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Course Information
Course Title: General Psychology
Course Number: PSYC 2301
Section Number: 33020
Semester/Year: Spring 2020
Credit Hours: 3
Class Meeting Time/Location: Mon/Wed 9:30am-10:50am D206
Certification Date: February 3, 2020 (16-Week Courses)
Last Day to Withdraw: Friday May 1, 2020 (8-Week Courses)

WELCOME TO GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY! I AM EXCITED THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE THIS COURSE. TOGETHER WE WILL EXPLORE THE FASCINATING SCIENCE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR, THOUGHTS, AND FEELINGS.

Course Prerequisites
College level ready in Reading.

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:
Upon successful completion of this course, 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.

**Texas Core Objectives**

The College defines essential knowledge and skills that students need to develop during their college experience. These general education competencies parallel the Texas Core Objectives for Student Learning. In this course, the activities you engage in will give you the opportunity to practice two or more of the following core competencies:

1. **Critical Thinking Skills** - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. **Communication Skills** - to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication
3. **Empirical and Quantitative Skills** - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. **Teamwork** - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. **Personal Responsibility** - to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making
6. **Social Responsibility** - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

**Required Course Materials**

This Course uses “free” open-source internet resources: Openstax Psychology. Download your eTextbook to your computer and/or phone from:

[Access Textbook Here - Openstax Psychology](#)

Note: A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.
Graded Work
The tables below provide a summary of the graded work in this course and an explanation of how your final course grade will be calculated.

Summary of Graded Work

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Final Grade

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Attendance and Your Final Grade
Students are expected to attend all classes. Students have the responsibility to attend class and to consult with a classmate or the instructor when an absence occurs. If for some reason you must leave class early, you should inform the instructor prior to the start of class. Attendance is mandatory in this class it will count towards your class participation grade which is 40 points of your final grade.

Students must begin attendance in all classes of enrollment. No exceptions. Financial Aid will not be granted to students who have been certified as not attending, by the certification date. For this lecture course, your physical participation in class, on or before the certification date will allow you to receive credit for FA purposes. For
certification dates, check with the division or FAO for further information. Students, who are not certified as beginning class, are responsible for any payments due as a result of non-certification, to include the dropping of courses.

**Late Work Policy**
Late work is NOT accepted. Also, work **will not be accepted via email**. All assignments must be submitted via eCampus by the time deadline or, if you are to hand in an assignment (at my discretion), it is due at the beginning of class on the day it is due or after class is over. If you are to be absent on the day a paper is due, make arrangements to turn in the paper early. **Make-up essays/papers are not permitted.** In the case of a certified emergency (documents must be submitted to verify this) please inform me, and we will work out an alternate plan.

**Other Course Policies**

**Makeup Exam Policy:** Except in cases of extreme emergency, no make-up exams are allowed. You should make sure you are here during scheduled exams. If you MUST be absent on the day of a scheduled exam, please discuss the situation with me as soon as you are aware of a conflict so we can minimize the damage.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION POLICY**
Students are expected to participate in a mutually respectful learning environment. Also, the use of cell phones or other communication devices is prohibited during class. If you are using a computer during class, it must be used solely for note taking or other class-related matters. You will be asked to leave class if your behavior is disruptive or if you violate these rules.

**CLASS ETIQUETTE**
Students are expected to be polite and respectful to the instructor and to each other in the classroom and on blackboard. Violating this guideline can result in the student being dropped from the course administratively by the instructor.

**Academic Honesty:** Students caught plagiarizing an assignment will be subject to an "F" in the course and possible expulsion from the college. Academic honesty is expected, and integrity is valued in the Dallas County Community Colleges. Scholastic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. As a college student, you are considered a responsible adult. Your enrollment indicates acceptance
of the DCCCD Code of Student Conduct published in the DCCCD Catalog. More information is available at https://www1.dcccd.edu/cat0406/ss/code.cfm

**Institutional Policies**

Institutional Policies relating to this course can be accessed using the link below. These policies include information about tutoring, Disabilities Services, class drop and repeat options, Title IX, and more. [Cedar Valley Institutional Policies](http://www.cedarvalleycollege.edu/syllabipolicies)

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**Course Schedule**

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| 2: 3/29-4/4 | Chapter 2: Psychological Research  
Chapter 3: Biopsychology | Chapter 2 & 3 Quiz & CT Due April 6 |
| 3: 4/5-4/11 | Chapter 4: States of Consciousness  
Chapter 6: Learning | Discussion Due April 12  
Chapter 4 & 6 Quiz & CT Due April 13 |
| 4: 4/12-4/18 | **Exam 1 Midterm (1,2,3,4,6)**  
Chapter 8: Memory  
Chapter 10: Motivation & Emotion | Exam Available April 16-18  
Chapter 8 & 10 Quiz & CT Due April 20 |
| 5: 4/19-4/25 | Chapter 11: Personality  
Chapter 12: Social Psychology | Chapter 11 & 12 Quiz & CT Due April 27 |
| 6: 4/26-5/2 | Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders  
Chapter 16: Therapies & Treatments | Discussion Due May 3  
Chapter 15 & 16 Quiz & CT Due May 4 |
| 7: 5/3-5/9 | **Exam 2 Final (8,11,12,15,16)** | Exam Available May 7-9 |
Disclaimer Reserving Right to Change Syllabus: I reserve the right to amend this syllabus, assignments, and due dates as necessary. Changes will be sent to students via email and/or posted on eCampus.