

Instructor Information

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Additional Contact Information

Course Information

Description	General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.
Required Textbooks	<i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.</i> <i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.</i> The required textbook for this course is Psychology published by OpenStax. The link to the textbook is as follows: https://assets.openstax.org/oscms-prodcmis/media/documents/Psychology2e_WEB.pdf?_gl=1*_gz4153*_ga*MTA4NTc2MzQyMS4xNjgzOTg4MjE4*_ga_T746F8B0QC*MTY4NTM3MjYzNy4yLjEuMTY4NTM3MjY0OC40OS4wLjA.
Additional Materials/Resources	Students may also review course lecture notes for required quiz and exam question content, as well as completing required special rqa assignments and required regular rqa assignments in the Blackboard section of the course. You must have access to the following Microsoft Office applications to view the course lecture notes: Word and PowerPoint. If you do not have access to Microsoft Office applications, you can gain access by going to the following webpage: Access to Microsoft Office Suite, including MS Word and MS PowerPoint. Required Software (available free of charge) Microsoft Office - This software package contains MSWord which you'll need in this course & other useful programs. Office 365 suite is available to students Free of Charge. The URL for the instruction page and link to download Office 365 is:: https://lamarsupportservices.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/320/Portal-LSCPA/KB/ArticleDet?ID=16454
Corequisites/Prerequisites	ENGL-0302 College Reading Skills">ENGL-0302 College Reading Skills">ENGL-0302 College Reading Skills">ENGL-0302 College Reading Skills
Learning Outcomes	Learning outcomes 1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology. (Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.(Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.(Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.(Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.(Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.(Core Skills 1,2) Measured by course assignments and activities. 7. Calculate current course grade accurately, using information provided by instructor relating to individual scores from projects, assignments, quizzes and exams.(Core Skill 3) Measured by course assignments and activities.

8. Explain how personal ethnic heritage is similar to and different from other cultural perspectives in effects on social cognition. (Core Skills 1, 2, 5)
Measured by course assignments and activities.

Core Objectives

- * 1. Communication skills: Students will demonstrate effective written, oral and/or visual communication.
- * 2. Critical Thinking Skills: Students will engage in creative and/or innovative thinking, and/or inquiry, analysis, evaluation, synthesis of information, organizing concepts and constructing solutions.
- * 3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills: Students will demonstrate applications of scientific and mathematical concepts.
- * 5. Social Responsibility: Students will demonstrate intercultural competency and civic knowledge by engaging effectively in local, regional, national and/or global communities

Lecture Topics Outline

MODULE 1

Syllabus review;
Chapter 1 introduction to psychology;
Chapter 2 psychological research; ;
Chapter 15 psychological disorders;
Chapter 16 therapy and treatment;

MODULE 2

Chapter 3 biopsychology;
Chapter 6 learning
Chapter 7 thinking and intelligence
Chapter 8 memory ;

MODULE 3

Chapter 9 lifespan psychology;
Chapter 10 emotion and motivation;
Chapter 11 personality
Chapter 14 - stress, lifestyle and health

MODULE 4

Chapter 4 states of consciousness;
Chapter 5 sensation and perception;
Chapter 12 social psychology;
Chapter 13 industrial-organization

Major Assignments
Schedule

MAJOR ASSIGN DUE DATES

MAJOR ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES 16 WEEKS CLASS - DUE DATES MAY BE CHANGED AS NEEDED

MODULE 1

WEEK 1 BONUS OPTIONAL Course Pretest Online ____SUN _JAN 25____

WEEK 2 Required Attendance Assignments 1 and 2; WED ____JAN 28____20

WEEK 2 Required Regular Assignment 1 WED ____JAN 28__25 ____

WEEK 2 Required Special RQA Assignment 1 WED ____JAN 28__10_

WEEK 3 Required Preview Version 1 Psychology Core Assignment; MON __FEB 02____10_

