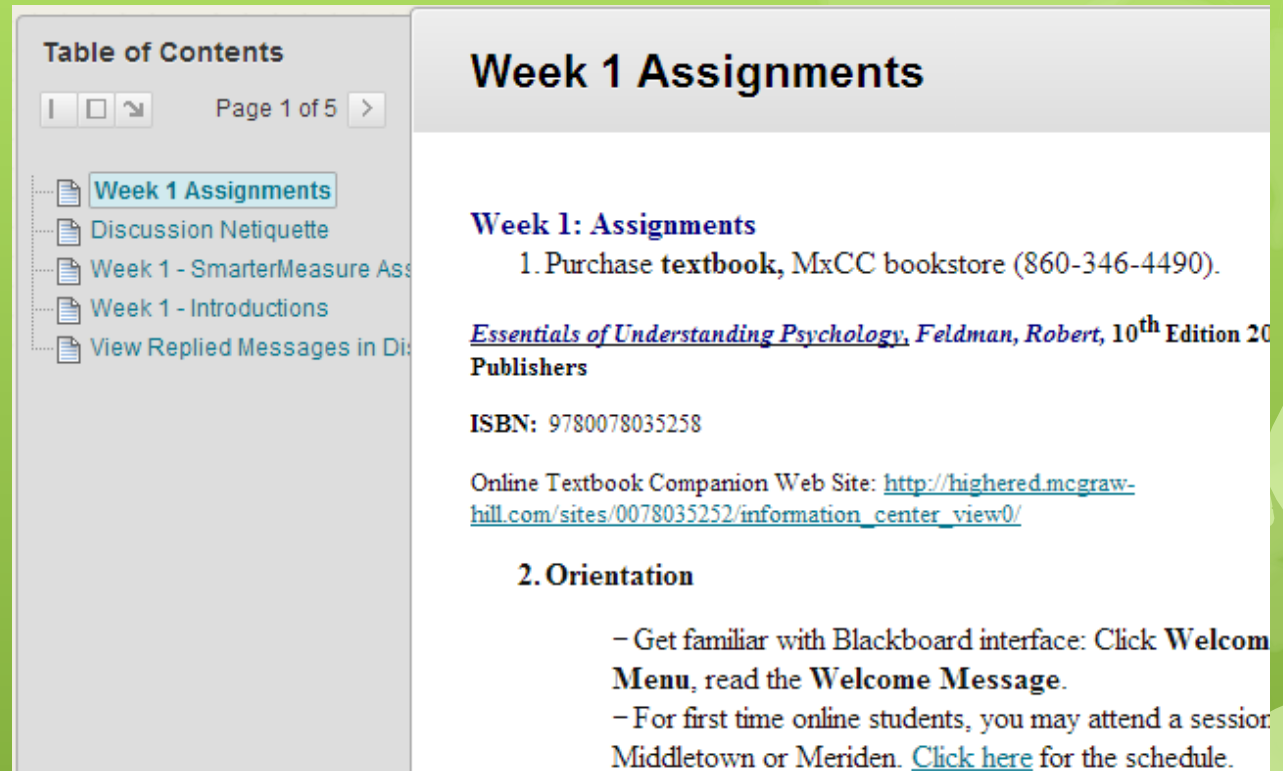Course Duration: Wednesday, August 28,

Credit Hours: 3 credits

An Online Course – Course Content

- For each chapter
  - PowerPoint Note
  - Instruction
  - Videos for selected topics

An Online Course – Weekly Assignments

- Learning Modules
- Week (Unit)
  - Instruction
  - Discussion
  - Exam
  - Project
  - Notes
  - Web Sites

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Week 1 Assignments

Week 1: Assignments

1. Purchase **textbook**, MxCC bookstore (860-346-4490).

Essentials of Understanding Psychology, Feldman, Robert, 10th Edition 20
Publishers

ISBN: 9780078035258

Online Textbook Companion Web Site: http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078035252/information_center_view0/

2. **Orientation**

   – Get familiar with Blackboard interface: Click **Welcom
   Menu**, read the **Welcome Message**.
   – For first time online students, you may attend a session
   Middletown or Meriden. Click here for the schedule.

An Online Course - Discussions

- Discussions
  - Forums
  - Answer questions
  - Respond to students

Forum	Description
Course Questions	Plesae post your quesiton about this course on this board. I will respond to you here so other students with the same question will see my response. If you have any questions that do not want to share with the class, use Messages tool to email me. Yi Guan-Raczkowski
Week 1 - Introduction	a. Tell us a little about yourself, why you are in school, why you take this course. Share something interesting about you such as hobbies and interests. b. Answer the following questions: 1. What is your major and academic goals? 2. What has been your experience with children? 3. What do you expect to learn from this class and how do you plan to achieve your goal?

An Online Course - Discussions

An Online Course - Assignment

Upload Assignment: Submit - Journal Article Review

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1. **Assignment**

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Attach File | Browse My Computer | Browse Content Collection

- Submit files –
  project, paper, etc.

