**Syllabus: General Psychology (PSY201)  
Fall 2023 CRN # 23983 Thursday 6-750 PM HYBRID**

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## **Required Materials:**

Myers, David and Dewall, C Nathan. 2023. *Psychology in Everyday Life, 6e*. Macmillan, including *Achieve* access: https://achieve.macmillanlearning.com/courses/a68bnp

## **Prerequisites:**

There are no prerequisites. However, the course requires college-level reading and writing skills. Placement at or above the following courses is ***strongly recommended*** for success in this course: Reading 120, Writing 115.

## **Course Description:**

General Psychology is an introduction to different knowledge areas and methods of studying human behavior. The course is an overview of the biological and cognitive aspects of psychology, including the history, methodology, biological foundations of behavior, human development, sensation, perception, learning, memory, language and problem-solving.

## **Course Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion this course, you should be able to:

* Demonstrate knowledge of scientific methodology.
* Demonstrate knowledge of basic nervous system anatomy and function.
* Explain the role of heredity, evolution, culture and environment in human behavior and development.
* Explain the process of physical, cognitive, and social change over the human lifespan.
* Explain the role of biology, culture, and environment on perception, learning, memory, reasoning, problem solving and language.

**Course Requirements**

This class is a hybrid class; it has both a scheduled live remote (Zoom) class time as well as asynchronous activities that you must complete on your own time. Class attendance is expected; your weekly attendance will account for 17% of your grade (100 points) and can not be made up.

This is a 4 unit class; you can expect to spend approximately 12 hours per week on class and activities.

Your final grade in the class will be determined by the following:

LearningCurve (18x) using Achieve *LearningCurve* is due at the end of the day each Friday by 11:55 PM. 5 pts each unit (90 pts) *Late submissions accepted for 60% credit (3 points) through week 10. Email Jason if you submit a late assignment.*

Intro Assignment (1x) Your intro assignment is listed on Moodle and due the first Friday of class. 20 pts.

Exams (3x) These will take place in Moodle and consist of a mixture of multiple choice, matching, identification, and short answer questions. You may choose to complete the test at any time before the posted deadline. These exams are timed and must be completed once started. These are worth 70 points each (210 pts total).

Research Consumer Paper (RCP) Assignments 1-3. The purpose of this paper is to help you learn to understand as well as communicate clearly and effectively about psychological research. 30, 30, and 60 pts. (120 Pts Total)

Class Participation Class participation is an important part of this class, as there will be break out group learning that cannot be made up. 10pts/class, 100 pts total.

Creative Assignment/Presentation A chance to demonstrate your understanding of the material in your own unique way, and share it with the class! 60 Pts.

(Optional) Final Oral Exam. You may choose to schedule a cumulative oral exam during Monday or Tuesday of finals week. This score will replace a lower or missed exam or major assignment. This exam will be open book/note and will require a 1-on-1 Zoom meeting with the professor with camera and microphone turned on. Contact Jason via email if you wish to schedule this No later than Sunday 12/3 @ 11:55 PM. (60 or 70 pts)

**Grades:** Your final grade will be assigned based on the total number of points you earn during the course.

A = 90% or above (540-600 pts)  
B = 80% to 89% (480-539 pts)  
C = 70% to 79% (420-479 pts)  
D = 60% to 69% (360-419 pts)  
F = 59% or less (0-359 pts)

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| Course Requirements | | | |
| Requirement | # | Points | Total |
| LearningCurve | 18 | 5 | 90 |
| Assignment 1 | 1 | 20 | 20 |
| Exam | 3 | 70 | 210 |
| RCP Assignments 1-3 | 3 | 30, 30, 60 | 120 |
| Class Participation | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Creative Assignment | 1 | 60 | 60 |
| Total Possible Points: | | | 600 |

**Deadlines**  
Please pay attention to deadlines: *there will be NO make up of missed Assignments, Exams, or Research Paper assignments -* plan accordingly. Accommodations *can* be made if you notify the instructor of a conflict ahead of time.

One exception to this policy exists:Achieve LearningCurve work is accepted past the deadline for 60% credit (3 points) through the end of week 10 (Sun 12/3/23). Please email & notify the instructor if you complete work past the deadline.   
  
