



Course name: General Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2301

Semester & Year: Fall 2020

Instructor Information

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Office Hours: Office Hours (available via Microsoft Teams):

- Monday 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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- Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Friday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- by appointment via email or Microsoft Teams

Course Description:

A study of the basic principles in Psychology exploring motivation, learning, drives, emotion, and aspects of human behavior.

Textbook Information

Psychology: An Exploration (4th Edition), Sandra K. Ciccarelli and J. Noland White, ISBN 0134517962

Supplemental Textbook

Psychology (2nd Edition), Rose M. Spielman, William J. Jenkins, and Marilyn D. Lovett

Digital Download Available at <https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology-2e?Book%20details>

HARDCOVER BOOK ISBN-13 978-1-975076-45-0

B&W PAPERBACK BOOK ISBN -13 978-1-975076-44-3

DIGITAL VERSION ISBN-13 978-1-951693-23-7

Computer Requirements:

This is an online course. You will need to have access to a computer. It is best if you have high speed internet access, for this class. If you have dial-up, it may be difficult for you to download the class material. Additionally, you will be required to upload documents. To do this, you will need to be able to save and upload a Word document. If you do not have Microsoft Office, it is available free to students, and installation

instructions can be found at the “Links” section in the “Student” tab at myTC, “Free Office 365 for Student.”

Operating System

Computer Hardware Requirements:

Internet Access: High speed internet connection such as cable modem or DSL

Processor: 2GHz processor

Memory: 1GB RAM; 4GB free hard drive space

The learning management system is optimized for desktop displays; tablet and smartphone users should use the mobile application. Always use a wired desktop or laptop for taking exams.

Student Requirements for Completion of the Course and Due Dates-Lecture

You may need this app for occasional scanning



Student Requirements for Completion of the Course and Due Dates

Each chapter students will be required to:

- Read the assigned chapter
- Develop notes for the assigned chapter. SQ3R notes are recommended, however, you can use your preferred note taking format
- Participate in the discussion groups as assigned
- Complete the online learning activities

Due dates are as assigned by your professor in collaboration with your campus proctor:

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
Semester begins September 2nd	
Respond to Discussion Forum Introductions Complete Syllabus Quiz	Complete by September 8 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of September 7th	
Complete Topic One: The Science of Psychology Complete Topic One Quiz	Complete by September 14 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of September 14th	
Complete Topic Two: Learning Complete Topic Two Quiz Submit Response Paper One	Complete by September 21 st at 11:59 p.m.
Week of September 21st	

Complete Topic Three: Memory Complete Topic Three Quiz	Complete by September 28 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of September 28th	
Complete Topic Four: Cognition Complete Four Quiz Complete Test 1 (Topics One through Three)	Complete by October 5 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of October 5th	
Complete Topic Five: Development Across the Lifespan Complete Topic Five Quiz Response Paper one due	Complete by October 12 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of October 12th	
Complete Topic Six: Motivation Complete Topic Six Quiz	Complete by October 19 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of October 19th	
Complete Topic Seven: Social Psychology Complete Topic Seven Quiz Complete Test 2 (Topics One through Six)	Complete by October 26 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of October 26th	
Complete Topic Eight: Psychological Disorders Complete Topic Eight Quiz Decision Making Project Due	Complete by November 2 nd at 11:59 p.m.
Week of November 2nd	
Complete Topic Nine: Psychological Therapies Complete Topic Nine Quiz	Complete by November 9 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of November 9th	
Response Paper two due	Complete by November 16 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of November 16th	
Complete Test 3 (Topics One through Nine)	Complete by November 19 th at 11:59 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving!
Week of November 30th	
Complete Review Quizzes	Complete by December 7 th at 11:59 p.m.
Week of December 7th	
Complete Final Exam	Complete by December 11 th at 11:59 p.m.

Student Assessment

- Weekly Recommended Video Guide(s)
- Recommended Reading Guides
- Weekly Quizzes for the Assigned Topic (20 points each = 200 points total)
- Syllabus Quiz (10 points)
- Required Office Hour Visit After Test 1 (10 points)
- Response Paper (50 points each = 100 points total)
- Weekly Critical Thinking Interactives
- Decision Making Project (100 points total)
- Tests (40 points each = 120 points total) **Eligible for Test Incentive**
- Exam Review Quizzes (30 points each = 90 points total)
- Final Exam (100 points total)

Participation (25 points)
Extra Credit (maximum of 20 points)

Total Points Available 750 points

“Following Thanksgiving break, all classes at the college will be taught through virtual and/or online course delivery (including final exams) for the remainder of the fall semester, November 30-December 14. No face to face classes will be held on campus during this time.”

Absentee Policy

Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. An absence will be recorded if a student fails to send in any of the required work or respond to a discussion forum by its due date. You are allowed two absences. The third time a student fails to send in work on time or respond to a discussion forum by the due date, the student will be dropped from the course. These three failures to complete work by due dates do not have to be consecutive.

Faculty members are not obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests. A student should not stop completing coursework for a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops completing coursework for a class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student may receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

Withdrawal from a course(s) may affect a student’s current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

Make-up Policy

There will be one quantum deducted per day late for all work not submitted by the due date assigned by the professor and proctor. You know all due dates at the beginning of the semester and what work is required. Plan accordingly.

Please note the due dates and times above. All work is due by 11:59 p.m. on the date specified unless otherwise stated.

Academic Integrity Statement

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”. This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Student Responsibilities

It is the student's responsibility to know and comply with the instructor's policy and to contact the instructor to make up missed work.

Basic Needs Security Statement

Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blase, Director of Student Retention, at 903.823.3349 for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so.

Disability Act Statement:

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Tonja Blase in the Office of Disability Services, Academic Learning Commons at 903-823-3349 in the Library for accommodations or additional information.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

Financial Aid:

Attention! Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before deciding.

Disclaimer

The above syllabus, policies, schedule, and assignments in this course are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances or by mutual agreement between the instructor and the students.

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