An Online Course - Exams

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Sample Exam - Not Graded

Exam 1 (Chapters 1 -4) - Available 9/30 - 10/6

There are 46 multiple choice questions and 4 essay questions. Although you m
test, you will be given "unlimited" duration to complete the test. This means th
can log out and come back on to take the test before its due, midnight of Sunda
answer, be sure to wait until you see the answer "Saved". Please submit the ex

For an essay question, type your answer in a MS Word file and then copy/paste

Please **do not** complete this test using a mobile device. The test should be con
laptop.

An Online Course – Exams

My Blackboard Learn

Description

Instructions

Multiple Attempts   Not allowed. This Test can only be taken once.

Force Completion This Test can be saved and resumed later.

≫ Question Completion Status:

Save All Answers   Save and Submit

Question 1   1.5 points   Save Answer

A relatively permanent change in behavior brought about by experience is called

- ○ maturation.
- ○ learning.
- ○ development.
- ○ instinct.

Question 2   1.5 points   Save Answer

An Online Course – Mail (Messages)

- Private communication with your instructor

An Online Course – Announcement

- Reminders and updates.

An Online Course – My Grades

- Check your grades often to be informed of your performance.

ExamTotal				0.00/390	
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Week 1- SmarterMeasure Assignment	Alignments			-/20	
Week 1 - Introductions	Alignments	Nov 1, 2012 4:25 PM	Nov 1, 2012 4:25 PM	10.00/10	Welcome to this class. Should you need help, please let me know.
Week 2 Discussions - Chapter 1	Alignments	Nov 1, 2012 4:26 PM	Nov 1, 2012 4:26 PM	14.00/15 View Rubric	Clearly answered the questions by citing textbook discussion. Your response to Jennifer is quite brief. -1

HOW CAN STUDENTS BE BETTER PREPARED FOR LEARNING ONLINE?

- Registration – self assessment
  - Take a SmarterMeasure test
  - Access to a computer with high speed Internet
- Decision making
  - Should I take an online course?
  - How many online courses should I take?
- Getting ready
  - Go through an online orientation
  - Attend a campus orientation

Registration – Self Assessment

- Take a Smartermeasure test to assess your readiness
- http://mxcc.edu/distance/take-a-smartermeasure-test
- (mxcc.edu/distance, click on Take a SmarterMeasure Test.)
- Personal Attributes
  - Self-motivation, self-discipline, time management, study strategies.
  - Availability of time
  - Technology
    - Internet navigation
    - File management – organize files, upload/download files.
    - Word processor – create/type/save a file.
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Typing speed and accuracy
  - Learning style
- Access to a computer/Internet
  - A reliable computer (PC-less than 3 years old)
  - High speed Internet connection

Decision Making

- Should I take an online course?
- How many online courses should I take?
  - Self-check
    - A relatively new computer
    - High speed Internet connection
    - Self-motivated and self disciplined
    - A good reader
  - Availability of time
    - Spring/Fall
      - 10 -15 hours/Week - 3-credit course
    - Summer -5 weeks session
      - 20-30 hours/Week– 3 credit course
    - Winter -3 weeks session
      - 6 hours/day – 3 credit courses

Getting Ready

- After registration
  - Go through the online orientation
  - http://mxcc.edu/distance.
    - Click on "Online Orientation".
      - In Blackboard, you will be able to view your course site 7 days before the first day of a semester.
      - You may go through some parts of the orientation before 7 days in advance. http://mxcc.edu/distance - What to Do?
      - Class materials may not be available until the first day of course.
  - Attend a campus orientation
    - If you feel that you need personal assistance in how to navigate your online course and use tools, you may attend a session of campus orientation.
    - http://mxcc.edu/distance
      - Click on "Campus Orientation".

Key to Success

- **Take a self-assessment test to help you make a wise decision on the number of online courses you will be taking.**

- **Get prepared before the start of a semester.**

- **Carefully read all class documents and follow the instructions closely.**

- **Keep pace with the class reading and assignments.**

- **Contact professor if you are unclear with course requirements and assignments.**

- **Report and resolve technical problems promptly.**

Online Programs at MxCC

- **Associate Degree in General Studies**

- **Twelve programs with more than 50% courses online.**

  - Accounting

  - Biotechnology

  - Broadcast-Cinema

  - Business Administration

  - Communication

  - Criminal Justice

  - Early Childhood Education

  - General Studies

  - Health Information Management

  - Human Services

  - Liberal Arts and Science

  - Management Information Systems

  - Marketing

Online Course Offerings

- Go to **My.commnet.edu**, select **Search for Courses**.

- Select a Term, **Fall 2015**.

- Select **Middlesex CC**.

- Select **Fully Online**.

- Click on **Get Courses**.

Online Learning Support at MxCC

- Working with faculty developing online courses

- Troubleshooting technical problems

- Technology orientation and workshops for students and faculty

http://mxcc.edu/distance

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