

PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology
WKU On Demand/INTERNET SYLLABUS
INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introductory course dealing with principles of behavior, scientific methods of psychology, measurement, learning, perception, motivation, development, personality, abnormal behavior, social behavior, intelligence, and other topics.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Sdorow, L. M. & Rickabaugh, C. A. (2002). *Psychology (5th Edition)*. Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill.

RATIONALE:

Human behavior involves a complex interplay of thoughts, feelings, and actions. Through various theories and research, psychology attempts to explain and predict this complexity. Thus, the study of psychology should lead students to a greater understanding of themselves and others.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. **Students will read the following:**

- Chapter 1: The Nature of Psychology
- Chapter 2: Psychology as Science
- Chapter 3: Behavioral Neuroscience
- Chapter 4: Human Development
- Chapter 5: Sensation and Perception
- Chapter 7: Learning
- Chapter 8: Memory
- Chapter 10: Intelligence
- Chapter 11: Motivation
- Chapter 12: Emotion
- Chapter 13: Personality
- Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders

- Chapter 17: Social Psychology
- 2. **Students will answer factual, conceptual, and applied questions related to each chapter.**
- 3. **Students will demonstrate thorough understanding of the course material through a midterm and final exam.**

METHODS OF EVALUATION OF LEARNING:

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Percent of Final</u>
Chapter Questions	<u>Grade</u>
E-mail Communication	40%
Midterm Exam	10%
Final Exam	20%
	30%

GRADING SCALE:

A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69 F = 0-59

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Chapter Questions:** For each chapter, a set of study questions has been provided that will guide your reading and test your comprehension/understanding of the material. These questions will also serve as a preparation for the midterm and final exams. You can go to the chapter questions by clicking the "Assignments" button in Blackboard and then clicking each chapter's folder. ***Once you are in the folder, click on the first link in order to print out a paper copy of the questions to be answered as you read the text; Click on the second link ONLY when you are ready to submit your answers for feedback and grading purposes.*** Instructions are included with each of these links to ensure that you correctly follow this procedure. After submitting your answers on-line, the Blackboard system will provide feedback regarding your correct and incorrect responses. For incorrect responses, it will provide you the correct answer. Please be sure to modify your paper copy answers

accordingly so that you have an accurate guide as you prepare for the exams.

2. **E-mail Communication:** After submitting a set of three chapters, you must **e-mail me** (the address is above OR you can click on the "Communication" button in Blackboard) that they are submitted. Your e-mail provides me an opportunity to review your answers and record your grades in my grade book, as well as monitor your progress through the course and note any potential difficulties you may be having. **Please indicate that you are in the PSY 100 "On Demand" Course in the subject line of your e-mail.** Below is the chapter breakdown for when you should contact me:

After submitting your answers for:

- Chapters 1, 2, and 3.
 - Chapters 4, 5, and 7 (This will also alert me that you are preparing for the midterm exam).
 - Chapters 8, 10, and 11/12 (combined chapters).
 - Chapters 13, 14, and 17 (This will also alert me that you are preparing the the final exam).
3. **Midterm Exam:** This exam will consist of 50 multiple choice items that have been *randomly selected* from the Chapters 1-5 and 7 Questions, so use these questions to prepare for the exam. You **may not** use any materials to take the exam. This exam will be completed **on-line** in a similar fashion to your chapter questions submissions. **However, you will only be able to take the exam at a proctored site. The exam link is password protected and the password will only be provided to a proctor approved by WKU On Demand.** Please follow the WKU on Demand Policies & Procedures provided under the "WKU on Demand" button in Blackboard to secure a proctor. Both

midterm and final exam links are located under the "Assignments" button on Blackboard.

4. **Final Exam:** This exam will consist of 100 multiple choice items that have been *randomly selected* from the entire set of Chapter Questions, so use these questions to prepare for the exam. You **may not** use any materials to take the exam. This exam will be completed **on-line** in a similar fashion to your chapter questions submissions. **However, you will only be able to take the exam at a proctored site. The exam link is password protected and the password will only be provided to a proctor approved by Correspondence Study.** Please follow the Correspondence Study Guidelines provided under the "Course Information" button in Blackboard to secure a proctor. Both midterm and final exam links are located under the "Assignments" button on Blackboard.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE*****

In order to pass this course, you must score **60% or better on your final exam, regardless of your overall grade average. Should you initially fail the final exam, you will be given one additional opportunity to take an alternate final exam. The alternate exam consists of *another randomly selected* set of questions from the entire set of Chapter Questions, so it is NOT identical to the original final exam.**
