

**Psychology 2301  
General Psychology**

**Online Version**  
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Western Texas College  
Department of Communication and Behavioral 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 is preferable that the student be familiar with working within the Internet environment, emailing, and within the online course management system, currently Brightspace, 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 -  
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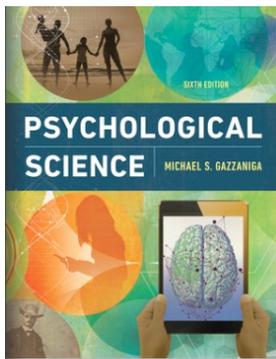
Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) as defined by the ACGM	Critical Thinking	Communication Skills	Empirical & Quantitative Skills	Social Responsibility
Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.		X	X	X
Describe the historical influences and early 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. 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 be 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 Brightspace learning management system (LMS).

### IV. Textbook Information

The textbook can be acquired through various sources including the local campus bookstore.



## Psychological Science

Sixth Edition

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by [Michael Gazzaniga](#) (Author, University of California, Santa Barbara)

ISBN: 978-0-393-66443-0 Norton Publishing.

V. Other Policies: Please refer to the most recent version of the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

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

### VI. Course Organization & Tentative Schedule

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

<b>Time Periods #</b>	<b>CHAPTER DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b><u>IMPORTANT TEST DATES</u></b>
<b>Section 1</b>	<p>Introductions &amp; Chapter 1: The Science of Psychology</p> <p>Chapter 2: Research Methodology</p> <p>Chapter 3: Biology and Behavior</p>	<p>Scientific Method Assignment</p>	<p>Reading Quizzes 1-3 due</p> <p><b>Test for Chapter 1-3</b> Test will be online in the Brightspace/D2L system, no proctoring, open book and notes.</p> <p>Usually open for two – three days at the end of the section to accommodate non-traditional student’s schedules.</p>
<b>Section 2</b>	<p>Chapter 4: Consciousness</p> <p>Chapter 5: Sensation and Perception</p> <p>Chapter 6: Learning</p> <p>Chapter 7: Memory</p>		<p>Reading Quizzes 4-7 due</p> <p><b>Test for Chapters 4-7</b> Will be online in the Brightspace/D2L system.</p> <p>Usually open for two – three days at the end of the section to accommodate non-traditional student’s schedules.</p> <p><b><i>This test will require proctoring.</i></b></p>
<b>Section 3</b>	<p>Chapter 8: Thinking, Language, and Intelligence</p> <p>Chapter 9: Human Development</p> <p>Chapter 10: Emotion and Motivation</p> <p>Chapter 11: Health and Well-Being</p>		<p>Reading Quizzes 8-11 due</p> <p><b>Test for Chapters 8-11</b> Will be online in the Brightspace/D2L system.</p> <p>Usually open for two – three days at the end of the section to accommodate non-traditional student’s schedules.</p>

			<b><i>This test will require proctoring.</i></b>
<b>Section 4</b>	<p>Chapter 12: Social Psychology</p> <p>Chapter 13: Personality</p> <p>Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders</p> <p>Chapter 15: Treatment of Psychological Disorders</p>	Assignment Due, details noted in the syllabus.	<p>Reading Quizzes 12-14</p> <p><b>Test for Chapter 12-15 (Final) Will be in Brightspace.</b></p> <p><b>No proctoring is required.</b></p> <p>The final exam will begin 4/27/22 @ 8:00 AM and will close 4/30/22 @ 10:00 PM.</p> <p>The test will consist of 40 multiple choice questions from chapters 12-15, ten per chapter. Additionally, there will be four (4) short answer/essay questions, one per chapter. Please be mindful of the time you spend on the test and do not exceed the 90-minute time limit.</p>
<b>Final Exam dates will be announced</b>			

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

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Dever, M.S., Assistant Professor of Psychology at [jdever@wtc.edu](mailto:jdever@wtc.edu).

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