

**Common Course
Syllabus
Spring 2021**

Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2301

Course Title: General Psychology

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

Does this course satisfy a core curriculum requirement? Yes – Behavioral and Social Science

Prerequisites: TSI compliance in Reading

Available Formats: Conventional, INET, ITV

Campuses: Levelland, Reese, Lubbock Center, Plainview, and Dual Credit Campuses

Textbook: Open Stax Psychology Text or Noba Psychology

Course Specific Instructions: Internet – go to Blackboard. Each instructor will attach his/her course specific instructions.

Course Description: Survey of the essential subject areas, major theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

Course Purpose/Rationale/Goal: To acquaint students with the diverse field of psychology including major theoretical concepts. In addition, introduce methods of research used and how it contributes to the body of knowledge in psychology, promotion of critical thinking, generation of new ideas, and consideration of alternate explanations when evaluating information.

Course Requirements: To maximize the potential to complete this course, a student should attend all class meetings and/or login to internet courses at least twice weekly. In addition, satisfactorily complete all homework assignments and examinations in a timely manner, and satisfactorily complete all other projects or papers as assigned in the course specific instructions.

Course Evaluation: See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

Attendance Policy: Whenever absences become excessive and in the specific instructor's opinion, minimum course objectives cannot be met due to absences, the student may be withdrawn from the course. Each instructor will have additional information about attendance on his/her course information sheet.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)/Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thoughts that shaped the field of psychology.
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

Core Objectives addressed:

- Communication skills-** to include effective written, oral and visual communication.
- Critical thinking skills-** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- Empirical and Quantitative skills-** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- Social Responsibility-** to include the demonstrated intercultural knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

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Campus Concealed Carry syllabus statement:

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at: (http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php)

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

Disability Accommodations: While it is the faculty's responsibility to ensure that the learning environment is accessible, students must request accommodations. Faculty must include the following statements on their syllabus, which directs students with disabilities to the Disability Services Office. SPC Standard Disability Statement Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. Processing time could take up to 30 days once paperwork has been submitted. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-7162577, Reese Center (Building 8) & Lubbock Center 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Non-Discrimination Statement South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, military status, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. All SPC courses meet federal regulations under Title II of the ADA, Sections 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College -1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336, 806716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Statement If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to do your own work. You may not work with another person to complete your assignments, discussions, or when taking your exams. You may not copy another student's work and present it as your own. You may not allow another student to copy your work. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. If the instructor determines an assignment to be plagiarized, the result can range from a zero for that assignment to failure of the course. The result will be determined by the instructor. See SPC College Catalog for additional information.

Equal Opportunity: South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age. In short, "Bigotry will not be tolerated." (Student Guide)

COVID19 Statement:

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III. Students and employees will all implement additional safety measures.

- a. Students will be required to wear face coverings while in classroom buildings.
- b. Faculty will be allowed to remove their face covering while lecturing AND if they are able to maintain a 6-foot distance from their students. When students approach the faculty member or when he/she move into the student area, faculty members will be required to use a face covering.
- c. Employees will be required to wear face coverings when social distancing is not achievable.
- d. Hand sanitizing stations will be installed across all campuses. Classrooms and student areas will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. And, furniture in public areas will be minimized to encourage social distancing.
- e. All students/employees are encouraged to implement good hygiene measures such as washing hands regularly, using hand sanitizer, and covering coughs/sneezes.
- f. We are purchasing a large number of SPC face coverings to distribute to all faculty, staff, and students.

This is the statement provided by Dr. Satterwhite and approved by the board on July 16 and will be the statement until there is updated policy information.

Be aware that this could change if there are changes in the incidence of COVID-19 and this class will follow the directives of the Board of Regents and President Satterwhite.

Instructor's Course Information: Dr. Skinner

Course Information: PSYC 2301 – Spring 2021

Office Hours: AD 146, MW 7:00-9:30; TR 7:00-8:00; TR 11:00-12:00
F 7:30 –9:00 Other times by appointment

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Course Websites: Blackboard (southplainscollege.blackboard.com)

Classroom Policies:

- **Respect for Fellow Students:** All students will maintain respect for fellow classmates' personal beliefs, values, morals and life situations. Insensitivity concerning race, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, mental/physical disability, psychological disorders, age, or socio-economic status (family situation) will not be tolerated.
- **Electronic Devices:** The **use of cell phones** is not permitted in the classroom; they should be silenced and put away while in the classroom. Devices used for note-taking are permitted, but should be used responsibly and should not create distractions for you or others.
- **Tardiness:** Please do your best to manage your time well and be on time to class. If you are tardy, please enter the room *quietly* and take a seat as close to the door as you can get. Being late to class is disruptive to your fellow classmates.
- **Disruptive Behavior:** "Failure to comply with lawful directions of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student. Repeated violations of disrupting a class will result in the student being dropped from the course." (See Student Guide)
- **Attendance & Administrative Drop Policy:** Attendance will be taken during each class session. Students will be responsible for material presented and discussed in class. Due to South Plains College attendance policies, any student who fails to attend 5 classes during the semester or fails to complete two major grades **may** be dropped from the course with 'X'.

