

PSY 311 A Few More Important Words on Being Successful in this Course

"Oh, I can do that later. . ."

I want you to be successful in this course. Each week you will have things to read, discussion boards to participate in, and chapter quizzes due. There is a temptation to think in-person activities are more urgent than your online work. The problem is, then your online assignments pile up and you fall behind. Follow the weekly schedule and stay on top of your assignments. Better yet, plan to complete items at least a week before their due date. Everything is currently active at the start of the term.

Create alerts in your phone or on your computer for lesson due dates or anything else you think you might forget! Set up your [Notifications in Canvas](#) as well. (You can [receive notifications via text](#).)

Take your tests from a reliable computer, preferably one with high speed. I will not reopen tests if they are missed or lock up after the day they are due so please give yourself enough time to find a solution if there is a problem. Take your chapter tests early, well before the 11:59 pm cut off time, or you risk the test closing and losing your score.

I'm sure you understand that it is your responsibility to get to a computer to complete your work on time. Go to school, your local library, or a friend's house if your computer crashes or your Internet goes down. Please do not contact me for extra time on assignments. You have options so I strongly urge you not to wait until the last minute to do your work.

Course Syllabus and Instructions

The course syllabus (see "Syllabus" in the left menu) contains important information about class procedures, due dates, grading policies, etc. It's a guideline for what you can expect of me and what I expect of you throughout the term. Spend time going through it thoroughly on the first day of the class, as well as assignment instructions. Read the instructions at the start so you know what you have to work on and allocate your time accordingly.

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And a few more words

This is a class for many students and you are all equally special and are all juggling many things in your life. All of the course policies apply equally to everyone.

You are earning your grades, they are not given to you. The power for you to do well depends on your effort, behavioral self-regulation, and working to increase your skills. You should recognize that you should have an internal locus of control for how well you do in this class, not external. It is possible for you all to do well in this course.

Finally, email me if you need clarification on anything.