

Syllabus

Course Information:

PSYC 1301.001 Introduction to Psychology

T/Th 9:30-10:50am

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NOTE: A student at UT-Tyler is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Catalog Description: A survey of empirically based knowledge of behavior and mentation of individuals

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Critical Thinking Skills (includes creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information). Students will be able to apply their critical thinking skills throughout this class. Through lecture time, students are presented with published research studies from psychology and information on how to critically analyze them.
2. Communication Skills (includes effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication. Students will be able to apply their communication skills through expression of ideas from psychology during class lecture time.
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills (includes the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts and results in informed conclusions). Students will be able to apply empirical quantitative skills that illustrate an understanding of the techniques and methods of psychology.
4. Social Responsibility (includes intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities) Although psychology is the study of individual characteristics, students are exposed to topics such as social psychology, in which interactions between people becomes the focus, including race relations and prejudice. Individual difference is explored in relation to both "nature and nurture," the latter including contextual differences such as culture. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the factors which affect human interactions and relationships.

Evaluation and Grading:

Below you will find the specific category and the weight of that category.

- Tests (90%)
- Comprehensive Final Exam (10%)
- Research Requirement (REQUIRED---only a penalty if you do not do it)

Please note that grades are weighted by category. At any point during the semester you can do some simple math to figure out what your current grade is.

Teaching Strategies:

Please make sure you have logged into Canvas and reviewed the informational messages explaining the workings of this course. I will cover about a chapter a week during class lecture time.

It is very important that you are reading each assigned chapter and taking notes on the provided PowerPoints. These notes will be your best tools to help you take your reading quizzes and prepare for the tests and final exam.

Required Text, Materials/Supplies, and Related Readings:

Your textbook is an “e-book”. That means I will email you a code to register for the textbook subscription and then you will have access to the textbook for 12-months. If you are wanting a hard copy (not needed), you can purchase it for a very reduced rate (around \$20) through Pearson/Revel after you have enrolled in the Revel part of the course.

This e-book allows you access to a multi-sensory approach to learning this content. You can read the chapters on your own, pop in your ear buds and have it read to you, have it read over Bluetooth in your car, etc. Please take a little time and explore the Revel program for our textbook. I really think you will like it. Please purchase the code for the textbook below. I will send out an email the first day of class (or prior) with the access code).

REVEL for Psychology, 5e

Saundra K. Ciccarelli, *Gulf Coast Community College*

J. Noland White, *Georgia College & State University*

ISBN-10: 0134623703
ISBN-13: 9780134623702

Course invite link:
<https://console.pearson.com/enrollment/xnuqf>

Course Policies (attendance, make-up assignments, etc.)

Class Attendance Policy: I take attendance each class period. You must be sitting in your seat at the time of attendance to be counted present. If you leave class early you will not be counted as present. Please be ON TIME and stay for the entire class. You paid for it!

WHAT IF I MISS AN ASSIGNMENT?

TESTS: If you miss a test for an excused reason (doctor's documented illness, death/funeral, evacuation for natural disaster, or University related, religious observance), I may permit you to retake the test. You will be required to provide an acceptable form of documentation for missing the scheduled test prior to a makeup test. If the absence is unexpected, please email the documentation within 48 hours of missing the test/exam. You must follow this policy in order to be considered for a makeup.

TOPICAL OUTLINE –

TESTS (90%)- administered IN CLASS: Each test is approximately 75 multiple choice questions. There is an equal representation of each chapter on each test.

TEST DATES:

Ch. 1-3: 2/4 (Tuesday)

Ch. 4-6: 2/25 (Tuesday)

Ch. 7-9: 3/24 (Tuesday)

Ch. 10,12-13: 4/14 (Tuesday)

Ch. 14-15: 4/23 (Thursday)

Comprehensive Final Exam (10%): The comprehensive final exam has 150 multiple-choice questions and 1 short answer (written) question. About 10 questions are chosen from each chapter.

It will only be administered on the date assigned. I am not allowed to move the final exam nor am I allowed to administer the exam at an earlier date.

FINAL EXAM DATE: 4/30 9:30am-11:30am

EXTRA CREDIT: I will offer EVERYONE an extra credit opportunity at the end of the semester. You will see it on Canvas the week before finals. Please do not email me and ask me to give you extra credit. I promise, it will appear.

ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED COURSE POLICY QUESTIONS

1. What if I miss an assignment/test/paper, etc.?

If you miss an assignment for an excused reason, you must email me appropriate documentation within 48 hours of missing the assignment. ***I will not respond to emails about missed assignments/tests/paper, etc. unless the documentation is attached in the email.***

Acceptable reasons (not limited to):

- Doctor's documented illness (note must include the days to be excused)
- You are a university athlete and have a game (you know how to document this if it is you)
- Funeral of immediate family member (Notify me in advance and bring funeral program for documentation)

It is up to the instructor's discretion to amend this policy at any time. However, it is unlikely. If the documentation is submitted within 48 hours of missing the assignment, the instructor will reply with a timeline to makeup the assignment.

Unacceptable reasons:

- Not limited to: Internet outage, woke up feeling bad, car wouldn't start, booked a vacation, wedding, birth of a baby (unless it's your own), zombie apocalypse, you were at a rally for higher teacher pay

2. What if I am having an internet outage?

If you are experiencing an internet outage, here are some acceptable alternative:

- All 3 of our UT TYLER campuses have computers and internet.
- Find a local retailer (coffee shop, restaurant) that offers free WiFi
- Go to your public library

Please do not email me if you are having an internet outage. I will not respond as there are many other reliable options for internet access.

3. What if I'm having trouble with Canvas and can't get my assignment/test/paper, etc. to submit?

- The only way I will accept an assignment via email is if it is accompanied by screen shots showing the completed assignment, the time stamp from your computer, AND the error message on Canvas. I will not accept it after the due date or without the above mentioned documentation. Please do not ask for special consideration.
- Forgetting your password is not an acceptable reason for having Canvas issues.

4. Will you round my grade up?

Simply put, no. I have to have somewhere to cut off. Please do not ask me to round your grade. If I afforded you that luxury, I'd have to do the same for everyone else. My goal is to be fair.

5. Do you give extra credit?

Yes! I will send out an extra credit assignment the week before exams. It goes to everyone. That way, it is an equal opportunity assignment. Everyone gets the chance to earn the same number of extra points. *If you email me asking for a separate extra credit assignment just for you, I will void all extra credit for you in the course.*

6. Will you move an assignment/test/paper, etc. due date for me?

I'd love to make accommodations for everyone who asks. However, I have so many students and do not want to be put in the position to decide whose event is more important that would warrant a change in date. I do offer a drop grade (see syllabus for more details) that will help if you miss an assignment for an unexcused reason (see above). P.S. I am not allowed to move the final exam date AT ALL. The university sets those dates.

UT-Tyler Department of Psychology and Counseling Research Requirement

The Department of Psychology and Counseling requires that all students taking 1000- and 2000-level psychology courses to complete a research requirement. (Note that the Research Methods course, Psyc 2331, is exempt from this policy). Certain 3000- and 4000-level courses also may include some type of research experience as either a course requirement or as extra credit.

In order to fulfill this requirement or access extra credit opportunities, all students should register in Sona within the first week of class. The registration will take only a few minutes, and will include a brief survey to collect demographic data. This data will serve as a screening tool to determine potential survey eligibility.

Once you register in the system, there are two ways to fulfill the research requirement:

Options:

- You may complete research credits by participating in psychology studies. One credit is earned for every 30 minutes of research participation. Most studies are worth one credit.
- The number of credits required varies from one course to the next, and your instructor will tell you how many credits are required to complete the research requirement in his or her specific course. **Generally speaking, the 1000- and 2000-level course research requirement is 6 credits.**

- In lieu of the research participation, you may instead complete a 5-page APA style research report on a topic supplied by your instructor. The instructor will also supply more detail regarding the proper format of the research report.

TOPIC: *Compare and contrast 5 research methods that psychologist use.*

Timeline:

If you choose to complete the research participation, **at least 3** of the credits must be submitted on or before 3/20/20. Failure to do so will result in a **5% reduction** to your final course grade. The remaining 3 credits needed to fulfill the requirement must be submitted on or before the last day of the regular semester (4/30/20). Failure to submit the remaining credits by this date will result in an **additional 5% reduction** to your final grade.

If you choose, instead, to complete the research report, the final report must be submitted to your instructor no later than midterms. The specific due date for this report will be determined by your course instructor. Failure to do so will result in a **10% reduction** to your final course grade. If you are caught plagiarizing or engaging in other forms of academic dishonesty with regard to the research report, you will face university disciplinary measures in addition to the 10% reduction to your final grade.

