

## General Psychology 2301.W1 Syllabus, Fall, 2023

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**Textbook:** For our required text, we will use an Open Stax book, [Psychology, 2e](#). This is an online text and is available for free. Click on [Psychology, 2e](#) for the book, and then click “View online.” You can also download a pdf of the book.

### Communication between Instructor and Student:

I would like for all communication for this course to take place through our Moodle homepage. If you need to send me a message about anything concerning the course, go to our class homepage, scroll to the bottom where it says “Class Contacts,” click on my name, then click on “Message.” This way, we have a history of every message we send to each other, so, hopefully, no messages will go astray!

I will respond to any message you send me within 24 hours, if sent during the week, and Monday, if sent over the weekend. Keep this in mind if you are trying to complete an assignment at the last minute and run into a problem. Because, if that happens, and you message me for help, there is a good chance that I won’t respond until after the assignment is due! In other words, plan accordingly.

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

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| (1) Course Worksheet (your bonus points) -      | 50 total points        |
| (2) Mid-Term and Final Exam (100 points each) - | 200 total points       |
| (3) Matching Activities -                       | 80 total points        |
| (4) Assignments -                               | 100 total points       |
| (5) Movie Quizzes -                             | 60 total points        |
| (6) Forum -                                     | <u>10 total points</u> |
|   | 500 total points       |

Texarkana College is not responsible for issues related to your computer or internet service. Any problem with your computer or internet service is not an excuse for not completing your assignments by their deadlines.

### Grading Scale and Student Assessment:

Grades are available at the link for our class, PSYC 2301 (1W1 WEB) at myTC under the heading “Jenzabar Attendance and Grades.” I use total points to determine final grades in this class. Grades will be assigned as follows:

A = 405 - 500

B = 360 - 404

C = 315 - 359

D = 270 - 314

F = less than 270

### Coursework/Exams:

All assignments will be sent through our Moodle homepage. The Course Worksheet, matching activities, assignments, movie quizzes, mid-term and final exams will be answered directly at Moodle. Forum responses take place at our homepage. **THE MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMS ARE TIMED, BUT NONE OF THE OTHER COURSEWORK IS TIMED.**

The course material is divided into two units. Unit 1 covers information and work for Chapters 1 – 8 of our text; Unit 2 covers the information and work for Chapters 9 – 16 of the text.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All coursework, including the exams, is available for you to work on now. Each assignment and exam has a due date, but work can always be sent in early. In fact, I would suggest you work ahead at least one week on the coursework in case an emergency arises and you are not able to send in work on time. And, since all coursework is available for completion now, there is no excuse for not getting work done on time. Therefore, if an emergency arises for you when an assignment is due, **DO NOT ASK FOR EXTENDED TIME.** Your extended time for completing coursework starts now!

(1) **COURSE WORKSHEET:** After familiarizing yourself with all of the information contained at the various links at our class homepage, you will then complete a Course Worksheet, which is your one opportunity to earn bonus points for this class. This worksheet is a 50 question test over the course information, and the maximum number of points to be earned on the worksheet is 50 points. However, each incorrect response will result in a 5 point deduction, so if you miss more than 10 questions, you will earn

no bonus points. **THE POINTS YOU EARN ON THE COURSE WORKSHEET WILL BE YOUR ONLY BONUS POINTS FOR THIS COURSE. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER BONUS POINTS FOR THIS COURSE, SO IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO DO WELL ON THE WORKSHEET.**

The Course Worksheet is due by **11:30 pm, Monday, August 21.**

**PLEASE NOTE: You may look at the class homepage, syllabus, and information contained at the links at our class homepage when working on the Course Worksheet! In fact, please do!**

(2) **EXAMS:** There will be a Mid-Term Exam and a Final Exam given in this class. Both exams are comprised of 100 multiple-choice questions. These two exams will be taken online and can be taken at home or at any computer with an internet connection. The two exams are timed, and you will have one hour to complete each exam.

