

**Hagerstown Community College Psychology/Sociology Club
SYLLABUS 2014-2015**

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Club Description: The Psychology/Sociology club has been created to provide psychology and sociology students with experiences that enhance and deepen their understanding of the fields.

Club Objectives:

- *Fundraising* – Students involved with the Psychology/Sociology Club must be motivated to assist in fundraising efforts each year
 - *Psychology Experiences* – Club meetings will include demonstrations ranging from operant chambers to Zener cards used in paranormal experiments. When possible the club members will be able to meet with and listen to professionals within the field.
 - *Discussion* – During monthly meetings, club members will discuss topics from within the field of psychology that will include advanced topics that they might not encounter in class.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will enhance and deepen their understanding of the field of psychology as well as encountering more advanced topics that they might not encounter in class (especially “cutting edge” topics such as high tech treatments for disorders).

Officers and Elections

- The elected club officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and SGA Representative. Any psychology major taking credit courses (full or part-time) at Hagerstown Community College is eligible to run for a position in office. Elected officers shall perform their duties as prescribed in the by-laws of this constitution.
- Nominations for officers will be made by the members of the Psychology/Sociology Club. The nominated student may choose to accept or decline the nomination. A student may also self-nominate themselves during the election process.
- Elections will be held within the first three weeks in September at the beginning of each fall semester in order to allow incoming freshmen opportunities to vote and run for a leadership position.
- Candidates who wish to run for an officer position must commit to being an active member of the Psychology/Sociology Club for the full school year.
- Each elected candidate will assume their position on the day of the election.
- If at any point during the year there are vacant offices, current officers shall appoint a member of the Psychology/Sociology Club to fulfill that position. A majority vote of club members is needed to approve the appointment.

Meeting Information:

- Meetings will be held once per month BSH building (either the conference room or a free classroom).
- Psychology/Sociology Club meetings will be geared towards providing an environment where they can further explore the field as well as more fully understand pathways to advanced degrees as well as opportunities for employment within the field of psychology, sociology or related fields. A majority vote of members in good standing who are present at monthly Psychology/Sociology Club meetings will be sufficient for adopting any proposed action or regulation.

- The president of the Psychology/Sociology Club may call a meeting of the members or officers at his/her discretion when such a meeting becomes necessary.
 - If needed, committee meetings shall be held at a different time than the monthly Psychology/Sociology Club meetings to discuss committee topics for the monthly meeting agenda.
 - The SGA Club Representative is required to attend the monthly SGA meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30pm in the Student Center.
 - The proposed schedule is subject to change based on student semester schedules.
- The Club will meet twice-monthly on Mondays in the BSH building with the room to be determined prior to each meeting.

Services for Students with Special Needs: Students who have special needs are encouraged to identify themselves to the Coordinator of Disability Support Services at 240-500-2273 or 240-500-2628 as early in the semester as possible. Reasonable accommodations—based on current documentation—are provided to qualified students.

Code of Student Conduct: The college has established rules relating to academic integrity and behavior that students must follow. Students are expected to produce work that is the product of their own learning and academic effort. Policies and regulations for the Code of Student Conduct are published in the HCC Guide: A Handbook for Students.