

General Psychology

Psychology 1 Course Syllabus CCSF Fall 2022

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Course Specifics

Course Dates: August 17, 2022 to December 16, 2022

Course Schedule: T/TH 12:40pm – 1:55pm

Location: Creative Arts Extension 185

Course Description:

A scientific approach to the study of behavior and mental processes designed for both majors and non-majors. Topics include: research methods, biology of behavior, sensory systems, learning, memory, life-span development, motivation, emotion, personality theories, social psychology, abnormal psychology, and psychotherapy.

Prerequisites/advisories:

No prerequisites

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

- A. Interpret the major historical and current psychological perspectives.
- B. Define the methods and goals of psychological research.
- C. Analyze basic psychological concepts.
- D. Evaluate the applicability of psychological concepts to current issues.
- E. Critically apply psychological principles to examine real life situations.

Textbook: *Psychology 2e*

This is a free book offered by openstax.org. The link to the textbook is below:

<https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology-2e>

This textbook is the primary source of information for the course. You are responsible for reading the assigned chapters. All content in the assigned readings is subject to appear on quizzes and exams even if not explicitly covered during class.

Additional Content:

Additional supplemental content may be provided to further support your learning.

Technology:

Students will use the Canvas Learning Management system for assignment instructions, submitting assignments, taking quizzes, taking exams, lecture materials, resources, and viewing grades.

If you are having technical difficulties, please call Canvas help:

24/7 Help with Canvas : 1-844-592-2198

Alternatively, you may contact the CCSF IT Help Desk at:

Off Campus 415-239-3711

Toll Free 877-379-2491

Email: helpdesk@ccsf.edu

Course Requirements:

Attendance:

Attendance is required for this course. The Department of Behavioral Sciences policy allows for up to 6 hours of absences. If you miss more than this, you can be dropped from class. If you are having issues attending class, please meet with me before it is an issue. To clarify, you are not graded on attendance, but may be dropped if you miss too many class periods.

Reading:

Each week you are responsible for reading the assigned chapter(s). You are responsible for knowing the content for assignments even if it is not covered during class times.

Writing Assignments:

There are two, 1 page writing assignments/reflection papers due throughout the course before the exams. These are assigned to give you an opportunity to

reflect on the content of the course and showcase your understanding of the material. 5 points are deducted for each day a writing assignment is late.

Discussion Board:

The class will be divided into small groups and participate in an online discussion after the writing assignments. This discussion is an opportunity to share and discuss with your classmates the themes, questions, and ideas that came up from the writing assignment. You will be required to do one initial post and one reply to a classmate.

Quizzes:

There will be a brief reading quiz each week due before class on Tuesday. The quizzes are online and cover the assigned reading for that week. These quizzes are a combination of multiple choice questions and a short answer question that will require you to develop a discussion question for class on the content covered in the week's readings. Quizzes will become available to you on Thursday after class and will close on Tuesday before class. So, you will have over 4 days to complete the quizzes. Please plan ahead and know when is a good time to take the quiz is for you. No late quizzes or redo's are accepted.

Exams:

There are 2 online exams consisting of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Exams will be open for one week.

Note: Assignments, including quizzes and exams, must be completed alone; doing the quizzes or exams with another student(s) is NOT ALLOWED. Sharing of content on the exams or quizzes with other students is considered cheating and all parties involved will receive an automatic failure in the class.

Extra Credit:

You can earn a total of 20 points of extra credit throughout the semester. In any given week in which there is an assigned quiz, write and submit an extra discussion question worth 10 points. You can do this a maximum of 2 times. This must be at least two paragraphs, summarizing the content and context of the question, followed by the discussion question. The discussion question MUST be thoughtful, critical, and well-written. Examples of good discussion questions will be provided as a guideline. These should be brought to class and submitted at the start of class on Tuesdays.

Late Policy:

All assignments have a specific date and time that they are due. Please keep track of what assignment is due when. No late quizzes or exams are accepted without verification of an emergency reason. "Computer crashing" or other technological issues are not considered emergencies.

Grading:

Assignment	Quantity	Points per Assignment	Total
Writing Assignments	2	30	60
Discussion Post+Replies	2	20	40
Quizzes	15	10	150
Exams	2	50	100
Total			350
(Extra Credit	(2)	(10)	(20)

Letter Grade	Percent
A	> or = 90%
B	80- 89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F or FW	<60%

An "F" grade indicates that a student attended, participated, and completed the course but failed to master the course curriculum.