Initial Registration and Account Setup:

The psychology pool administrator maintains the student credits in the department's online research participation system, which is called Sona Systems. Students are required to register with this online system to track and submit their credits.

How to Create an Account for the Research Sign-up System

Go to the following website: <http://uttyler.sona-systems.com>

Please follow these steps:

- (1) On the right-hand side of the page, click the link that says, "Request Account."
- (2) Type in your information. Your user ID can be anything you wish. However, note that **YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS MUST BE ACCURATE!!!!** You will also enter your telephone number and select the psychology course(s) that you enrolled in this semester.
- (3) The system will use your email address to send you a password.
- (4) Log into the system at the web address above with your username (that you created) and password (that the system will email to you). You may change your password upon logging in to the system for the first time.
- (5) Click the link that says "Study Sign Up"
- (6) Click the link of the study you wish to participate in (the number of credits the study is worth will be listed on the webpage).

(7) Click the link that says “Timeslots Available.” Note that a specific study is available until the study is completed, after which you can no longer sign up for it. New studies are posted throughout the semester, but the timing of new study availability depends on the individual researchers in charge of those specific studies.

Start early!!!! Do NOT wait until the end of the semester to start your research participation. There will NOT be a large number of studies available toward the end of the semester because the researchers and their student assistants are trying to analyze the data from their semester projects before the semester ends. Check Sona each week throughout the semester in order to find new studies in which you can participate!!!!

(8) Select a date and time that will work for you. Some studies are completely online, so you can complete that study immediately. Other studies require that you show up to one of the psychology research laboratories on campus. There are three psychology laboratories on campus, so please note which one you need to attend.

(9) The Sona system will send you an email reminder about your study sign up (including information about the day, time, and location of the study) at 5:00 pm the night before the study is to take place.

(9) Repeat Steps 5 - 8 until you have completed all credits that are required for your course. Any credits you complete beyond those required for your course(s) can potentially be used for extra credit, at the discretion of your instructor.

Once you participate, the system will track the number of credit hours you have completed. This information is available by clicking the “My Schedule/Credits” link.

Types of Studies:

There are two basic types of studies. The first is a laboratory study, and you will meet with a researcher at a specific location on the UT-Tyler campus. The second type is an online study. With this type of study, you can complete it from any computer connected to the internet. Although the majority of studies are of the first type, a few online studies may be posted during the semester for your convenience. The type of study will be listed in the description of the project on the website.

Cancelling an Appointment:

If you need to cancel an appointment for a timeslot you have signed up for, you can do this from the My Schedule / Credits page on the website. Select this link, and you will see all the studies you have signed up for, as well as those you have completed. Click “Cancel” on the appointment you need to cancel, and you will see a confirmation page. Note, however, that you should avoid cancelling an appointment unless absolutely necessary. Aside from not receiving the credit from the study, you are also inconveniencing the student researchers who are waiting at the laboratory to greet

you. If you do need to cancel, you may try to contact the researcher in charge of the study (listed on the website) to reschedule.

To assign credits to specific courses –in the event that you are in more than one course that requires participation and/or offers extra credit for participation – please do the following:

- Click the “My Schedule/Credits” link.
- Assign the credits for each study in which you have participated to a specific course. This may include volunteer hours for student counseling.
- The system will allow you to assign any number of the total credits you have accumulated to any specific course. However, you only have your total number of accumulated credits to distribute to your course(s). For example, if you have two courses that require participation and you have 10 accumulated credits, you can allocate those 10 credits to one course, the other course, or divide them in some way between both courses.

Before the end of the semester, be sure that you “apply” the credits that you have accumulated to the course(s) that require research participation and/or that offer extra credit for participating in research or volunteering for counseling.

If you have any questions about Sona or the research participation requirement for your course, please talk with your course instructor. Or, you may contact the Sona System administrator, Dr. Stocks, directly at estocks@uttyler.edu.

University Policies:

UT Tyler Honor Code :

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities:

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:
<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry:

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors.

Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services:

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance:

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester. Revised 05/17

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct:

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

1. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test; failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or

information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;

- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
 - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
 - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
1. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
1. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™, available on Canvas.

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

CEP Vision and Mission and Program Standards:

Vision: The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st Century, to make significant contributions to local and global communities, and to work toward individual and cultural equity.

Mission: The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application,

understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. Additionally, the College is committed to affirming and promoting global perspectives, cultural diversity, and respect for individual differences as a means of enhancing learning, service, and scholarship.