

PSY 101 – Introductory Psychology

Section 04, Online Asynchronous

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Instructor Information:

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* No office hours on Thursday July 4th *

<https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/95593513281?pwd=gH0O7acS8nFUjUKKTcybME71Mlviad.1>

Course Basics:

Course Description: This course will introduce you to psychology, the study of behavior and mental processes. Psychological theories and phenomena will be explored through multiple perspectives including biological, psychological, and social-cultural perspectives. This course will survey a variety of subfields within psychology, such as cognition, development, social, and biopsychology. After completing this course, students will have an understanding of what psychology is, the methods used to study psychology, and how psychological concepts apply to everyday life.

Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Identify major psychological theories and concepts and use psychological terminology correctly.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific process in psychology.
- Critically evaluate the findings of psychological research.
- Recognize examples of how psychological concepts are applied to daily life.

Required Textbook and Materials:

Textbook: This course will be using OpenStax Psychology (2nd edition) by Spielman, Jenkins, and Lovett (2020). This textbook is free to access online at the following link: <https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology-2e>. Our textbook is also pre-loaded into Blackboard Ultra.

Technology: Students will need regular access to a laptop or tablet for this course. Please see the “Technology Requirements” under the Respondus Learning Module on our Blackboard Ultra site for additional information about what systems can be used for exams.

Students will need to access their student email and Blackboard Ultra accounts regularly throughout the week. Students will need access to their student Zoom account if they wish to engage in virtual office hours.

Assignments:

Exams (3 x 100 = 300 points): There will be three exams during this course. Each exam will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions. The final exam will NOT be cumulative. Exams will be completed through Blackboard Ultra using Respondus Lockdown Browser.

Please refer to the Respondus Learning Module on Blackboard Ultra during the first week of class to learn how to download GVSU’s Respondus Lockdown Browser and complete a practice test. It is the student’s responsibility to test this ahead of time. Students will not get extensions on exams due to not downloading and testing Respondus ahead of time.

Worksheets (6 x 20 = 120 points): There will be six worksheet assignments this semester to apply what you have learned through your reading and lecture videos. Worksheets will consist of a variety of question types, such as multiple-choice, matching, labelling, fill-in-the-blank, and short-answer. The worksheets will be posted as assignments to be completed within Blackboard Ultra.

Discussion Board (7 x 10 = 70 points): There will be seven discussion boards this semester to further explore what you have learned in your reading and lecture videos. Typically there will be one discussion board per week, however there are two in the first week to provide an opportunity to introduce yourselves. The discussion boards will be posted within Blackboard Ultra.

I will provide 2-3 topics for you choose from each week. You will be expected to create a 150-200+ word response to one of the topics. While some of the topics may be more subjective, others are more objective and may require you to find sources. Do not forget to cite any sources you use in APA format within your response (note citations won’t count towards your word count). Responses will be graded based on answering a proposed topic, originality, meeting the word count and deadline, respectfulness, and using correct grammar/punctuation. A rubric can be found on Blackboard Ultra.

Remember that the discussion board is meant to be used in a professional and respectful manner. Please use full sentences with correct grammar and punctuation. Furthermore, make sure that

you and your responses are kind and respectful of all, even if you disagree with other people's viewpoints.

Panopto Quiz Questions (15 x 3 = 45 points): There will be Panopto quiz questions embedded in some of your Panopto lecture videos to test for understanding. You will earn points by watching the video and completing the embedded question(s). There will generally be 3 questions per chapter and depending on how the chapter is broken up into smaller lecture videos, not all lecture videos will contain an embedded question. Panopto quiz questions will be completed within Blackboard Ultra.

Grading:

Assessment	Possible Points
Exams	300
Worksheets	120
Discussion Board	70
Panopto Quizzes	45
Total	535

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	93-100
A-	90-92.9
B+	87-89.9
B	83-86.9
B-	80-82.9
C+	77-79.9
C	73-76.9
C-	70-72.9
D+	67-69.9
D	60-66.9
F	<60

Course Policies & Resources

Withdrawing from a Course: The ultimate deadline for withdrawing from any summer course is July 26th by 5:00pm.

COVID-Related Policies: Please review the Lakers Together site for specific policies and procedures: <https://www.gvsu.edu/lakerstogether/> . Specifically, this guidance states that students in close contact with someone with COVID-19 should mask in the classroom and monitor for symptoms. Students who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home/isolate and mask around others for at least 6 days, depending on symptoms and test results.

Late Assignments: Assignments and assessments are expected to be submitted by the published deadline. I understand that emergencies can come up and accommodations may be available for excused reasons including: intercollegiate events, personal illness, family emergency, religious holiday. This is not an exhaustive list.