WEEK 3 Required TED Talk Assignment 1; WED _FEB 04__20__

WEEK 3 Bonus Module 1 SOAR Assignment WED __FEB 04____

WEEK 4 Bonus ICC Opinion Survey Module 1 MON FEB 09 ____

WEEK 4 Required Quiz 1 - Chapters 1,2,15,16 – Online SUN _FEB 15_25

WEEK 4 Required Exam 1 Chapters 1,2,15,16 - Online SUN __FEB 15__100____

MODULE 2 PSYC 2301

WEEK 5 BONUS ICC OPINION SURVEY MON _FEB 16 __

WEEK 5 Required Preview Version 2 Psychology Core Assignment; TUE _FEB 17_10_

WEEK 5 Required Regular Assignment 2; WED __FEB 18__25__

WEEK 5 Required Special Assignment 2; WED _FEB 18__10__

WEEK 6 Required Attendance Assignments 3 and 4; MON ____FEB 23__20__

WEEK 6 Required TED Talk Assignment 2 ; WED ____FEB 25____20 -

WEEK 6 Bonus Module 2 SOAR Assignment; WED __FEB 25____

WEEK 8 BONUS Grade Calculation Assignment WED MAR 18 __
WEEK 8 Required Quiz 2 Chapters 3,6,7,8; ONLINE SUN _MAR 22___25
WEEK 8 Required Exam 2 - Chapters 3,6,7,8; ONLINE SUN __MAR 22__100__
WEEK 8 BONUS MID SEMESTER REVIEW QUIZ SUN MAR 22

MODULE 3 PSYC 2301

WEEK 9 Module 3 Bonus ICC Opinion Survey 3 _ WED _MAR 25__
WEEK 9 Bonus Syllabus/BB Module3 Quiz SUN __MAR 29_____

WEEK 10 Required Regular Assignment 3; THU APR 02___25___
WEEK 10 Required Special Assignment 3 THU; APR 02_____10__
WEEK 10 Required Attendance Assignments 5 and 6; THU APR 02_____20__
WEEK 11 Required TED Talk Assignment 3 ; WED APR 8____20_
WEEK 11 Bonus SOAR Assignment 3 WED APR 8_____
WEEK 12 Required Quiz 3 – Chapters 9,10,11,14; Online SUN _APR 19__25____
WEEK 12 Required Exam 3; Chapters 9,10,11,14; Online SUN APR 19____100_
WEEK 12 BONUS SYLLABUS/BB TREASURE HUNT QUIZ SUN APR 19

MODULE 4 PSYC 2301

WEEK 13 Required Regular Assignment 4; MON _APR 20__25__
WEEK 13 BONUS ICC OPINION SERVEY 4 ____MON APR 20
WEEK 13 Required Special Assignment 4 MON APR 20____20

WEEK 13 Bonus AA 123 Assignment WED APR 22 ____

WEEK 13 Required Preview Version 3 Core Assignment; FRI APR 24_____10__
WEEK 14 Required Attendance Assignment 7 MON APR 27__10__
WEEK 14 Required Grade Calculation Assignment MON APR 27____20____
WEEK 14 Bonus SOAR Assignment 4 WED APR 29_____
WEEK 14 Module 4 Required TED Talk Assignment 4; WED APR 29__40_
WEEK 14 Optional Bonus Orientation Assignment FRI MAY 01 ____
WEEK 14 PERMA Bonus Assignment FRI MAY 01_____
WEEK 15 Required Final Version Core Assignment TUE MAY 05 _130_
WEEK 15 Required Quiz 4 – Chapters 9,10,11,14; Online SUN _MAY 10__25__
WEEK 15 Required Exam 4; Chapters 9,10,11,14; Online SUN __MAY 10__100

Final Exam Date
Grading Scale
Determination of Final Grade

May 5, 2026 - 12:0 AM Through May 10, 2026 - 11:59 PM
90 - 100=A 80 - 89=B 70 - 79=C 60 - 69=D Below 59 = F

Your FINAL course letter grade will be based on an approximate percentage of 1000 total possible points as follows:

Letter Grades	Point Totals	Approximate Percentages
A	900-1000+	90%+
B	800-899	80-89%
C	700-799	70-79%
D	600-699	60-69%
F	599 and lower	59% and below

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR GRADE AT ANY TIME DURING THE SEMESTER
1. Add all of the points you have earned as of today's date, excluding any points from practice activities.

