



PSYC 1105: Introduction to Psychology

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Class Time & Location: Asynchronous Online

Office Hours: By appointment (email)

Course Description:

This course will introduce you to the science of Psychology. This is the scientific study of the human mind and human behavior. Psychology is a very broad field of study that incorporates biological, clinical, developmental, social, cognitive, and experimental perspectives. We will be exploring a wide range of topics including brain structure and function, learning & memory, consciousness, social psychology, sensation and perception and more. While this is a college course that carries with it traditional expectations, you are encouraged to try to find the parallels between what we discuss in class and what is happening/has happened in your own life. This will make the learning experience much richer for you.

Course Expectations:

I expect you to:

- Take this course seriously and put in the effort required to succeed.
- Tell me if you are struggling! I can do nothing for you if I don't know you need help.
- Tell me if something is coming up, not that something came up. If you miss a quiz without notifying me in advance, that is on you!

Course Objectives:

The successful student will

- Demonstrate an understanding of the general principles of human psychology and psychological research in the many different areas we will explore.
- Develop the ability to think about life and experiences from the perspective of human psychology.
- Make connections between the material we explore and their everyday life.
- Learn to develop questions about human thought and behavior from an objective point of view.
- Learn to take an active approach to their education. Yes, I will be teaching you things, but what you do with that information is entirely up to you. Only you have control over what you learn and how/how much you reflect on the information.

Tips for Success:

Any student following the advised steps will not have any problem passing the class successfully.

- Attend all classes and do not miss quizzes or homework assignments. If you miss a class for any reason, you are still responsible for the material and assignments due.
- Come to class ready to pay attention. Showing up is something but it's not the only thing. You need to be awake and prepared to absorb the information from the day.
- Consistently review new and old material in order to make new connections and reinforce the learning process.
- Participate in class discussions, ask questions about the lecture and listen to your fellow classmates. It is a mutual responsibility of the students and the instructor to make this class engaging.
- Monitor your own comprehension. You are the best judge of your own understanding. You just need to pay attention to where you are. Talk to me if there are any misunderstandings, doubts, anxieties or issues with the class and course material early on. You'd be surprised how easy it is to work through any issues you might have.

Course Assessments:

Exams: You will have **3** online exams that will consist of **40 multiple choice** questions each. These exams will not be cumulative.

Weekly quizzes: Each week there will have a brief quiz that you will complete on your own time. These quizzes will cover the material we have gone over since the previous quiz.

Weekly Discussion Posts: Each student is required to post their thoughts/opinions on the topic for that week. You are also welcome to comment on the posts of others. Please be respectful and aim to promote conversation and understanding rather than conflict.

Grades will be computed as follows:

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
3 Exams (20 pts each)	44%
5 Quizzes (10 pts each)	37%
5 Weekly Discussion posts (5pts each)	19%
Total	100%