An "FW" grade indicates the student stopped attending a course after the "last day to withdraw" deadline and subsequently did not submit any work or

participate in any exams. Please check with your counselor and financial aid advisor for possible implications of the FW grade on residency and financial aid status.

Accommodations:

If you need classroom or testing accommodations because of a disability, or have emergency medical information to share with me, or need special arrangements in case the building needs to be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. My office hours are listed above.

Students seeking disability-related accommodations are encouraged to also register with

Disabled Students Programs and Services located in Room 323 of the Rosenberg Library (415) 452-5481. Please see the DSPS website for more information and alternate locations.

Standards of Conduct

Students who register in CCSF classes are required to abide by the CCSF Student Code of Conduct. Violation of the code is a basis for referral to the Student Conduct Coordinator or dismissal from class or the College. See the Office of Student Affairs. Collaborating on or copying of tests or homework in whole or in part will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and result in a grade of 0 for that test or assignment. I encourage students to share information and ideas, but not their work.

Expectations

Student Expectations

You will succeed in this course if you meet the following expectations:

- ☐ Complete the assignments (quizzes, reflection papers, and exams). *Please let me know as soon as you can concerning difficulties that you may have in getting assignments in on time.*
- ☐ Come to class.
- ☐ Think critically about the discussions.
- ☐ Do your own and best work.
- ☐ Ask questions when you do not understand.
- ☐ Treat your classmates and me with respect.

Instructor Expectations

Here is what you can expect of me:

- ☐ I will respond to your email or message within 48 hours during the week unless I inform you otherwise.
 - ☐ I will treat you and your ideas with respect.
 - ☐ I will grade your work as quickly as I am able.
 - ☐ You will see your grades in the Canvas Gradebook.
 - ☐ I will work hard to make this an interesting and fun learning experience.
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COVID

Please see CCSF guidelines for COVID regarding coming to class, being on campus, and what to do if you have symptoms.

<https://www.ccsf.edu/covid-19-updates>

Course Schedule:

Week	Day	Date	Assignments Due	Reading/Topic
1	Thursday	18-Aug		Syllabus
2	Tuesday	23-Aug	Quiz 1	Chapter 1: Introduction to Psychology
	Thursday	25-Aug		
3	Tuesday	30-Aug	Quiz 2	Chapter 2: Psychological Research
	Thursday	1-Sep		
4	Tuesday	6-Sep	Quiz 3	Chapter 3: Biopsychology; Chapter 4: States of Consciousness
	Thursday	8-Sep		
5	Tuesday	13-Sep	Quiz 4	Chapter 5: Sensation and Perception
	Thursday	15-Sep		
6	Tuesday	20-Sep	Quiz 5	Chapter 6: Learning
	Thursday	22-Sep		
7	Tuesday	27-Sep	Quiz 6	Chapter 7: Thinking and Intelligence
	Thursday	29-Sep		
8	Tuesday	4-Oct	Quiz 7	Chapter 8: Memory
	Thursday	6-Oct	Reflection Paper	

			1+Discussion Post	
9	Tuesday	11-Oct	Discussion Replies	Exam Review
	Thursday	13-Oct	MIDTERM	
10	Tuesday	18-Oct	Quiz 8	Chapter 9: Lifespan Development
	Thursday	20-Oct		
11	Tuesday	25-Oct	Quiz 9	Chapter 10: Emotion and Motivation
	Thursday	27-Oct		
12	Tuesday	1-Nov	Quiz 10	Chapter 11: Personality
	Thursday	3-Nov		
13	Tuesday	8-Nov	Quiz 11	Chapter 12: Social Psychology; Chapter 13: Industrial-Organizational Psychology
	Thursday	10-Nov		
14	Tuesday	15-Nov	Quiz 12	Chapter 14: Stress, Lifestyle, and Health
	Thursday	17-Nov		
15	Tuesday	22-Nov	Quiz 13	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders (p537-548)
	Thursday	24-Nov		Thanksgiving (No Class)
16	Tuesday	29-Nov	Quiz 14	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders (p548-598)
	Thursday	1-Dec		
17	Tuesday	6-Dec	Quiz 15	Chapter 16: Therapy and Treatment

	Thursday	8-Dec	Reflection Paper 2 +Discussion	
18	Tuesday	13-Dec	Discussion Replies	Exam Review
	Thursday	15-Dec	FINAL EXAM	