

COURSE SYLLABUS
PSY201 - GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
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CRN #42173 T R 9:30 - 11:20 A.M. IN BC-244 (Benton Center)

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Mondays (Benton Center): 8:30 - 9:20 A.M.
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All other times are by appointment only (there is a link to my appointment calendar at my instructor website).

Required Materials

- Myers, D (2018) Psychology, 12th Edition in Modules. New York, NY: Worth.
- LaunchPad Access Code for Psychology: bundled free with purchase of textbook at LBCC bookstore

Prerequisites

There are no required prerequisites for this course. However, this course does require college-level writing and reading skills. Your placement at or above the following courses is ***strongly recommended*** for success in this course:

- Reading 120
- Writing 115

Course Description

PSY201 - General Psychology is an introduction to several of the different sub-fields and methods of study in psychology. You should leave this course with an understanding of the biological and cognitive aspects of psychology, including history, methodology, biological foundations of behavior, human development, sensation, perception, learning, memory, language and problem-solving.

Course Learning Outcomes

As a result of successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

- Describe major facts and theories from the domain of psychology.
- Recognize and articulate the interplay between social, psychological and biological forces.
- Apply relevant psychological phenomena to everyday relationships and situations.
- Combine and synthesize psychological concepts and theories to draw reasonable conclusions, develop intelligent skepticism, and critically analyze information.

Course Requirements

Your final grade in this class will be determined by your performance on the following:

Quizzes: There will be 6 quizzes over the course of the term. They will be worth 25% of your total grade. The quizzes will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions and you will be allowed 30 minutes to take them. To allow for instances in which you are unable to take the quiz, I will only include your 5 highest scores in the determination of your final grade. If you take all 6 quizzes, you will be allowed to drop your lowest quiz score. **Quizzes will be taken on-line at the Moodle site for this course.** You will usually have 2-3 days to take each quiz and may do so from any computer both on and off campus, which should eliminate timing problems and the possibility of missing a quiz. If you miss more than one quiz, the percentage for that quiz and any subsequent missed quizzes will be added to the weight of your final exam. See the *Email Policy* instructions on what to do if you experience computer issues while taking or submitting a Moodle quiz.

Exams: There will be 3 regular exams worth over the course of the term. Each exam will be **comprehensive** on the information we have covered to the date of each exam (see course outline for details) and they will consist of multiple-choice, matching, identification, short-answer and essay questions. In addition, each exam will vary according to weight: Exam 1 will be worth 10%, Exam 2 will be worth 15% and Exam 3 will be worth 20% towards your final grade (this means that the 3 exams are worth 45% of your total grade). **All regular exams will be taken in class during class time on the date indicated in the course outline.** To allow for instances in which you are unable to take a regular exam during the allotted time, the final exam will be used as a makeup exam (see below).

Final Exam: There will be one optional **comprehensive** final exam following the same format as the regular exams and given during final exams week (see course outline and/or final exam schedule on the LBCC website). If you miss a regular exam due to illness or unforeseen circumstance, the final exam will replace the missing score. If you have taken all the regular exams, the final exam can be used to replace a low exam score OR you can opt out of the final exam if you have taken all three regular exams and are happy with your grade.

Research Consumer Paper: You will have one paper worth 15% of your grade due this term. The purpose of this assignment is to help you learn to evaluate and communicate about research and to be a good consumer of research. Details of the paper are available on the Moodle site and it is due by 11:55 p.m. on the date indicated on the course outline. To allow for unforeseen circumstances, you can turn in this paper up to 14 days late for 90% of the total points available.

Activities: We will also be conducting 10 online activities worth 8% of your final grade over the course of the term. Activities will be done online at the LaunchPad website for your textbook. You will need the access code that came with your textbook to gain access to this site. To allow for unforeseen circumstances in which you were unable to complete an activity by the deadline, only 8 of the 10 activities count toward the determination of your final grade.

Daily Quizzes and Participation: In addition to online activities, I will be giving daily quizzes and participation points during **almost** every class starting the 2nd day of class. For the most part, these points will consist of 5 multiple-choice questions (covering information from the previous lecture), given during the 1st 5 minutes of class and answered using your smart device (phone, tablet or laptop). There will also be an exit ticket that your group will fill out at the end of each class. If you are not present for BOTH of these, you will not get full credit. However, I reserve the right to assign these points as I see fit. For example, at times, I may assign them to an activity we do in class. Daily quizzes will be worth 7% of your final grade. To allow for unforeseen absences, you will be allowed to drop your 3 lowest daily quiz scores from your final grade.

Grades: Your final grade will be assigned based on the total number of points earned during the course and the weight of each of the assignments. You will be assigned to the letter grade corresponding to your % of total points according to the table below:

<u>Points Earned</u>	<u>Grade</u>
90% or above	A
80% - 89%	B
70% - 79%	C
60% - 69%	D
59% or less	F

Class Policies

Moodle: All students who are on the class roster will be enrolled in the Moodle site for this course during the 1st week of classes. You will take all your quizzes on Moodle in addition to accessing your grades, topic outlines, study guides, internet links and handouts.

LaunchPad All activities will be completed at the LaunchPad website for the textbook required for this course. All students are required to have an access code for this website (textbooks purchased at the bookstore come with the access code for no additional price). In addition, If you purchased your textbook through a source other than the Linn-Benton Community College bookstore, you will be required to purchase the access code separately. The access code comes with access to the e-book, so those students who do not wish to have a paper version of the textbook can purchase the access code directly from the publisher.

Preparedness: Please come to class prepared to discuss the reading assignments. In addition, if you have missed class, you should check the Moodle site for handouts or class activities that may be due.

Attendance Policy: This is a large class and therefore, I do not require you to notify me when you miss class. However, missing this class more than 3 times during the term will have an impact on your grade (in the form of losing points on daily quizzes and missing vital information). I do not post notes online. If you have to miss class, please check the **Moodle site** for any assignments that you missed or that may be due when you return and contact **another student** for notes/announcements. Another student is your **best** resource for notes and class information. If you will be gone for an extended period due to an unavoidable circumstance, **please** make an appointment with me so we can discuss your options.

Courtesy and Classroom Decorum: Please be mindful that everyone is here to learn. Silence your cell phones, arrive on time for class, and avoid being disruptive. You are not to use your cell phones to do anything but answering Socrative questions during class. I reserve the right to ask anyone using a cell phone inappropriately during class to leave the classroom. Differences of opinion are encouraged in class as long as they are presented in a constructive and courteous way. Please listen, read and follow all directions carefully.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Do your own work! Using someone else's work as your own or using information or ideas without proper citation (which is called plagiarism) can lead to your failing the assignment, test or class. Bibliographies **and** in-text citations are required **whenever you use outside sources, including internet sources** (unless otherwise indicated by me).

College Policies

Students with Disabilities: LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in the class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the CFAR Website for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

Non-Discrimination Policy: LBCC prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, age, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local laws (for further information <http://po.linnbenton.edu/BPsandARs/> Board Policy P1015).

Drop Policy: If you wish to drop this course for a full refund and without it appearing on your transcript, you must do so by **Monday, April 8th**. The last day to officially withdraw from this course (a 'W' appears on the transcript) is **May 17th (in person) or May 19th (online)**.

Incomplete Grades: You **may** be eligible for an 'Incomplete' grade if you have finished **90%** of the class work. If you have an 'Incomplete,' all coursework must be finished by the end of the next term. I can only award an 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', or 'F' grade. **You must contact me before the end of the term with proper documentation to receive an Incomplete.**