**Syllabus: General Psychology (PSY201)  
Winter 2022 CRN #33888 TH 1-2:50PM**

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Office Hours: Tuesdays 12-1PM via ZOOM - link in Moodle  
 (other times by appointment)

## **Required Materials:**

* Myers, David and Dewall, C Nathan. 2021. *Psychology in Everyday Life, 5e*. Macmillan, including *Achieve* access.

## **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:

* Describe major facts and theories from the field of psychology.
* Recognize and articulate the interplay between social, psychological and biological factors.
* Apply relevant psychological phenomena to everyday relationships and situations.
* Combine and synthesize psychological concepts and theories to draw reasonable conclusions, develop intelligent skepticism, and critically analyze information.

**Course Requirements**

This class is a hybrid class; it has both a scheduled live Zoom class time as well as asynchronous activities that you must complete on your own time. Class attendance is expected; there will be graded in-class activities that account for nearly 10% of your grade (50 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.

Please pay attention to deadlines: late work will not be accepted, with one exception: Reading Quizzes may be submitted late for 60% credit.

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

Reading Quiz (18) using Achieve *Read and Practice* is due at the start of class each Thursday by 1 PM. 5 pts each unit (90 pts) *Late submissions accepted for 60% credit (3 points) through week 10.*

Weekly Assignment (10) Weekly assignments are listed on Moodle and are due the Friday of the week assigned by 11:59 PM. These will both cover material from the lessons as well as prepare you for the Research Paper. 10 pts/wk (100 pts).

Exams (3) 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 points total).

EC Presentations (Optional) A chance to demonstrate your understanding of the material in your own creative way - from a presentation to a song to a poem or video. Presentations take place during finals, and are worth up to 20 points extra credit.

Research Paper You will write 1 paper based on assigned reading. The purpose of this paper is to help you learn to understand as well as communicate clearly and effectively about psychological research, 100 pts.

Class Participation This will take different forms - activities that only take place in class. 50 pts.

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

A = 90% or above (495-550 pts)  
B = 89% - 80% (440-494 pts)  
C = 79% - 70% (385-439 pts)  
D = 69% - 60% (330-384 pts)  
F = 59% or less (0-329 pts)

| Course Requirements | | | |
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| Requirement | How Often | Points | Total |
| Reading Quiz | 18 | 5 | 90 |
| Weekly Assignment | 10 | 10 | 100 |
| Exam | 3 | 70 | 210 |
| Research Paper | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Class Participation | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| Total Possible Points: | | | 550 |

**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.

Here is what you need to do to complete this class:

1. Complete the chapter reading, and submit the assigned reading quizzes in Achieve by the start of class, by 1 PM on Thursdays.
2. Show Up to Class on Zoom every Thursday from 1PM-2:50PM. Complete graded in class activities, identified during class.
3. Check for the weekly assignment, complete and submit by 11:59 PM on Friday.
4. Take the 3 Exams.
5. Write 1 paper.

The LBCC Learning Center 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!

**Email**

You must use your LBCC email address and include your name and the course title (PSY 201) 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 have not attended the class nor turned in any assignments by Friday 1/7/22 @ 5 PM, you will be dropped from the course.

**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, January 10th.** The last day to officially withdraw from this course (a ‘W’ appears on the transcript) is **February 20th.**

*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 me 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).

Course Outline Winter 2022. Class Thursdays 1:00 PM - 2:50 PM on ZOOM

| **Week/Class Date** | **Readings** | **Activities** | **Due dates** |
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| 1  Jan 6 | Ch 1 - Critical Thinking -  Psychology is a Science | (Achieve) Orientation Quiz, Reading Quiz 1a, 1b  (Moodle) Weekly Assignment #1 | Thur 1/6  Fri 1/7 |
| 2  Jan 13 | Ch 2 - Biology of Behavior | Reading Quiz 2a, 2b  Weekly Assignment #2 | Thur 1/13  Fri 1/14 |
| 3  Jan 20 | Ch 2 - Consciousness | Reading 2c  Weekly Assignment #3 | Thur 1/20  Fri 1/21 |
| 4  Jan 27 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | **EXAM 1** (Ch. 1-2) *due 1 PM* Reading Quiz 3a, 3b Weekly Assignment #4 | Thurs 1/27  Thurs 1/27  Fri 1/28 |
| 5  Feb 3 | Ch 3 - Developing Through the Life Span | Reading Quiz 3c  Weekly Assignment #5 | Thurs 2/3  Fri 2/4 |
| 6  Feb 10 | Ch 4 - Sex Gender and Sexuality | Reading Quiz 4a 4b  Weekly Assignment #6 | Thurs 2/10  Fri 2/11 |
| 7  Feb 17 | Ch 5 - Sensation and Perception | **EXAM 2** (Ch. 3-4) *due 1 PM* Reading Quiz 5a 5b  Weekly Assignment #7 | Thurs 2/17  Thurs 2/17  Fri 2/18 |
| 8  Feb 24 | Ch 6 - Learning | Reading Quiz 6a 6b  Weekly Assignment #8 | Thurs 2/24  Fri 2/25 |
| 9  Mar 3 | Ch 7 - Memory | Reading Quiz 7a 7b  **RESEARCH PAPER DUE**  Weekly Assignment #9 | Thurs 3/3  Fri 3/4  Fri 3/4 |
| 10 Mar 10 | Ch 8 - Thinking Language and Intelligence | Reading Quiz 8a  Weekly Assignment #10  **EXAM 3** (Ch. 5-8) *due 11:59 PM*  NOTE: Intelligence is covered in PSY202, so you only need to study through language in Chapter 8. | Thurs 3/10  Fri 3/11  Fri 3/11 |
| 11  TUE Mar 15  (Finals) | *EC PRESENTATIONS* | Zoom/Video Presentations  (Extra Credit) | **Tue 3/15/22 2:30-4:20 PM** |