To request an accommodation, students must contact the instructor BEFORE the deadline, explain why the accommodation is needed, and provide documentation.

Statement on Academic Dishonesty: The following is from the Student Code, Sections 223.00 and 223.01: The principles of truth and honesty are recognized as fundamental to a community of teachers and scholars. This means that all academic work will be done by the student to whom it is assigned without unauthorized aid of any kind.

- a. No student shall knowingly procure, provide or accept any materials which contain questions or answers to any examination or assignment.
- b. No student shall complete, in part or in total, any examination or assignment for another person.
- c. No student shall allow any examination or assignment to be completed, in part or in total, by another person.
- d. No student shall submit work that has been previously graded, or is being submitted concurrently to more than one course, without specific authorization from the instructor(s) of the class(es) to which the student wishes to submit it.
- e. No student shall knowingly plagiarize or copy the work of another person and submit it as his/her own. Offering the work of someone else as one's own is plagiarism. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral presentation must be fully acknowledged. The language or ideas taken from another may range from isolated formulas, sentences, or paragraphs, to entire articles copied from the internet, books, periodicals, speeches, or from the writings of other students. The offering of materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgement also is considered plagiarism. In short, any student who fails to give credit in written or oral work for the ideas or materials that have been taken from another is guilty of plagiarism.

Students can (and are encouraged to) study together, but all academic work should be the sole work of the individual student, unless otherwise stated. Students should also strive to avoid the appearance of dishonesty, behaviors like checking phone during exam that raise concerns that you may be potentially dishonest in your work. Any violation of academic integrity, even on a small scale, can result in a failing grade in the course. Instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR).

This course is subject to the GVSU policies listed at: <https://www.gvsu.edu/coursepolicies/>

Accommodations: If you need accommodations due to a learning, physical, or other disability, please inform your instructor and contact the Disability Support Resources (DSR) office (4015

JHZ) by calling (616)331-2490 or emailing dsrgvsu@gvsu.edu. It is best to do this early in the semester so we can begin providing appropriate accommodations sooner. All discussions related to disabilities will remain confidential.

University Resources:

GVSU IT Helpdesk

<https://www.gvsu.edu/it/>

(616) 331-2101

helpdesk@gvsu.edu

GVSU Writing Center

<https://www.gvsu.edu/wc/undergraduate-student-support-65.htm>

GVSU Tutoring Center

<https://www.gvsu.edu/tutoring/>

GVSU Counseling Center

<https://www.gvsu.edu/counsel/>

Course Schedule:

Note: All assignments are due by 11:59pm unless otherwise noted

Week	Dates	Topics & Readings	Assignments & Deadlines
Wk 1	6/24-6/28	Ch 1: Introduction to Psychology Ch 2: Psychological Research Ch 3: Biopsychology	Worksheet 1 due Thu 6/27 Intro Discussion Board due Sun 6/30 Weekly Discussion Board 1 due Sun 6/30 Panopto Quizzes due Sun 6/30
Wk 2	7/1-7/5	Ch 4: States of Consciousness Ch 5: Sensation & Perception Happy 4 th of July!	Worksheet 2 due Tues 7/2 Discussion Board 2 due Sun 7/7 Panopto Quizzes due Sun 7/7
Wk 3	7/8-7/12	Ch 6: Learning Ch 7: Thinking & Intelligence (Skip 7.2 Language)	EXAM 1 (Ch 1-5) on Tues 7/9 Worksheet 3 due Thu 7/11 Discussion Board 3 due Sun 7/14 Panopto Quizzes due Sun 7/14
Wk 4	7/15-7/19	Ch 8: Memory Ch 9: Development Ch 10: Emotion & Motivation	Worksheet 4 due Thu 7/18 Discussion Board 4 due Sun 7/21 Panopto Quizzes due Sun 7/21
Wk 5	7/22-7/26	Ch 11: Personality Ch 12: Social Psychology	EXAM 2 (Ch 6-10) on Tues 7/23 Worksheet 5 due Thu 7/25 Discussion Board 5 due Sun 7/28 Panopto Quizzes due Sun 7/28
Wk 6	7/29-8/2	Ch 14: Stress & Health Ch 15: Psychological Disorders Ch 16: Therapy & Treatment	Worksheet 6 due Thu 8/1 Discussion Board 6 due Fri 8/2 Panopto Quizzes due Fri 8/2
Wk 7	8/5-8/6	Final Exam	FINAL EXAM (Ch 11-12 & 14-16) on Mon 8/5

This schedule (including assigned readings is subject to change). Students are responsible for any changes announced in Blackboard.