

# **SYLLABUS**

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## **PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology**

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### **Required Text: Essentials of Psychology, Ed. 4 or 5, Jeffery Nevid**

**E-mail** is the **best** way to contact me, rather than phoning my office, as I will do the majority of work during the term from my home. I will be glad to call you if you e-mail and request me to do so. E-mails or Bb are normally sufficient in answering questions. Please understand, I know things happen especially with electronics. If mistakes are made, don't hesitate to email me about it! Put PSY-100 in subject line.

### **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 short period. 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.

#### **General Education Statement:**

This course also fulfills a portion of WKU's Category C (Social and Behavioral Sciences) general education requirement. Specifically, this course addresses the following general education goals and objectives:

- Provides an understanding of society and human behavior that
  - describes methods of inquiry appropriate to the scientific study of societal institutions and human behavior.
  - examines patterns of interaction pertaining to race, gender, ethnic identity, class, community, and other forms of social grouping.

- evaluates the impact of heredity and environment on human development and individual behavior.

#### **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

#### **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](http://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.

**Grade**

**I. Exams**

There are three **(4) exams @ 100 points** each. Each exam covers approximately 3 chapters. The exams are composed of 50 *multiple choice questions*. Students are responsible for all material associated with an exam and the course. The outline or class schedule will tell you what chapters you are required to know for each exam. You have 1 hour to complete each exam. This means that there are no two exams exactly the same. Since each exam is **TIMED**, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you study and prepare before you start taking the exam. Students who try to read the material just before the exam day and/or during the exam do not perform well. As a general rule of thumb, you should spend **NO MORE** than 45 seconds on each multiple choice question.

**It is essential that you be at a reliable computer [WKU Computer labs, etc.] when taking the exams. You have one opportunity to take the exams so it is advised that you eliminate all possible sources of distraction. Also, everything else on your computer needs to be closed and all other browsers need to be closed with the exam being the only thing opened! Blackboard recognizes when you leave and go into another browser and may kick you out and block you from finishing the exam!**

**NO MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN.** (You must take the other exams during the regularly scheduled times in order to receive course credit).

- **Exams will be opened the first day of class and will be available UNTIL 10:00 P.M. on the due date. You can take the exam any time during this time frame but remember once you start the exam, you MUST finish it within the 1 hour time frame. For each minute you exceed the 1 hour time limit, you will lose 2 points from your exam grade.**

- **Before you take the exam, you must have completed all assignments and quizzes that is due that week. Failure to do so will result in a “0” on any uncompleted quizzes or assignments.**

**2. Quizzes**

There are eleven **(11) quizzes @ 20 points** each. The lowest quiz will be dropped so the final grade will be based on 10 out the 11 quizzes. The quizzes are not timed so take your time and do well. Each quiz consist of 20 multiple choice questions covering a chapter in the textbook. You will be allowed to consult your books and notes. In other words, the quizzes are open-book! Quizzes will be posted to Blackboard for you to take on your own computer. **You will have until 10:00pm (Central Time) that same day to complete the quiz.** Also, make sure you save you quizzes and exams after every 4-5 questions because if you are idle for any length of time, blackboard may require you to login again thus losing any work you have completed. When finished with quizzes and exams, you must click the submit button. **DO NOT CLICK THE SUMMIT BUTTON UNTIL YOU ARE COMPLETELY FINISHED.** Since quizzes aren’t timed, you can save your answers and finish at a later time as long as you click save and not submit. Once submitted, students cannot get back into the quiz.

**3. Assignments**

There are eleven **(11) assignments @ 20 points** each. The lowest assignment will be dropped so the final grade will be based on 10 out the 11 assignments. There will be two questions per chapter. Instructions and assignments are located on Blackboard, Answer each question thoroughly.

In summary:

<b>10 Assignments [20 points each]</b>	<b>Pts. Possible</b>
<b>10 Quizzes [20 points each]</b>	<b>= 200 points</b>
<b>4 Exams [100 points each]</b>	<b>= 200 points</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>= 400 points</b>
	<b>= 800 points</b>

**Grading Scale:**

A	720-800
B	640-719
C	560-639
D	480-559
F	< 480

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## Course Outline and Schedule:

### SECTION 1

*All quizzes and exams are due by 11:00 PM each day*

#### Monday

- Read Chapter 1: **The Science of Psychology**
- Assignment 1
- Take: Quiz 1 [open book]

#### Tuesday

- Read Chapter 2: **Biological Foundation of Behavior**
- Assignment 2
- Take: Quiz 2 [open book]

#### Wednesday

- Read Chapter 3: **Sensation and Perception**
- Assignment 3
- Take: Quiz 3 [open book]

#### Thursday

- Take EXAM 1 [Not Open Book]
- 50 Questions with 1 hour time limit

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### SECTION 2

*All quizzes and exams are due by 11:00 PM each day*

#### Friday

- Read Chapter 4: **Consciousness**
- Assignment 4
- Take: Quiz 4 [open book]

#### Monday

- Read Chapter 5: **Learning**
- Assignment 5
- Take: Quiz 5 [open book]

#### Tuesday

- Read Chapter 6: **Memory**
- Assignment 6
- Take: Quiz 6 [open book]

#### Wednesday

- Take EXAM 2 [Not Open Book]
- 50 Questions with 1 hour time limit

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## SECTION 3

*All quizzes and exams are due by 11:00 PM each day*

### Thursday

- Read Chapter 8: **Motivation and Emotions**
- Assignment 7
- Take: Quiz 7 [open book]

### Friday

- Read Chapter 9: **Human Development**
- Assignment 8
- Take: Quiz 8 [open book]

### Monday

- Read Chapter 11: **Personality**
- Assignment 9
- Take: Quiz 9 [open book]

### Tuesday

- **Take EXAM 3 [Not Open Book]**
- **50 Questions with 1 hour time limit**

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## SECTION 4

*All quizzes and exams are due by 11:00 PM each day*

### Wednesday

- Read Chapter 12: **Social Psychology**
- Assignment 10
- Take: Quiz 10 [open book]

### Thursday

- Read Chapter 13: **Psychological Disorders**
- Assignment 11
- Take: Quiz 11 [open book]

### Friday

- **Take EXAM 4 [Not Open Book]**
- **50 Questions with 1 hour time limit**

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