2. Request current required total course points from instructor.
3. Divide your total points by the total number of required points as of today's date.
4. For your final semester grade divide your current total by 1000 or use the grade chart above.
5. Your final grade or interim grade will be calculated based on total points only, NOT AN "AVERAGE" GRADE.
6. Remember a request for an AVERAGE GRADE IS MEANINGLESS and should be avoided.
7. Your grade at any time during the time of the semester is based on a percentage of total earned points relative to total required points at the time of calculation

CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR FINAL GRADE FROM REQUIRED POINT SOURCES

REQUIRED EXAMS = $400/100 = 40\%$
 REQUIRED QUIZZES = $100/1000 = 10\%$
 REQUIRED REGULAR ASSIGNMENTS = $100/1000 = 10\%$
 REQUIRED SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS = $50/1000 = 5\%$
 REQUIRED CORE ASSIGNMENT = $160/1000 = 16\%$
 REQUIRED TED ASSIGNMENTS = $100/1000 = 10\%$
 REQUIRED GRADE CALCULATION = $20/1000 = 2\%$
 REQUIRED ATTENDANCE ASSIGNMENTS = $70/1000 = 7\%$

TOTAL 1000/1000 REQUIRED POINTS = 100%

Course Policies

Instructor Policies

INSTRUCTOR COURSE POLICIES AND OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

THE CONTENT OF THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE CHANGED AS NECESSARY DURING THE SEMESTER *For further details about assignments, see additional information using link in Blackboard section of this course.

1. This course will be a 16-week course.
2. Please consider this message your invitation to explore the MID-SEMESTER REVIEW section of this course once you have access to the course as well as a welcome to this course.
3. The MID-SEMESTER REVIEW section has useful information for assisting you in being more successful in online courses in general and in this course specifically.
4. This course will involve an introductory survey of the major areas of psychology, such as learning, social, testing, personality, developmental and physiological.
5. The emphasis in this course will be on psychology as the scientific study of behavior and we will study both human and animal behavior. In order to do your best in this course, you will need a basic level of skill in reading English.
6. This course is a 100% online course requiring completion of online assignments, exams, quizzes and assignments.
7. All assignments, projects, quizzes, exams and other course activities will be completed online.
8. In order to complete this course you will need a reliable computer with a reliable connection to the internet in order to complete the course activities.
9. If you do not have a home computer with reliable connection to the internet, you will need to arrange access to these resources.
10. You should have basic computer-related skills as described in Step Five of the MID-SEMESTER REVIEW section of the course (Technical Requirements for the Course).
11. Because this course is an online course, you will need computer-related skills and a reliable connection to the internet.
12. There will be an orientation meeting during the semester, probably during the first week of the semester.
13. If you cannot attend the orientation meeting, please get in touch with me if you have questions about the course.
14. During this orientation meeting, we discuss the syllabus for the course as well as course policies and procedures.
15. The required written assignments and optional written project documents will be graded as they are received. There will be **no re-submissions or corrected documents accepted.**
16. You will have 2 opportunities to complete each required quiz and exam. The higher of the 2 grades for each required quiz and exam will be used as the recorded score for purposes of calculating your final course grade.
17. All quizzes and exams in this course will be completed online using the Blackboard Learning System. **Students must use a wired, dedicated connection to the internet for completing exams and quizzes, which will be timed activities.** . This requirement means that difficulties because of dropped internet connections associated with wireless connections will not be used as a reason for extended quiz or exam availability time.
18. All submitted assignments will be graded and marked with the number of points assigned. An explanation for the grading details result will be available by email request. The purpose of this policy is to encourage more effective two-way communication between the course instructor and individual students.
19. All late assignments will be assigned a point credit of 1 point. Late reception of assignments will be defined as reception by the Blackboard system after the due date and due time. There will be a 1 hour grace period after the due date and due time, during which there will be no late penalty assessed.
20. All assignments created by students must be saved doc or docx file format. Using any other file format will result in a 1-point penalty for each

assignment not treated in doc or docx file format. Any document submitted in pages file format (default format for Apple devices, such as imac notebooks, ipads and iphones) will receive zero points credit.

21. GRIEVANCES, COMPLAINTS, AND CONCERNS REGARDING THIS COURSE: If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that cannot be resolved through discussion with the instructor, please consult GEDS Department Chair. **Physical location: EDUC 1-Room 131-133. DR. STEVEN ZANI-CHAIRPERSON; EMAIL: ZANISJ@LAMARPA.EDU; CAMPUS PHONE: 984-6431.**

22. Research has shown a strong positive relationship between attendance, participation and college success.

23. I STRONGLY recommend regular participation in this course, both mental and physical. Participation will help you succeed in this course!!
Caution: I will not automatically drop your name from the class roll because you do not participate in class activities.