This is the official statement but your attendance will be determined more on your completed work this semester due to the pandemic.

Late Work and Missed Work: The work is due on the dates assigned and will have late penalties if that date is missed. You cannot wait till the end of the semester to do the work.

Text Book: You will use Open Stax Psychology. OpenStax (Rice University/Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) <https://openstaxcollege.org/textbooks/psychology> Follow the link above for the following options: FREE View the interactive book on-line. -\$4.99 Download the book in iBooks to your computer or phone, or tablet. -\$40 purchase a hard copy printed version of the book through the bookstore, Amazon or other sources

Grading Policy and Method of Evaluation: It is possible to earn up to 625 points in this course, as follows:

	Possible Points	Your Scores
25 Assignments @ 30 points	750	_____
4 Exams @ 150 points	600	_____

Final Grades will be determined by calculating the total amount of points earned by you this

semester. These points are percentages of the scores in the previous chart.

A=90% of 1350 which is 1215 to 1350 total points

B=80% of 1350 which is 1080 to 1214 total points

C=70% of 1350 which is 945 to 1079 total points

D=60% of 1350 which is 810 to 944 total points

F=less than 60%

Exams (4 exams @ 150 points each or 600 points total): Throughout the semester 4 (four) exams will be given. Exams may contain multiple choice questions and an essay question. Exam 4 which is also the final exam, will not be cumulative. **See Class Schedule for Exam Dates.** During exams everything you brought to class that day will be kept out of sight the entire time. This includes all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, tablets, laptops, etc.), notebooks, backpacks, and purses. No hats or “headgear” of any kind will be worn, including headphones. The plan is to have the exams in class but that is subject to change and could be moved online. If we move online the exam format will change to essay format.

This is the calendar for MW 9:30

Date	Assignment	Points	Due Date	Checklist
Jan 20				
Jan 25	Assignment 1	30	Jan 24	
Jan 27	Assignment 2	30	Jan 24	
Feb 1	Assignment 3	30	Jan 31	
Feb 3	Assignment 4	30	Jan 31	
Feb 8	Assignment 5	30	Feb 7	
Feb 10	Exam 1	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend	
Feb 15	Assignment 6	30	Feb 14	
Feb 17	Assignment 7	30	Feb 14	
Feb 22	Assignment 8	30	Feb 21	
Feb 24	Assignment 9	30	Feb 21	
Mar 1	Assignment 10	30	Feb 28	
Mar 3	Assignment 11	30	Feb 28	
Mar 8	Exam 2	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend	
Mar 10	Assignment 12	30	Mar 7	
Mar 22	Assignment 13	30	Mar 7	
Mar 24	Assignment 14	30	Mar 21	
Mar 29	Assignment 15	30	Mar 21	
Mar 31	Assignment 16	30	Mar 28	
Apr 5	Assignment 17	30	Mar 28	
Apr 7	Exam 3	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend	
Apr 12	Assignment 18	30	Apr 4	
Apr 14	Assignment 19	30	Apr 4	
Apr 19	Assignment 20	30	Apr 11	
Apr 21	Assignment 21	30	Apr 11	
Apr 26	Assignment 22	30	Apr 18	
Apr 28	Assignment 23	30	Apr 18	
May 3	Assignment 24	30	Apr 25	
May 5	Assignment 25	30	Apr 25	
Ma 12	Final Exam	150		
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This is the calendar for TR 8:00

Date	Assignment	Points	Due Date	Checklist
Jan 19				
Jan 21	Assignment 1	30	Jan 24	
Jan 26	Assignment 2	30	Jan 24	
Jan 28	Assignment 3	30	Jan 31	
Feb 2	Assignment 4	30	Jan 31	
Feb 4	Assignment 5	30	Feb 7	
Feb 9	Exam 1	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend	
Feb 16	Assignment 6	30	Feb 14	
Feb 18	Assignment 7	30	Feb 14	
Feb 23	Assignment 8	30	Feb 21	

Feb 25	Assignment 9	30	Feb 21
Mar 2	Assignment 10	30	Feb 28
Mar 4	Assignment 11	30	Feb 28
Mar 9	Exam 2	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend
Mar 11	Assignment 12	30	Mar 7
Mar 23	Assignment 13	30	Mar 7
Mar 25	Assignment 14	30	Mar 21
Mar 30	Assignment 15	30	Mar 21
Apr 6	Assignment 16	30	Mar 28
Apr 8	Assignment 17	30	Mar 28
Apr 8	Exam 3	150	Monday or Wednesday depending on when you attend
Apr 13	Assignment 18	30	Apr 4
Apr 15	Assignment 19	30	Apr 4
Apr 20	Assignment 20	30	Apr 11
Apr 22	Assignment 21	30	Apr 11
Apr 27	Assignment 22	30	Apr 18
Apr 29	Assignment 23	30	Apr 18
May 4	Assignment 24	30	Apr 25
May 6	Assignment 25	30	Apr 25
Ma 11	Final Exam	150	

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