

SYLLABUS

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PSY 100: Introduction to Psychology

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Important Textbook Information:

(Please read before purchasing anything for this course.)

This class participates in The WKU Store's "Day One Access" program. As part of this program, the e-book version of the required textbook will be pre-loaded on your blackboard account. This program is designed to provide immediate access to required materials for all students at prices cheaper than any other option unless you 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. For more information on this program or to opt-out of participation, go to our information page, <http://www.wkustore.com/t-day-one-access.aspx>. The deadline to opt-out is the last day to Add/Drop.

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

E-mail is the **best** way to contact me. 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.

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

Cheating:

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

- Cheating on Assignments consist of: copying information from the internet, copying information from another student or a student's paper on the internet. All assignments will be ran through a Plagiarism program that shows if information was copied from internet.
- Cheating on Exams consist of using the book or working with a friend.

Grade

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 45 minutes to complete each exam. 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 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 needs 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.

- **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 45 minute time frame. For each minute you exceed the 45 minutes 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 Twelve **(12) quizzes @ 20 points** each. 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 twelve **(12) assignments @ 20 points** each. There will be two questions per chapter. These assignments are very important for you to learn and grasp the material. Therefore you will need to put forth some effort when answering them. Anyone can look in the back of the book or margins of the chapter and copy down the definition. That's not what I'm looking for and the grade will suffer if this is all you attempt. I don't want it to be in a list either. **First**, type the question. **Second**, put it in paragraph form so that it flows nicely and is easy to read and understand. **Third**, be very thorough in your answer and if there is a person associated with that information, tell who it is and something about him/her. **Forth**, information needs to come from the textbook. Any other sources will result in a failing grade. Your goal when answering these questions should be to write and explain the information in a way that anyone could read it and understand what you're talking about.

Instructions and grading rubric are located on Blackboard.

Answer each question thoroughly.

In summary:

12 Assignments [20 points each]	Pts. Possible
12 Quizzes [20 points each]	= 240 points
4 Exams [100 points each]	= 400 points
Total Points	= 880 points

Grading Scale:

A	792-880
B	704-791
C	616-703
D	528-615
F	< 515

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Course Outline and Schedule:

SECTION 1

All quizzes and exams are due by 10:00 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 45 minutes time limit**

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SECTION 2

All quizzes and exams are due by 10:00 PM each day

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

- **Take EXAM 2 [Not Open Book]**
- **50 Questions with 45 minutes time limit**

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SECTION 3

All quizzes and exams are due by 10:00 PM each day

Wednesday

- Read Chapter 7: **Thinking, Language and Intelligence**
- Assignment 7
- Take: Quiz 7 [open book]

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Monday

- **Take EXAM 3 [Not Open Book]**
- **50 Questions with 45 minutes time limit**

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SECTION 4

All quizzes and exams are due by 10:00 PM each day

Tuesday

- Read Chapter 11: **Personality**
- Assignment 10
- Take: Quiz 10 [open book]

Wednesday

- Read Chapter 12: **Social Psychology**
- Assignment 11
- Take: Quiz 11 [open book]

Thursday

- Read Chapter 13: **Psychological Disorders**
- Assignment 12
- Take: Quiz 12 [open book]

Friday *Last day of class!*

- **Take EXAM 4 [Not Open Book]**
- **50 Questions with 45 minutes time limit**

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