24. MAKEUP POLICIES - There are limited opportunities to make up missed work in this course.

25. Required assignments, quizzes and exams may be submitted late by instructor approval.

26. Students who have missed required work because of official college business and who can provide verification from a college official such as an athletic coach or student organization sponsor may turn in required work late for credit such as an assignment, quiz or exam. Bonus or extra credit work may not be submitted late for any reason.

27. No other justification will be accepted for turning in or completing work after the published due date.

28. If there is a technical problem with BlackBoard which affects all students, such as the system not working properly, there may be an extension of the availability for the quiz or exam or due date for a required assignment.

29. All students are responsible for reading and understanding these guidelines.

30. All students are responsible for maintaining a reliable connection to the internet for completing work in this course.

31. Failure to complete an exam or study guide quiz because of a failed wireless connection is not an acceptable reason for an extension of quiz or exam

32. All work will be graded as submitted.

33. The instructor will accept NO re-submissions or corrected documents.

34. The instructor will consider an assignment submission with no document attached as an incomplete and incorrect submission.

35. Instructor agrees to grade all assignments submitted in Blackboard within 14 calendar days after the stated due date in course syllabus.

36. Students will not bring drinks or drink containers into face-to-face meetings for this course without instructor permission.

37. Students may partially compensate for lost course points by completing bonus course activities.

38. Students may complete practice versions of course written assignments and submit them via email attachments to the instructor a minimum of 48 hours before the due dates for those assignments and receive comments from the instructor for making necessary changes to the assignment documents. These practice versions carry no course credit and serve information purposes only.

39. There will be a 1-point penalty deduction for each assignment received in Blackboard after the original due date.

Attendance Policy

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Additional Information

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL COURSES

MON JAN 19, 2026 MLK DAY HOLIDAY- CAMPUS CLOSED

TUE, JAN 20, 2026 – First class day

WED FEB 4, 2026 - Census Date (12th class day)

MON FEB 23, 2026 - Last day to drop a course or withdraw without academic penalty

MON-FRI MAR 9-13, 2026 SPRING BREAK – NO IN-PERSON CLASSES

FRI APR 3, 2026 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY – NO CAMPUS CLOSED

FRI APR 17, 2026 - Last day to drop a course or withdraw with academic penalty

THU MAY 14, 2026 Last class day

THU MAY 14, 2026 - Final grades for graduates due by 4:00 pm

FRI MAY 15, 2026 - Final grades for all others due at noon

FRI MAY 15, 2026 – Commencement, 11:00 AM AND 5:30 PM

MyLSCPA	Be sure to check your campus email and Course Homepage using MyLSCPA campus web portal. You can also access your grades, transcripts, academic advisors, degree progress, and other services through MyLSCPA .
Academic Honesty	Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the LSCPA policies (Academic Dishonesty section in the Student Handbook) for consequences of academic dishonesty.
ADA Considerations	The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Coordinator , Room 117, in the Student Success Center. The phone number is (409) 984-6241.
COVID 19 Information	The Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) Student Code of Conduct COVID 19 Policy requires students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 to report their condition directly to their local health department. Students should also contact their course faculty to report their quarantine status. In addition, this policy requires all students to wear face coverings when directly exposed to COVID 19 in compliance with the criteria included in the policy. For more information please refer to the COVID 19 link on the LSCPA website.
Facility Policies	No food or tobacco products are allowed in the classroom. Only students enrolled in the course are allowed in the classroom, except by special instructor permission. Use of electronic devices is prohibited.
HB 2504	This syllabus is part of LSCPA's efforts to comply with Texas House Bill 2504.
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect	As per Texas law and LSCPA policy, all LSCPA employees, including faculty, are required to report allegations or disclosures of child abuse or neglect to the designated authorities, which may include a local or state law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. For more information about mandatory reporting requirements, see LSCPA's Policy and Procedure Manual .
Title IX and Sexual Misconduct	LSCPA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct. All LSCPA employees, including faculty, have the responsibility to report disclosures of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), domestic violence, dating violence, relationship violence, or stalking, to LSCPA's Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the college's response to sexual misconduct. For more information about Title IX protections, faculty reporting responsibilities, options for confidential reporting, and the resources available for support visit LSCPA's Title IX website .
Clery Act Crime Reporting	For more information about the Clery Act and crime reporting, see the Annual Security & Fire Safety Report and the Campus Security website .
Grievance / Complaint / Concern	If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that has not been resolved through discussion with the Instructor, please consult the Department Chair.
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