

**Introduction to Psychology**  
**PSYS 100 – D01, Summer 2025**  
**Course Syllabus**

**Course Specifics:**

Required Text: “Discovering Psychology” by Hockenbury & Nolan, 8<sup>th</sup> ed., MacMillan Learning (First Day Access, see below)

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*The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus throughout the semester. This is not a binding contract, but rather, a guideline for expectations of this course.*

**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.

**General Education Goals:**

This course fulfills a portion of WKU's Colonnade System “Explorations: B. Social and Behavioral Sciences”. After completing PSYS 100, you should be able to:

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

### **First Day Access for Required Text:**

This course participates in The WKU Store's First Day Access program. This program is designed to provide immediate access to required materials for all students at prices cheaper than any other option.

First Day Access is a program that provides digital course materials automatically to any student enrolled in specific courses. Students will have immediate access to course materials on the first day of class. This access includes an e-book which can be accessed from multiple devices, and the course online learning center, Achieve. Students enrolled in First Day Access also have the option to purchase a paper copy of the textbook for a deeply discounted rate.

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. **Note: all Achieve activities (which account for over 40% of the final grade) require the access codes that are provided with the First Day Access subscription. Please consider this before deciding to opt-out of First Day Access.**

### **Course Requirements:**

**Exams:** There will be two exams throughout the semester worth 200 points each. Exams will include multiple choice, short answer, and/or fill in the blank.

**Achieve Activities:** Class activities will be completed on Achieve (accessed through Blackboard). These will correspond with the material covered in class lectures and the course's textbook. *\*Students should always access the online textbook and Achieve activities through BlackBoard.*

### **Enrichment Assignments**

**Enrichment #1:** Write a 2 page paper on your stance of psychology as a science. You may choose either a for or against approach. Your paper must be supported by two peer reviewed journal articles as evidence and include a bibliography. Your paper will be checked by a plagiarism software so it is important to not include direct quotes in your paper. You will need to cite your evidence by rephrasing the information.

**Enrichment #2:** During class in our final week, you will be assigned a vignette. You will work to diagnose and treat your "client".

### **Performance Expectation:**

Students of this course are expected to abide by the university's code of conduct which can be found at the following link: [WKU Student Code of Conduct](#). Specifically, students are expected to treat the instructor and their peers with respect and dignity at all times. Respectful behaviors expected include, but are not limited to:

- showing up to class on time
- silencing all electronic devices while in class (no headphones)
- absolutely no cheating on assignments, quizzes, or exams

- cell phones should be placed on silent throughout class and remain put away
- laptops are permitted as long as they are not a distraction to yourself or others. If they become a distraction, the instructor will ask you to put it away and not bring it back.

There is a zero tolerance policy for cheating. Students found cheating or plagiarizing will receive a grade of a 0 on the assessment. If you have any questions, please refer to the university student code of conduct above.

### **ADA Accommodation:**

In compliance with University policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at [sarc.connect@wku.edu](mailto:sarc.connect@wku.edu) . Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

### **Student Resources**

Students can view the following link for resources concerning university policies and tools for students (i.e. Title IX statement, Student Code of Conduct handbook, university calendar, counseling and testing services, literacy center, etc.): [Academic Affairs Syllabus Information](#)

### **Calculating Course Grade**

Exams (2 x 200 points each)	400
Achieve Learning Curve (30 x 10 points each)	300
Achieve Concept Practice (7 x 10 to 15 points each)	100
Enrichment 1	100
Enrichment 2	100
Total:	<hr/> 1000

Final Grades:

900 - 1000 points = A

800 - 899 points = B

700 - 799 points = C

600 - 699 points = D

599 and below = F

### **Course Schedule**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Due:</b>
<b>6/2</b>	<b>Syllabus and Course Overview; Chapter 1</b>	
<b>6/3</b>	<b>Chapter 1</b>	
<b>6/4</b>	<b>Chapter 2</b>	<b>LC 1a, 1c; 1d</b>

		<b>Concept Practice</b>
<b>6/5</b>	<b>Chapter 2 and 3</b>	<b>Concept Practice LC 2a, 2b, 2c</b>
<b>6/6</b>	<b>Chapter 3/Review</b>	<b>Concept Practice LC 3a, 3b, 3c</b>
<b>6/9</b>	<b>Chapter 5</b>	<b>LC 5a, 5b</b>
<b>6/10</b>	<b>Chapter 5 and 6</b>	<b>LC 6a, 6b</b>
<b>6/11</b>	<b>Chapter 6 and 7</b>	
<b>6/12</b>	<b>Chapter 7 and review</b>	<b>LC 7a, 7b</b> <b>Concept Practice</b>
<b>6/13</b>	<b>Exam 1</b>	<b>Enrichment 1</b>
<b>6/16</b>	<b>Chapter 8</b>	<b>LC 8a, 8c</b>
<b>6/17</b>	<b>Chapter 8 and 9</b>	
<b>6/18</b>	<b>Chapter 9</b>	<b>LC 9a, 9b, 9c</b> <b>Concept Practice</b>
<b>6/19</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b>	
<b>6/20</b>	<b>Chapter 12</b>	<b>LC 12a, 12b, 12c</b>
<b>6/22</b>	<b>Chapter 13</b>	<b>LC 13a, 13b</b> <b>Concept Practice</b>
<b>6/23</b>	<b>Chapter 14</b>	
<b>6/24</b>	<b>Chapter 14 and 15</b>	<b>LC 14a, 14b, 14c</b> <b>Concept Practice</b>
<b>6/25</b>	<b>Chapter 15</b>	<b>LC 15a, 15b</b>
<b>6/26</b>	<b>Enrichment #2</b>	<b>Enrichment #2</b>
<b>6/27</b>	<b>Exam 2</b>	