**Email**

You must use your LBCC email address and include your name in your message when contacting the instructor. Emails will be responded to within 24 hours M-F.

**Avoid being Dropped**:   
  
You have work due starting the first week of class. If you do not attend the first class, you must email the instructor by 5 PM Friday 9/29/23 to confirm your participation or you will be dropped.

**How to Succeed in PSY 201**

In this class you will learn all about yourself - how your mind works, and the conditions that can help you perform your best. Try to consider how this information applies to you, and how you can use it to grow both as an individual and as a student.

The [LBCC Learning Center](https://www.linnbenton.edu/student-services/library-tutoring-testing/learning-center/index.php) has several resources to assist you with writing, studying, and skills to be an effective student. Make sure to use your resources early and often!

**College Policies**

*Students with Disabilities:* LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in the class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the CFAR Website for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

*Non-Discrimination Policy*: LBCC prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, religion, ethnicity, use of native language, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, age, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state, or local laws (for further information<http://po.linnbenton.edu/BPsandARs/> Board Policy P1015).

*Drop Policy*: If you wish to drop this course for a full refund and without it appearing on your transcript, you must do so by **Monday, Oct 2nd.** The last day to officially withdraw from this course (a ‘W’ appears on the transcript) is **Sunday Nov 12th.**

*Incomplete Grades:* You **may** be eligible for an ‘Incomplete’ grade if you have finished **90%** of the class work. If you have an ‘Incomplete,’ all coursework must be finished by the end of the next term. I can only award an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’, or ‘F’ grade. **You must contact your instructor before the end of the term with proper documentation to receive an Incomplete.**

*Cheating/Plagiarism*: Do your own work! Using someone else’s work as your own or using information or ideas without proper citation (which is plagiarism) can lead to you failing an assignment, test or course. Bibliographies are required **whenever you use outside sources, including internet sources** (unless otherwise indicated by the instructor).  
  
ChatGPT and other AI solutions will often give you answers that are incorrect. If it is discovered that AI has been used, your assignment score will be reduced to 0.

Course Outline Fall 2023. Class is on Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:50 PM on ZOOM

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| **Week/ Class Date** | **Readings** | **Activities** | **Due dates (11:55 PM)** |
| 1  Sep 28 | Ch 1 - Critical Thinking & Psychological Science | (Moodle) Intro Assignment  (Achieve) Orientation Quiz,  LearningCurve 1a, 1b | Wed 9/27  Fri 9/29 |
| 2  Oct 5 | Ch 2 - Biology of Behavior | LearningCurve 2a, 2b | Fri 10/6 |
| 3  Oct 12 | Ch 2 - Consciousness | **Assignment 1** – Popular Press  LearningCurve 2c | Wed 10/11  Fri 10/13 |
| 4  Oct 19 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | **EXAM 1** (Ch. 1-2)  LearningCurve 3a, 3b | Wed 10/18  Fri 10/20 |
| 5  Oct 26 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | LearningCurve 3c | Fri 10/27 |
| 6  Nov 2 | Ch 4 - Sex, Gender and Sexuality | **Assignment 2**  LearningCurve 4a 4b | Wed 11/1  Fri 11/3 |
| 7  Nov 9 | Ch 5 - Sensation and Perception | **EXAM 2** (Ch. 3-4)  LearningCurve 5a 5b | Wed 11/8  Sun 11/12 \*\* |
| 8  Nov 16 | Ch 6 - Learning | LearningCurve 6a 6b | Fri 11/17 |
| 9  NO CLASS THANKSGIVING | Ch 7 - Memory | **Assignment 3**  LearningCurve 7a 7b | Wed 11/22  Sun 11/26 \*\* |
| 10 Nov 30 | Ch 8 - Thinking and Language\* | LearningCurve 8a   **EXAM 3** (Ch. 5-8) | Fri 12/1  Sun 12/3 |
| 11  Dec 4-5 | *Optional Replacement Exam – Oral Exam up 60-70 pts* | Final – Oral Exam (Optional)  10-minute exam as scheduled | Mon 12/4  Tue 12/5 as scheduled |

\* NOTE: Intelligence is covered in PSY202, so we only need to study through language in Chapter 8.  
\*\* NOTE: Non-Standard Due Dates due to the holiday.