

PSYCHOLOGY 101:

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

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General Psychology (Psych 101) is an intensive study of human behavior. It examines scientific principles, psychological & biological basis of behavior, sensation, perception, learning, memory, motivation, thinking, states of consciousness, individual differences, intelligence, personality, social influences on behavior, behavior disorders, and therapeutic behavior change. RECOMMENDED PREP.: ELIGIBILITY FOR ENGLISH 101.

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge and understanding of:

- scientific methods in psychology.
- psychophysiology, sensation, & perception.
- lifespan human development.
- personality theories & assessment.
- intelligence, memory, & thinking.
- factors in emotions and motivation.
- social influences on behavior.
- behavioral disorders & therapy.

My goal for this course is to help you understand behavior & mental processes as they relate to your life. More than anything, I want you to think about and answer these questions:

Why do we do what we do? **How** do we know why?

ATTENDANCE & DROP POLICY

Regular attendance is expected, and it can affect your grade. Test questions often come from lectures or activities in class, and some of these activities are graded.

Students are responsible for dropping their courses. If you do not officially withdraw (through Admissions & Records) from this course, you will receive a letter grade at the end of the term. Faculty cannot drop students after the 1st meeting of class.

GRADE ASSIGNMENTS & STANDARDS

FOUR Previews	40 points (10 pts. each)
THREE Exams	240 points (120 pts. each; lowest score dropped)
Final Exam	120 points
Attendance	25 points
Participation & Activities	75 points
TOTAL FOR COURSE	500 POINTS
Extra Credit	5 points

100-90% = A 500-450	89-80% = B 449-400	79-70% = C 399-350	69-60% = D 349-300	59-0% = F 299 - 0
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MAKE UP POLICY & ACADEMIC HONESTY

No Make-Up Exams Will Be Given; instead, your lowest exam score will be dropped.

Late Outlines are Marked Down 10 points per day

Cheating & Plagiarism are Forms of Academic Dishonesty. If you do either one, you'll earn "0" points, and you may be referred to the College Administration for possible further action.

-Exams & papers should be the result of **individual** effort. They are intended to assess your own knowledge & ability. So, cheating, plagiarizing, and/or submitting another person's work as your own are not acceptable.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required text: Psychology: Selected Chapters for GCC. Thompson Publ.

Required supplies: **EIGHT** Scantron 882-ES (100 Qs), & No. 2 **pencils** w/ erasers.

OUR AGREEMENT...

I come to class prepared, so should you. Read the assignments, and come to class ready to participate in discussions and/or activities. The more we question each other, the more likely we are to learn from each other. I will present information to you, but it is up to you to take it, analyze it, and make it your own. This often leads to discussion, which is a vital part of learning. I expect everyone to be courteous and respectful towards each other. If you make or engage in rude, disruptive, or distracting comments or behavior, you may be asked to leave the room.

I believe that thinking and writing are inseparable. So I will frequently ask you to write. If this is an issue for you, **please see me**. If you would like to seek help on your own, visit the writing center in AD238, or call them at (818) 240-1000 x5339 for more information.

This is college. It is supposed to be challenging. I intend to do my best to both challenge and support you. If you need assistance with something related to the course, contact me. I will do my best to help.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Unit One	Broad, Historical Background Preview (of pages 53-90): Tues. 2/26 Summary & Discipline Overview Psychodynamic Approach Consciousness & Sleep Science & Research	1-52 53-69 70-74 75-90 91-118 (106-113 for Popper's "Falsification")
	EXAM 1: Tues. 3/18	
Unit Two	Science & Research Preview (of pages 119-147): Thurs. 3/20 Learning & Behaviorism Cognitive Science Psychometrics & Intelligence	91-118 119-147 148-153 154-163
	EXAM 2: Thurs. 4/10	
<i>Spring Break 4/13 – 4/19 (have fun and be safe)</i>		
Unit Three	Preview (of pages 148-187): Tues. 4/22 Cognitive Development Memory Humanism Preview (of pages 201-233): Thurs: 5/8 Brain & Behavior	165-171 175-187 189-199 201-233
	EXAM 3: Tues. 5/20	
Unit Four	Drugs Disorders Therapy	234-248 249- 283 285-325
CUMULATIVE FINAL EXAM: Tuesday 6/10, 7:30 AM – 10:00 AM		