Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course title: General Psychology
Course details: PSYC-2301-74427 3 week online course
Class location: INET – all assignments and tests completed in eCampus
Credit hours: Three college credits
Course description: General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.
Course prerequisites: One of the following must be met: (1) Developmental Reading 0093 or (2) English as a Second Language (ESOL) 0044 or (3) have met the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Reading standard.

This is a Texas Common Course Number. This is a DCCCD Core Curriculum Course.
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 42.0101.51 25

Suggested Textbook- No text required - we are using an Open Ended Resource in ecampus

Core Curriculum of the Colleges of DCCCD:
Psychology 2301 is a Tier 2 course in the Self and Society learning category. “Knowledge and skills learned in Tier 1 are reinforced and applied. The Self and Society category is designed to compare and contrast your knowledge of social behaviors. You will find opportunities to question the roles both you and others play in addressing the issues of our society.” -DCCCD Catalog
Texas Core Curriculum

Statement of Purpose

Through the Texas Core Curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world, develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world, and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Psychology 2301, as part of the core curriculum, satisfies the following Core Objectives in Psychology defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Core Objectives for PSYC 2301

- **Critical Thinking Skills** – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communication Skills** – to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social Responsibility** – to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Learning Outcomes for PSYC 2301

Upon successful completion of this course, PSYC 2301 students will:

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.

Course-Level Student Learning Outcomes:

Psychology 2301 students will be able to expect the following outcomes at the end of this course.

1. All students in PSYC 2301 will be able to identify various **RESEARCH METHODS** and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology at a 70% level of proficiency as measured by an exam.
2. All students in PSYC 2301 will be able to describe some of the **PROMINENT PERSPECTIVES** and approaches used in the study of psychology at a 70% level of proficiency as measured by an exam.
3. All students in PSYC 2301 will be able to identify factors in PHYSIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESSES involved in human behavior at a 70% level of proficiency as measured by an exam.

**Evaluation Procedures for Grades**

*Plan ahead and you may not have to take the final exam! Drop the lowest exam grade.*

**Unit Exams**: 3 exams @ 100 points each = 300 points (Week 1, 2, 3)

**Personality Paper/Assignment** = 100 points (Due Week 3)

**Chapter Quizzes** (10 quizzes worth 12 points each) = 120 points (Due within each unit)

**Discussions** = 80 points (20 points earned for each of the 4 discussions in our class)

**Grading Scale**

*Every point counts! When I calculate your final grade, I will just add up all the points you have earned.*

Total possible points = 600
- Grade of A = 540-600 points
- Grade of B = 480-539 points
- Grade of C = 420-479 points
- Grade of D = 360-419 points
- Grade of F = Less than 360 points

**Guidelines for Student Success**

All students will participate in the following activities to assure that the Core Objectives of the Texas Core Curriculum and the Learning Outcomes of PSYC 2301 are met. Your instructor may include additional activities to enhance your educational experience.

**Exams**:

*(300 points total)*

There will be three unit exams. Exams consist of multiple choice and short answer responses. Exams may be taken early but not late!

**Personality Paper**:

*(100 points total)*

- You will be completing various readings and assessments to better understand the different psychological perspectives on personality and then answer specific reflective questions to complete your personality paper. This assignment is due in the assignment box by the end of week 3.
Chapter Quizzes:

(120 points total)
- Students will complete an online quiz in ecampus for each chapter covered to help understand and reinforce the readings and concepts covered in preparation for exams.
- Each quiz consists of 12 multiple-choice questions worth one point each.
- Students may take each quiz twice; the highest grade will be recorded in the gradebook.
- Chapter quizzes close at the end of each unit.
- Chapter quizzes DO NOT reopen for any reason.

Discussions and Participation:

(80 points total)
- Participation in discussions are important to your overall success in the course. Four discussion questions are worth up to 20 points each. Students need to post their response using at least 50 words, and respond to two other student postings using a minimum of 25 words per post for the full 20 points for each discussion.

Discipline/Course/Department/Instructor Policies

Please be aware that late assignments are not accepted. Plan accordingly.

Institutional Policies

_Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed from the following link:_

[www.northlakecollege.edu/syllabipolicies](http://www.northlakecollege.edu/syllabipolicies)
Use This Course Calendar To Keep You On Track Throughout This Short Semester!

| UNIT 1 | Week 1 | May 17-22 | Unit Responsibilities (166 possible points):
| INTRODUCTION – 10 extra credit points due by May 19th |
| - Read: Articles/Videos/Powerpoints for Chapters 1, 2 and 3 |
| - Chapters 1, 2 and 3 Quizzes – (12 pts each for a total of 36 points) |
| - Discussion Question – (20 points) |
| - Test 1 – covers chapters 1, 2 and 3 (100 points) |
| Begin your Personality Paper – See instructions in ecampus. This paper and quiz are due by the end of week 3. |

| UNIT 2 | Week 2 | May 23-28 | Unit Responsibilities (156 possible points):
| - Read: Articles/Videos and Powerpoints for Chapters 4, 5 and 6 |
| - Chapters 4, 5 and 6 Quizzes – (12 pts each for a total of 36 points) |
| - Discussion Question – (20 points) |
| - Unit 2 Exam– covers chapters 4, 5, and 6 (100 pts) |
| Your Personality Paper and Quiz are due Sunday, May 26th (112 possible points). |

| UNIT 3 | Week 3 | May 29- June 3 | Unit Responsibilities (156 possible points):
| - Read: Articles/Videos and Powerpoints for Chapters 7, 8 and 9 |
| - Chapters 7, 8 and 9 Quizzes – (12 pts each for a total of 36 points) |
| - Discussion Question – (20 points) |
| - Unit 3 Exam– covers chapters 7, 8, 9 (100 pts) |

| WRAP UP | May 1-4 | Unit Responsibilities (20 possible points and 12 possible extra credit points):
| - Department Quiz – possible 12 EXTRA CREDIT points |
| - Final Discussion – possible 20 points |