

Syllabus: General Psychology (PSY201)
Winter 2023 CRN #31064 Wednesday 6-7:50PM HYBRID

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Required Materials:

Myers, David and Dewall, C Nathan. 2021. *Psychology in Everyday Life, 5e*. Macmillan, including *Achieve* access: <https://achieve.macmillanlearning.com/courses/dkqsm7>

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites. However, the course requires college-level reading and writing skills. Placement at or above the following courses is ***strongly recommended*** for success in this course: Reading 120, Writing 115.

Course Description:

General Psychology is an introduction to different knowledge areas and methods of studying human behavior. The course is an overview of the biological and cognitive aspects of psychology, including the history, methodology, biological foundations of behavior, human development, sensation, perception, learning, memory, language and problem-solving.

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion this course, you should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of scientific methodology.
- Demonstrate knowledge of basic nervous system anatomy and function.
- Explain the role of heredity, evolution, culture and environment in human behavior and development.
- Explain the process of physical, cognitive, and social change over the human lifespan.
- Explain the role of biology, culture, and environment on perception, learning, memory, reasoning, problem solving and language.

Course Requirements

This class is a hybrid class; it has both a scheduled live remote (Zoom) class time as well as asynchronous activities that you must complete on your own time. Class attendance is expected; your weekly attendance will account for nearly 10% of your grade (50 points) and can not be made up.

This is a 4 unit class; you can expect to spend approximately 12 hours per week on class and activities.

All classes will be recorded and the video posted to Moodle within 24 hours.

Your final grade in the class will be determined by the following:

Reading Quiz (18x) using Achieve *Read and Practice* is due at the end of the day each Tuesday by 11:55 PM. 5 pts each unit (90 pts) *Late submissions accepted for 60% credit (3 points) through week 10.*

Weekly Assignment (10x) Weekly assignments are listed on Moodle and are due the Sunday of the week assigned by 11:55 PM. These will both cover material from the lessons as well as prepare you for the Research Consumer Paper. 12 pts/wk (120 pts).

Exams (3x) These will take place in Moodle and consist of a mixture of multiple choice, matching, identification, and short answer questions. You may choose to complete the test at any time before the posted deadline. These exams are timed and must be completed once started. These are worth 70 points each (210 pts total).

Creative Assignment Presentation (Extra Credit) A chance to demonstrate your understanding of the material in your own unique way. Presentations take place during our finals class, and are worth up to 20 points of extra credit.

Research Consumer Paper You will write 1 paper based on assigned reading. The purpose of this paper is to help you learn to understand as well as communicate clearly and effectively about psychological research. 80 pts.

Class Participation Class participation is an important part of this class, as there will be break out group learning that can not be made up. 5pts/class, 50 pts total.

Grades: Your final grade will be assigned based on the total number of points you earn during the course.

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| A = 90% or above | (495-550 pts) |
| B = 89% - 80% | (440-494 pts) |
| C = 79% - 70% | (385-439 pts) |
| D = 69% - 60% | (330-384 pts) |
| F = 59% or less | (0-329 pts) |

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| Requirement | # | Points | Total |
| Reading Quiz | 18 | 5 | 90 |
| Weekly Assignment | 10 | 12 | 120 |
| Exam | 3 | 70 | 210 |
| Research Paper | 1 | 80 | 80 |
| Class Participation | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| Total Possible Points: | | | 550 |

Deadlines

Please pay attention to deadlines: *there will be NO make up of missed Assignments, Exams, or a missed Research Paper deadline* - plan accordingly. Accommodations *can* be made if you notify the instructor of a conflict ahead of time.

One exception to this policy exists: Achieve Read & Practice work is accepted past the deadline for 60% credit (3 points) through the end of week 10 (Sun 3/19/23). Please email & notify the instructor if you complete work past the deadline.

Email

You must use your LBCC email address and include your name in your message when contacting the instructor. Emails will be responded to within 24 hours M-F.

Avoid being Dropped:

You have work due starting the first week of class. If you do not attend the first class, you must email the instructor by Friday 1/13/23 to confirm your participation or you will be dropped.

How to Succeed in PSY 201

In this class you will learn all about yourself - how your mind works, and the conditions that can help you perform your best. Try to consider how this information applies to you, and how you can use it to grow both as an individual and as a student.

The [LBCC Learning Center](#) has several resources to assist you with writing, studying, and skills to be an effective student. Make sure to use your resources early and often!

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 **Tuesday, January 17th**. The last day to officially withdraw from this course (a 'W' appears on the transcript) is **Sunday February 26th**.

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 your instructor before the end of the term with proper documentation to receive an Incomplete.**

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

Course Outline Winter 2023. Class is on Weds 6:00 PM - 7:50 PM on ZOOM

| Week/ Class Date | Readings | Activities | Due dates (11:55 PM) |
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| 1 Jan 11 | Ch 1 - Critical Thinking & Psychological Science | (Achieve) Orientation Quiz, Reading Quiz 1a, 1b (Moodle) Weekly Assignment #1 | Fri 1/13 * Sun 1/15 |
| 2 Jan 18 | Ch 2 - Biology of Behavior | Reading Quiz 2a, 2b Weekly Assignment #2 | Tue 1/17 Sun 1/22 |
| 3 Jan 25 | Ch 2 - Consciousness | Reading 2c Weekly Assignment #3 | Tue 1/24 Sun 1/29 |
| 4 Feb 1 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | EXAM 1 (Ch. 1-2) Reading Quiz 3a, 3b Weekly Assignment #4 | Mon 1/30 Tue 1/31 Sun 2/5 |
| 5 Feb 8 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | Reading Quiz 3c Weekly Assignment #5 | Tue 2/7 Sun 2/12 |
| 6 Feb 15 | Ch 4 - Sex, Gender and Sexuality | Reading Quiz 4a 4b Weekly Assignment #6 | Tue 2/14 Sun 2/19 |
| 7 Feb 22 | Ch 5 - Sensation and Perception | EXAM 2 (Ch. 3-4) Reading Quiz 5a 5b Weekly Assignment #7 | Mon 2/20 Tue 2/21 Sun 2/26 |
| 8 Mar 1 | Ch 6 - Learning | Reading Quiz 6a 6b Weekly Assignment #8 | Tue 2/28 Sun 3/5 |
| 9 Mar 8 | Ch 7 - Memory | Reading Quiz 7a 7b RESEARCH PAPER DUE Weekly Assignment #9 | Tues 3/7 Fri 3/10 Sun 3/12 |
| 10 Mar 15 | Ch 8 - Thinking and Language** | Reading Quiz 8a Weekly Assignment #10 | Tue 3/14 Sun 3/19 |
| 11 Mar 22 (Finals) | <i>Creative Assignment Presentations</i> | EXAM 3 (Ch. 5-8) Creative Assignment Submission Live on Zoom Creative Assignment Presentations (Extra Credit) | Mon 3/20 Tue 3/21 Wed 3/22 |

* NOTE: this assignment does not fall on a standard due date.

** NOTE: Intelligence is covered in PSY202, so we only need to study through language in Chapter 8.