

PSYCHOLOGY PILOT ASSESSMENT PROJECT 2007 – Essay Instruction and Rubric

Multiple Perspectives on Psychological Topics

One aim of our Psychology Department is to emphasize the importance for students to be able to see things from multiple perspectives. One example might be when a student learns about a similar topic in two different courses. Another example comes from introductory psychology textbooks when they discuss various approaches to psychology, including psychoanalysis, behavior theory, neuroscience, cognitive psychology, and social approaches.

In order to assess how well the department is meeting this aim, you and a number of your fellow students are being invited to demonstrate how well you can take two different perspectives in a 30 - minute essay on one of the following topics.

At least three members of the psychology faculty will read and rate your essay in terms of multiple perspectives, as well as its depth and relevance of knowledge.

Please word-process a 30-min essay related to one of the following topics. Then, email your essay to me as an attachment at rsigmundi@stlawu.edu. I will remove your name and then share the essay with other instructors.

Sincerely,
Ronald A. Sigmundi,

on behalf of the
Curriculum Committee

Choice of Topics

1. Hunger and eating
2. Depression
3. Advertising
4. Aggression
5. Abnormal behavior
6. Psychological therapies
7. Cognition and information processing
8. Emotions
9. Consciousness
10. Drug dependence
11. Motivation