Exams can be taken at any time, but must be taken by 11:30 pm on their due dates. Both exams are available to be taken now. **IF TAKEN LATE, THE MID-TERM EXAM WILL BE GRADED AT HALF CREDIT. THE FINAL EXAM CANNOT BE TAKEN LATE.**

The Mid-Term Exam (Chapters 1 – 8) must be taken by 11:30 pm **Monday, September 11.** The Final Exam (Chapters 9 – 16) must be taken by 11:30 pm **Monday, October 9.**

**QUESTIONS FOR BOTH THE MID-TERM AND FINAL EXAMS WILL COME FROM THE MULTIPLE CHOICE “REVIEW QUESTIONS” FOUND AT THE END OF EACH OF THE CHAPTERS. THOSE MULTIPLE CHOICE “REVIEW QUESTIONS” ARE THE EXACT QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ON THE MID-TERM AND THE FINAL EXAMS.**

(3) **MATCHING ACTIVITIES:** There are Matching Activities for the two units of our class. In Unit 1, the first Matching Activity covers Chapters 1 - 4, and the second, Chapters 5 - 8. In Unit 2, the first Matching Activity covers Chapters 9 - 12, and the second, Chapters 13 - 16.

(4) **ASSIGNMENTS:** There are four assignments for this class. Instructions for completing the assignments are given at the assignment links.

(5) **MOVIE QUIZZES:** There will be two quizzes over the movies you are required to watch for this class. The first movie quiz will be over the movies “Left v. Right: Brain Games,” “Optical Illusions,” “The Nervous System,” and “How Reliable is your Memory?”. The second movie quiz will be over the movies “What we learn before we’re born,” “The Power of the situation,” and “Logic and Reasoning.”

Some of the movies are through “Films on Demand,” and may require a username and password. If so, the username is “Texarkana,” and the password is “texas.”

(6) **FORUM:** We will have a forum, “Getting to Know You,” which will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to our class. Responding to the forum is graded and required.

### **Absentee Policy:**

For the purposes of this internet class, an absence will be recorded if a student fails to send in any of the required work or respond to the 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 the 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.

### **Make-up Policy:**

There will be no credit given for late matching activities, assignments, or movie quizzes. You know at the beginning of the semester what work is required and what the due dates are. Plan accordingly. If the Mid-Term is taken after its due date, it will be graded at half-credit. All work must be completed by **11:30 pm Monday, October 9**. There will be no incompletes given in this class. The last day to drop classes is **Friday, September 29**.

Course Worksheet, Matching Activities, Assignments, Movie Quizzes, Mid-Term and Final Exams must be received by 11:30 pm of their due dates.

### **Class Schedule:**

#### **Unit 1:**

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| Course Worksheet (50 pts.)                       | Monday, Aug. 21  |
| Forum (10 pts.)                                  | Monday, Aug. 28  |
| Matching Activity, Chapters 1 - 4 (20 pts.)      | Monday, Aug. 28  |
| Assignment #1, “Brain and Behavior” (30 pts.)    | Monday, Aug. 28  |
| Assignment #2, “Lessons on ‘Learning’” (25 pts.) | Monday, Sept. 4  |
| Matching Activity, Chapters 5 – 8 (20 pts.)      | Monday, Sept. 4  |
| Unit 1 Movie Quiz (30 pts.)                      | Monday, Sept. 11 |
| Mid-Term Exam, Chapters 1 – 8 (100 pts.)         | Monday, Sept. 11 |

#### **Unit 2:**

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| Assignment #3, “Human Development” (20 pts.) | Monday, Sept. 18 |
| Matching Activity, Chapters 9 - 12 (20 pts.) | Monday, Sept. 18 |

## **Unit 2:**

Assignment #4, "Personality Theories, Defense

Monday, Sept. 25

Mechanisms, and Psychological Disorders" (25 pts.)

Matching Activity, Chapters 13 – 16 (20 pts.)

Monday, Sept. 25

Unit 2 Movie Quiz (30 pts.)

Monday, Oct. 2

Final Exam, Chapters 9 – 16 (100 pts.)

Monday, Oct. 9

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If any changes are made to this syllabus, the class will be informed.