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Course Information
Course Title: General Psychology
Course Number: PSYC 2301
Section Number: 79007
Semester/Year: Spring 2020
Credit Hours: 3
Class Meeting Time/Location: Tues and Thurs, 9:30-10:50 a.m. in room A-214
Certification Date: January 27, 2020
Last Day to Withdraw: February 26, 2020

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. (3 Lec.)
Coordinating Board Academic Approval Number 4201015125

Student Learning Outcomes
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.

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
Psychology by OpenStax is licensed under Creative Commons Attribution License v4.0
https://openstax.org/details/books/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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<td>Three Exams (lowest is “dropped”)</td>
<td>2 @ 100 points each</td>
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<td>Social Responsibility Paper</td>
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TOTAL: 500 points

Final Grade

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Description of Graded Work

**Exams:** Three Unit Exams @ 100 points each = 300 points. Lowest exam grade will be dropped for a possible grand total of 200 points

**Social Responsibility Paper:** Students will write a three page paper indicating how they believe their thoughts, attitudes, and behavior contribute to or take away from others as well as examine how their own culture has shaped their world view and how they might adjust their actions to successfully interact with someone from another culture. This paper is worth 100 points.

**Discussion Board Questions:** There will be four discussion questions that will be placed in the “Discussions” button of e-campus of which students must answer the question and respond to two other classmates. Each question is worth 25 points and will the students will be required to answer four questions for a total of 100 points.
**Attendance:** 100 points are earned for attending and participating in all classes. 10 points will be lost for each class missed.

**Service Learning:** You may replace one of your exam grades by completing 15 hours of Service Learning during the semester. See e-campus button marked “Service Learning” for further instructions. *(Note: You cannot replace Service Learning for the Social Responsibility Paper, Attendance, or the Discussion Board Questions)*.

**Attendance and Your Final Grade**

Being in class exposes you to new ideas, allows you to develop relationships, and helps you discover new things about yourself. In other words, attending class is an essential part of being a successful college student. 100 points are earned for attending and participating in all classes. 10 points will be lost for each class missed.

**Late Work Policy**

There are no make-up exams or late assignments accepted. I understand that things happen that might cause a student to miss an exam or miss an assignment: illness, work obligations, emergency travel. However, in order to be fair to all students, there are NO MAKE UP EXAMS AND NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS ACCEPTED. If you miss an exam or miss an assignment, you may complete one of the extra credit opportunities that can be found under the “EXTRA CREDIT” button in our course in e-campus.

**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.

[North Lake Institutional Policies](http://www.northlakecollege.edu/syllabipolicies)

**Course Schedule**

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<td><strong>Unit One Responsibilities:</strong> Review Chapter One and Four <em>(On Your Own)</em>&lt;br&gt;Exam One in class (Chapters 1-5) – (100 points)&lt;br&gt;<strong>Discussion Board #1</strong> (25 points)</td>
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| **Unit Two** – Topics include, Learning, Thinking and Intelligence, Memory, Lifespan Development, and Emotion and Motivation | **Unit Two Responsibilities:**  
Review Chapter Eight and Ten *(On Your Own)*  
Exam Two in class (Chapters 6-10) – (100 points)  
Discussion Board #2 (25 points) | *Exam Two on 2/18 in class  
*Discussion Board #2 due by 11:00 p.m. on 2/18 |
| **Unit Three** – Topics include Personality, Social Psychology, Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Stress, Lifestyle, and Health, Psychological Disorders, and Therapy and Treatment | **Unit Three Responsibilities:**  
Review Chapters Twelve and Thirteen *(On Your Own)*  
Discussion Board #3 (25 points) | *Discussion Board #3 due by 11:00 p.m. on 3/5 |
| **Unit Four** – Topics include Wrapping up final assignments of Final Exam, Social Responsibility Paper, and Discussion Board #4 | **Unit Four Responsibilities:**  
Exam Three in class (Chapters 11-16) – (100 points)  
Discussion Board #4 (25 points)  
Social Responsibility Paper – (100 points) | *Exam Three on 3/10 in class  
*Discussion Board #4 due by 11:00 p.m. on 3/10  
*Social Responsibility Paper due by 11:00 p.m. on 3/10 |