

SYLLABUS

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PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology

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PSY-100-001	CRN-09099	9:10-10-05	MWF	Rm. Zoom
PSY-100-003	CRN-09105	11:30-12-25	MWF	Rm. Zoom
PSY-100-004	CRN-09107	12:40-1-35	MWF	Rm. Zoom

Zoom Class-

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, this class will meet on Zoom. It will meet at the same days and time that is listed on TOPNET and above. It will follow the same schedule and cover the same material as I would in the classroom. So, you'll get everything you would get in the classroom [lecture, PowerPoints, videos, and ask questions].

Everything require in the classroom is required in the zoom class. Attendance is required. Student MUST have their cameras and microphones on. Cameras are to remain on for the duration of each class! I'll need to be able to see everyone. Students will need to take notes as I lecture. PowerPoints will not be available for download so students will need to get them during class.

Classroom Behavior-

Students are expected to behave appropriately in class. This includes: avoiding disruptive behaviors such as arriving late or leaving early, side conversations, reading the paper or working on other assignments, eating noisily, texting, using cell phones checking email/facebook, using headphones or sleeping. **Unless there is a personal emergency, cell phones should be turned off and put away before class starts. Computers are for notes only!**

***Important Dates*:**

August 31st is the last day to drop a class without a grade.

November 2nd is the last day to drop a class with a grade of "W".

Important Textbook Information:

(Please read before purchasing anything for this course.)

This class participates in The WKU Store's "First Day" program. This program is designed to provide immediate access to required materials for all students at prices cheaper than any other option. Required materials will be delivered to you automatically by enrolling in this course unless you choose to opt-out. By participating in this program, The WKU Store will bill your Student Billing account, and you will see a charge appear under this Term along with Tuition and Fees ("Account Summary by Term" under the Student Services tab) labelled as "The WKU Store Purchases" after the Add/Drop period. Students who stay enrolled in First Day are also eligible to purchase an optional low-cost loose-leaf copy of the textbook. For more information on this program or to opt-out of participation, go to our information page, <http://www.wkustore.com/t-day-oneaccess.aspx>.

Textbook: Essentials of Psychology: Concepts and Applications (with MindTap access), 5th Edition, by Nevid

E-Book is located on Blackboard! Do not try to access it from Cengage.com. It will ask for a code which you do not need.

WKU Statements

Course Description:

This course is designed to be an introductory overview of the major principles, theories, and applications of psychology. As an overview, this course will cover a great deal of material in a relatively shortperiod. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you keep up with the reading. Please note, that unless informed otherwise by your professor, you are accountable for everything that is included in your textbook and class lectures. Class attendance, therefore, will also be highly beneficial.

Colonnade Statement:

The Colonnade goals for Exploration Social and Behavioral Science courses are as follow:

Students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one area of the social and behavioral sciences.

2. Apply knowledge, theories, and research methods, including ethical conduct, to analyze problems pertinent to at least one area of the social and behavioral sciences.
3. Understand and demonstrate how at least one area of the social and behavioral sciences conceptualizes diversity and the ways it shapes human experience.
4. Integrate knowledge of at least one area of the social and behavioral sciences into issues of personal or public importance.
5. Communicate effectively using the language and terminology germane to at least one area of the social and behavioral sciences.

WKU Disability Statement:

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in the Student Success Center in Downing University Center. The phone number is 745 5004. Please **DO NOT** request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

Misc. Information

The Learning Center

Should you require academic assistance with your WKU courses, The Learning Center (located in the Downing Student Union) provides free supplemental education programs for all currently enrolled WKU students. The Learning Center offers certified, one-on-one tutoring in over 200 subjects and eight academic skill areas by appointment or walk-in. Online tutoring is offered to distance learners. TLC is also a quiet study area (with side rooms designated for peer-to-peer tutoring) and offers a thirty-two machine Dell computer lab to complete academic coursework. Please call (270) 745-6254 for more information or to schedule a tutoring appointment. www.wku.edu/tlc

Cheating:

Instances of **cheating** will result in failure of the course and referral for disciplinary procedures, which may result in dismissal from WKU.

Attendance and Grade

Attendance Policy:

Due to a policy adopted by the university, all introductory level classes (i.e., 100 level courses) must check attendance. **You are expected to attend all class meeting on time and for the entire time.** Anyone coming in late or leaving early will be counted absent. I will take roll every day and will be able to see students through their computer camera. Make sure your camera and microphone are working. The only excused absences are those in which there is a note from a doctor, or a University function and the excuse will only be accepted at time of absence.

Grade Requirements:

(1) Quizzes [Located on Blackboard]:

There will be 1 quiz per chapter given during the semester. **These quizzes are required!** There will be a total of 12 open book quizzes taken on blackboard [each worth 20 points]. You'll have 30 minutes to complete each quiz once you begin. It is advised that you read the chapter before taking the quiz. Also, make sure you are at a reliable computer with updated browser and software {WKU computer labs, for example}. You will have one chance at taking the quiz so be prepared. Some Quizzes will be due before I have a chance to completely cover them in class. **There is a due date for each quiz. Quizzes that are not taken by this due date or not taken will be graded as a "0."**

It is essential that you have good internet while taking quizzes and exams! Slow or intermittent internet [WIFI] may cause a loss of connect with the exam or quiz which will result in them be submitted before you are finished resulting in a low grade for that quiz or exam.

