**Texarkana College**

**Syllabus:** Introduction to Psychology  
**Course Number:** PSYC 2301;2H1;Hybrid; (Monday/Wednesday 11:00)  
**Semester & Year:** Spring 2024 (2nd 8 Weeks)

**Instructor Information**

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**Textbook Information**

Open Stax Psychology (2nd Edition) <https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology-2e>

**Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

(1). Students will discuss in general terms the major concepts of general psychology.

(2). Students will understand the connections between the mind and body.

(3). Students will demonstrate basic working knowledge of human lifespan development.

(4). Students will have general understanding of major personality theories and associated environmental factors.

(5). Students will understand appropriate application of psychological principles in daily life.

(6). Students will engage in creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information (Critical Thinking Skills).

(7). Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making (Personal Responsibility).

(8). Students will demonstrate intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

(9). Students will demonstrate effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication (Communication Skills).

**Student Requirements for Completion of the Course and Due Dates**

Students should refer to the Spring 2024 course schedule for information pertaining to deadlines and assignments – as well as our class Moodle page.

**Student Assessment**

**You have the following possibilities for earning points:**

**(1)  11 Chapter Exams -          100 points each**

**(2)  1 Final Exam  -                                          100 points**

**(3)  Movie Assignment -                                                  100 points**

**(4) Social Experiment Assignment - 100 points**

**(5) Participation Grade - 100 points**

**EACH grade in your PSYC 2301 course counts the same. An AVERAGE of all 15 grades will be taken at the end of the semester to determine your overall course grade.**

**Grading Scale:**

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| **Grade** |  |
| **A** | 90-100 |
| **B** | 80-89 |
| **C** | 70-79 |
| **D** | 60-69 |
| **F** | 59-below |

**Class Schedule**

A detailed class schedule will be given out and reviewed on the first day of class as well as posted on our class Moodle page. Students should be responsible for keeping up with the schedule and noting when exams will be given and assignments are due. IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY to find out what was missed on a day that he/she is absent. The student is also responsible for noting any changes made to the schedule and will be held accountable.

**Participation Grade**

Students in this PSYC 2301 course are expected to act responsibility and like adults! A student begins this semester with a 100% participation average. A minus 10 points will be deducted per disrespectful occurrence (deemed so by the professor). Such occurrences might include – but are not limited to – looking at/using a phone excessively during class, sleeping, talking excessively, arriving late or leaving early (15 minutes or more), etc. A minus 10 points PER absence accrued over the 3 total allowed will also be deducted from the participation average.

**Absentee Policy**

Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student’s responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor’s tardy policy.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student’s absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending 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.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**A student’s absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student’s allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. According to policy, absences due to illness are NOT considered “excused” even with a doctor’s note. **Therefore, a student who must miss class due to Covid related issues will be counted absent – unexcused**. **However, the professor will make every attempt to work with students so that they may not fall behind academically and still be able to complete the course.** Microsoft Teams is NOT expected to be utilized regularly in this class. Students should NOT request to attend via Teams but instead should contact the professor individually and assess each situation on a case-by-case basis.

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**

Students in an 8 week course that meets twice a week are allowed 2 total absences. Students in this PSYC 2301 course will be allowed THREE TOTAL ABSENCES before being dropped. The professor is NOT required to contact or warn the student before he/she is dropped. Although a student does not owe the Professor an explanation for missing class, if the total number of allowed absences is exceeded it is recommended that the student KEEP IN CONTACT with the Professor and assess the situation together. Even if the student is not dropped, a minus 10 points PER ABSENCE over the 3 total allotted will be deducted off a student’s participation grade.

**MAKE-UP POLICY**

All assignments and quizzes will be submitted through the online platform of Moodle. Emailed assignments will NOT be accepted! The course schedule will contain all dates and deadlines for submitting work. **IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP UP WITH THE COURSE SCHEDULE** which will be handed out in face-to-face sessions as well as posted on our class Moodle page. A student may be granted **TWO EXTENSIONS ONLY** for the Spring 2024 semester. If an assignment deadline is missed at any time, the student must individually email the professor and request additional time. The professor will reply by email and confirm the request. A new date and time will be given to the student in order to complete the work. **THIS CAN ONLY OCCUR TWO TIMES PER STUDENT PER SEMESTER! If a student requests extra time on an assignment and it is granted and communicated by the professor but the student fails to complete the work by the new deadline, this still counts as ONE of the TWO offers!** The PSYC 2301 Final Exam will be comprehensive and will be taken online through Moodle at the designated date and time. **No extensions will be granted for the Final Exam. If the deadline is missed, a grade of zero will be earned! No extensions will be granted for ANYTHING on or after Monday, May 6th! Any deadlines missed on or after this date, or any past due assignments will receive no credit – no exceptions!**

**Alternate Operations During Campus Closure**

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College’s website ([www.texarkanacollege.edu](http://www.texarkanacollege.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

**Academic Dishonesty Policy**

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/PDFFiles/CurrentStudents/studenthandbook.pdf.>

**Disability Act Statement:**

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Tonja Blasé at (903) 823-3349, or go by the office of Disability Services located in the Academic Commons (library) for personal assistance.

**Mandatory Disclaimer (ADA):**

TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination polices: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX 75599, (903) 823-3017, [human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu)

**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 making a decision.