

**PSYCHOLOGY 2301
General Psychology
Campus/ITV**

**Western Texas College
Department of Social Sciences**

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description - General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. (Rd, Wtg)
- B. Prerequisites – Student should be TSI complete in reading and writing. This course is an online presentation. It preferable that the student be familiar with working within the Internet environment, emailing, and within the online course management system (Moodle) as well as having a reliable Internet connection.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

Core Objectives Mapped to Foundational Component Areas for Psychology at Western Texas College		General Psychology - Psyc 2301		
Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) as defined by the ACGM	Critical Thinking	Communication Skills	Empirical & Quantitative Skills	Social Responsibility
Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.		X	X	X
Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.		X		
Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.	X			
Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.		X	X	
Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.	X		X	
Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.		X		X

III.

IV. Major Course Requirements

- A. Exams – There will be at least four (4) examinations, including the final examination. *The first major exam will not require a proctor with the remaining major tests requiring a proctor, including the final exam.* It is the students' responsibility to acquire their proctor. *The accepted online proctoring system or college testing center can only achieve proctoring requirements.* Additionally, there will reading quizzes for

each chapter of the chosen textbook. These exams will be primarily multiple-choice in nature.

- B. There could be formative assessments throughout the course, some graded and some not.
- C. Writing Assignments - There will be multiple written assignments uploaded to the Moodle course management system.

V. Textbook Information

The textbook can be acquired through various sources including the local campus bookstore. Psychology in Everyday Life [David G. Myers](#) (*Hope College*) , [C. Nathan DeWall](#) (*University of Kentucky*)

- ISBN-10: 1-319-01373-2; ISBN-13: 978-1-319-01373-8; Format: Paper Text, 624 pages

VI. Other Policies: Please refer to the most recent version of the [WTC Course Catalog](#) for the following:

- . Campus Calendar
- A. Final Examination schedule
- B. How to drop a class
- C. Withdrawal Information
- D. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- E. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule

Each semester syllabi will have specific deadline dates for the assignments, quizzes and examinations.

Time Periods	CHAPTER DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNMENTS	<u>IMPORTANT TEST DATES</u>
Section 1	<p>Introductions & Chapter 1: Psychology's Roots, Big Ideas, and Critical Thinking Tools</p> <p>Chapter 2: The Biology of Mind and Consciousness</p> <p>Chapter 3: Developing Through the Life Span</p>		<p>Reading Quizzes 1-3 by 10:00 PM at the end of the chapters or section time.</p> <p>Test for Chapter 1-3 The online test will be open for 24-48 hours, to be determined each semester. Proctoring will not be required of this test.</p>
Section 2	<p>Chapter 4: Gender and Sexuality</p> <p>Chapter 5: Sensation and Perception</p> <p>Chapter 6: Learning</p> <p>Chapter 7: Memory</p>	Possible Assignment	<p>Reading Quizzes 4-7 due by 10:00 PM at the end of the chapters or section time.</p> <p>Test for Chapter 4-7 This examination is to be <i>proctored</i> unless otherwise notified.</p>

Section 3	<p>Chapter 8: Thinking, Language, and Intelligence</p> <p>Chapter 9: Motivation and Emotion</p> <p>Chapter 10: Stress, Health, and Human Flourishing</p> <p>Chapter 11: Social Psychology</p>	Possible Assignment	<p>Reading Quizzes 8-11 due by 10:00 PM at the end of the chapters or section time.</p> <p>Test for Chapter 8-11 The online test will be open for 24-48 hours, to be determined each semester This examination is to be <i>proctored</i> unless otherwise notified.</p>
Section 4	<p>Chapter 12: Personality</p> <p>Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders</p> <p>Chapter 14: Therapy</p>		<p>Reading Quizzes 12-14 due by 10:00 PM at the end of the chapters or section time.</p> <p>The Final exam will consist of chapters 12-14. The online test will be open during finals week. Must be proctored</p> <p>Refer to the most current finals schedule listed in the catalog.</p>

The above schedule, policies, procedures, and assignments in this course are subject to change.