There are also **quizzes in the e-book, but they are optional** but recommended to test your knowledge.

2) Exams [Taken on Zoom]

There will be a total of five exams (four section exams during the semester and an optional comprehensive final exam). Exams will be 50 multiple-choice questions and worth 2 points each for a total of 100 points. Optional comprehensive Final exam will be 100 questions worth 100 points.

The final grade will be based on your performance on 12 quizzes and 4 out of 5 exams. If you are satisfied with your grade after the fourth exam, then you don't have to take the final. If you take all five exams, then your lowest score will be dropped.

There will be no makeup quizzes or exams due to the optional final!! However, you may take an exam early if you must miss class for a University-sponsored event or doctor's appointment as long as you prearranged it with me a week in advance.

In summary:

12 Quizzes [20 pts each] = **240 points**
4 Exams [100 pts each] = **400 points**
= **640 points**

Grading Scale:

A =	576-640
B =	512-575
C =	448-511
D =	384-447
F =	< 384

STUDY BOARD

This is not optional! It is a Departmental requirement!!

Psychology is a science. The principles that students learn from textbooks and in psychology courses were derived from scientific research. To enhance students' understanding of the research process in psychology, they are required to satisfy a research component as a part of Introduction to Psychology (PSY 100). Failure to meet the research requirements fully and on time will result in a grade of Incomplete [X] for the course. (WKU policy is that an "X" automatically turns into an "F" unless removed within 12 weeks of the next full term). The student must complete the required number of credits in order to have the appropriate letter grade assigned. **Students are required to earn 12 research credits.**

Students may earn credits by any of the following means, in any combination:

- 1) The student may volunteer to serve as a research participant in an approved study conducted by WKU Psychology / Psychological Sciences faculty or students.
- 2) The student may take quizzes over psychology research articles. Quiz sessions will appear on Study Board as "Article Quizzes."
- 3) **Students who are under 18** may only earn Study Board credits

through article quizzes, as they cannot legally consent to participate in research. Also, students under 18 need to email the Studyboard [studyboard@wku.edu] and request an alternative .

An account on the Department's Experiment Management System (<https://wku.sona-systems.com/> or <http://www.wku.edu/psychology/studyboard/>.) will be established for each student at the beginning of the semester. **Student will need to go to the website above and click retrieve password and then follow instructions. Your password will be emailed to you.** This website handles all research scheduling and credit administration. Only credits for which students register for through the Study Board website will count toward research credit.

Each 15-minute period of research participation is worth one (1) credit. There are studies listed on the Study Board website worth one to four credits or more. Each satisfactory score on an article quiz is worth two credit. Article quizzes are offered approximately once per month, so students interested in this option must check the Study Board website regularly.

If you sign up for a study and don't show up, you will be considered a **no-show**. Two **no-shows** and you're locked out of Study Board except for the Alternative Quizzes on the Study Board.

StudyBoard opens the first day of class and my students should have it completed by **October 31st**. If you have difficulties completing it by this date, please contact me and we'll discuss your options. Failure to complete study board credits by the last day of regularly scheduled classes will result in an incomplete.

Every student will need to access their account the first week of class, following the instructions underlined above, to assure that their account is active. Once students sign into Study Board, they need to start signing up for and completing studies. If you have questions about a study in which you participated or signed up for, contact the person doing the study. Do not contact the Study Board.

Extra Credit Opportunity: Extra credit [**15 points**] will be given to those who complete the Study board by October 9th.

Remember, the Study Board requirement should be completed by October 31st for my classes.

Changes-The instructor reserves to right to modify this syllabus during the semester if necessary.

Course Outline and Schedule:

[Dates for exam are tentative. They can be changed at any time by the Instructor!]

SECTION 1

The Science of Psychology

Read: Modules 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3

Take: *Quiz 1:*8/31/20

Biological Foundation of Behavior

Read: Modules 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7

Take: *Quiz 2:*9/07/20

Sensation and Perception

Read: Modules 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5

Take: *Quiz 3:*9/14/20

Exam 1 - 9/16/20

SECTION 2

Consciousness

Read: Modules 4.1 and 4.2

Take: *Quiz 4:*9/23/20

Learning

Read: Modules 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3

Take: *Quiz 5:*9/30/20

Memory

Read: Modules 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3

Take: *Quiz 6:*10/05/20

Exam 2 - 10/07/20

SECTION 3

Thinking, Language and Intelligence

Read: Modules 7.1. and 7.3

Take: *Quiz 7:*10/14/20

Motivation and Emotion

Read: Modules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4

Take: *Quiz 8:*10/21/20

Human Development

Read: Modules 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4

Take: *Quiz 9:*10/26/20

Exam 3 - 10/28/20

SECTION 4

Personality

Read: Module 11.1

Take: *Quiz 10:* 11/04/20

Social Psychology

Read: Modules 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3

Take: *Quiz 11:*11/11/20

Psychological Disorders

Read: Modules 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4, 13.5 and 13.6

Take: *Quiz 12:*11/16/20

Exam 4 - 11/18/20

Final Exam [Optional]: Comprehensive [100 questions]

For those who take the final exam, it will be open on 11/19/20 and is due and will close on 11/20/20.