



**Course name: General Psychology**

**Course Number: PSYC 2301**

**Semester & Year: Spring 2021**

### **Instructor Information**

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**Course Description:** General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories, and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

### **Student Learning Outcomes for PSYC 2301:**

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

### **Textbook Information**

Psychology (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Please know that I am aware that not all of you will have the same level of access. Please complete the digital

access questionnaire located on Moodle so that I have information about your individual level of digital access.

As a TC student for Fall 2021, it is necessary for you to have access to a computer that meets [TC Computer Requirement Policy](#) and to be able to log on to the [Microsoft Teams](#) platform using your student credentials. Microsoft Teams is the online platform your instructors will use to connect with you remotely. Please do not delay in setting this program up on your devices.

**Setting Up Microsoft Teams:**

- ✓ A step-by-step guide for setting up Microsoft Teams on your computer and your mobile device is available on the TC website or by clicking this link: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/helpdesk/introduction-to-teams/>

**TC Technology Help Desk: If you need assistance, please contact the TC Help Desk during their available business hours:**

Hours Available: Mon-Thu, 8am-5pm; Fridays, 8am-4pm

Need help? Submit a help ticket: [Enter a ticket](#)

Contact Help Desk by Email: [helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu)

Call for IT Support or Assistance with Microsoft Teams Set-Up: [\(903\) 823-3030](tel:9038233030)

**TC Computer Requirement Policy:** Please ensure you have a compatible computer! If you do not have access to a computer and wish to purchase one, the TC Bookstore has affordable laptops available to TC students that you can purchase using your financial aid. Find more information here: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/bookstore/>.

**Wi-Fi Access:** TC has wi-fi hot spots available for students throughout campus. You can access the hot spots on this map link: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/campus-map/>. Once the semester begins, you will be able to logon to TCNet with your student credentials. For more information, click this link- <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/helpdesk/wireless/>.

Apps you will need (both of these apps are FREE to use):

Flipgrid	 The logo for Flipgrid, featuring a central white plus sign inside a green circle, which is surrounded by four overlapping circles in orange, blue, yellow, and purple. To the right of the logo, the word "Flipgrid" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.
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**Student Requirements for *successful* completion of the course:**

Students should:

- Complete the assigned readings.
- Develop notes for the topic using the reading and viewing guides provided.
- Participate in the discussion forums as assigned.
- Complete the unit tests.
- Complete the weekly quizzes.

**Student Assessment:**

- Weekly Recommended Video Guide(s)
- Recommended Reading Guides
- Weekly Critical Thinking Interactives
- Weekly Quizzes for the Assigned Topic (20 points each = 200 points total)  
*unlimited attempts until due date*
- Syllabus Response via Flip Grid (10 points)
- Required Office Hour Visit After Test 1 via Flip Grid (10 points)
- Response Papers (*one and a possible if you demonstrate satisfactory performance of the standard on the first paper you will not be required to write the second paper*; will be assessed using a standards based approach 100 points total)
- Tests (40 points each = 120 points total) **Eligible for Test Incentive**
- Final Project (100 points total)
- Participation (25 points)
- Extra Credit (maximum of 20 points)

Total Points Available 565 points

Due dates are as assigned by your professor with the invitation of student input.

**Absentee Policy**

Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. For this class, 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**

Students should make every effort to complete all work as assigned. If a student is not able to do so they should reach out to the professor to make arrangements for assignment completion.

### **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. Communication between the instructor and student is essential for your success in the course.

### **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, Director of Student Retention, at (903) 823-3349 for support.

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.

TC Police Department (903) 823-3330 *please note that this number is an updated number.*