**Texarkana College**

**Syllabus:** Introduction to Psychology  
**Course Number:** PSYC 2301; 2W1  
**Semester & Year:** Spring 2024 (2nd 8 Weeks)

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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 a detailed description and explanations of due dates and deadlines.

**Student Assessment**

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

**(1)  11 Chapter/Topic Quizzes -      100 points each**

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

**(3) Social Experiment - 100 points**

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

**(5) 14 Forum Posts - 100 points each and an AVERAGE taken**

**-WEEKLY deadlines (Sundays at Midnight) will be given per chapter/topic. A student has until MIDNIGHT of that given week to complete and submit assignments through Moodle.**

**-A student may request TWO total extensions for any assignment deadline missed – not a “redo” to make a better grade. After this, NO OTHER EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED. If an assignment is not submitted by that week’s midnight deadline, a permanent ZERO will be earned for that particular assignment. If a student wishes more time to complete a missed assignment, he/she must email the professor at** [dana.strickland@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:dana.strickland@texarkanacollege.edu) **and make this request – PLEASE BE SPECIFIC. A new deadline will then be issued personally for that student. If an extension is requested, and the professor responds via email to the student – he/she is then responsible for keeping the new deadline. Failure to do so will result in ONE of the TWO extensions being used. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED FOR ANYTHING ON or AFTER Monday, May 6th. At that point, anything not completed will be recorded as a PERMANENT ZERO. There will be NO extensions granted for the PSYC 2301 Final Exam.**

**Grading Scale:**

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| **Grade** |  |
| **A** | 90-100 |
| **B** | 80-89 |
| **C** | 70-79 |
| **D** | 60-69 |
| **F** | 59-below |
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**All grades will count EQUALLY in this course and are worth 100 points each. The exception will be the forum post questions (7 total) and the forum post responses (7 total). These will be worth 100 points each but an AVERAGE will be taken of all forums at the end of the semester for ONE grade. Students will therefore have 15 total grades for this course: Intro/Chapter 1 Quiz, Chpt. 2 & 3 Quiz, Chpt. 5 Quiz, Chpt. 6 Quiz, Chpt. 7 Quiz, Chpt. 8 Quiz, Chpt. 9 Quiz, Chpt. 11 Quiz, Chpt. 12 Quiz, Schizophrenia Quiz, OCD Quiz, Final Exam, Social Experiment Assignment, Movie Assignment, Forum Post Average. The Forum Post Average will NOT be posted in MyTC until the END of the semester.**

**Class Schedule**

The class schedule is posted and outlined on our PSYC 2301 Moodle page. Each topic is separated by each week of the semester. Deadlines for assignments are stated on this schedule as well as reminders given through Moodle. The Professor has the right to make changes as deemed necessary. **IT IS UP TO THE STUDENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE, LOG ON DAILY, AND REGULARLY CHECK EMAIL SO THAT HE/SHE IS UP-TO-DATE WITH THE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS.**

**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. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor’s syllabus.

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**

Students in this Spring 2 (2nd 8 weeks) course are STRONGLY encouraged to submit all online assignments in a timely manner – EACH SUNDAY by midnight. Attendance will be taken EACH WEEK and a student must submit at least one assignment (By Midnight) for that chapter or topic in order to be counted PRESENT for that week. Due to the nature of this type of course, NO MORE THAN TWO absences will be allowed before the student will be dropped from the course. 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, it is recommended that the student KEEP IN CONTACT with the Professor and assess the situation together if absences occur. Attendance will begin being counted for the first week of class – Monday, March 18th.

**Make-up Policy**

Due to the short amount of time and quick pace of this course, only TWO extensions will be allowed per student concerning make-up work. After the student has requested and received extra time with two Moodle assignments, he/she will receive no further extensions. If a student needs extra time on an assignment due to missing the deadline, he/she must email the professor at dana.strickland@texarkanacollege.edu and request this. Please state your FIRST and LAST name in the email as well as which SPECIFIC assignment you want reopened. The assignment will then be reopened and the student will receive a new individual deadline (via email). Failure to submit the assignment by the new due date will still be counted as ONE of the TWO extensions. Assignments must be submitted WEEKLY by the designated day and time, SUNDAYS at MIDNIGHT. Assignments will be opened each week for students to complete. **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WORK AHEAD IN THIS COURSE – PLEASE DO NOT ASK!**

**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 Blase at (903) 823-3349 for additional information.

If you have an accommodation letter from their office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it/forward 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 making a decision.

**Chapter/Topic Quizzes:**

Each WEEK a quiz (sometimes 2 or more) over that particular chapter or topic is to be completed by SUNDAYS at MIDNIGHT. Quizzes are in a multiple choice/true-false format. There will be 11 total quizzes.

**Forum Posts:**

Each WEEK a forum post question is to be completed by SUNDAYS at MIDNIGHT. These are short-answer, often opinion questions which require a response – approximately a brief PARAGRAPH. In addition to posting your own responses (7 different questions) you are required to respond to at least ONE classmate each WEEK– also by Sundays at Midnight. You will therefore respond (positively and appropriately) to 7 of your classmates (These posts can be to different people or occasionally the same person). This will give you an additional 7 responses which when added to the original 7 equals 14. These are worth 100 points each. An AVERAGE will be taken of the 14 forum responses for ONE Forum Post grade in the end. FORUM POST GRADES WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER!

**Movie Assignment:**

You will be viewing the feature film, “Nell” which is embedded for you on our class Moodle page. The assignment will be explained (via email and video). The assignment will be open and explained (via a posted video) the week of Monday, April 1st. It will be due AT THE END of the week of Monday, April 15th (SUNDAY, APRIL 21st - MIDNIGHT). Responses to the movie discussion questions MUST be submitted through the Moodle system. ABSOLUTELY NO responses will be accepted through email.

**Social Experiment Assignment:**

The Social Experiment Assignment is designed around an episode of “What Would You Do?” – a popular news program. The assignment will be explained (via email and video) the week of Monday, April 22nd. It will be due AT THE END of the week of Monday, April 29th (SUNDAY, MAY 5th – MIDNIGHT). Responses to the discussion questions MUST be submitted through the Moodle system. ABSOLUTELY NO responses will be accepted through email.

**Final Exam:**

The PSYC 2301 Final Exam will be given through the Moodle system just like the chapter/topic quizzes. The format will be multiple choice and true-false questions. It will be a comprehensive test as it will cover some of all chapters/topics required for the course. The Final Exam will be open for students to begin taking the week of Monday, May 6th. A specific deadline will be given at a later date to students via email. ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS CAN BE GRANTED IF THE FINAL EXAM DEADLINE IS MISSED!