PSYC 2000—Introduction to Psychology

Course Description: Understanding, prediction and control of human behavior.

Textbooks and Other Materials

Courses that require paid codes to access online materials require that special arrangements are made to provide extended material access periods in the event that a course extension is needed. Special ISBN’s have been created in these cases. Do not attempt to order your textbook access codes from other sources. Students enrolling in ODL courses are required to follow the textbook ordering information provided in this syllabus and the Getting Started module in your Moodle course.

ODL is not responsible for student purchases that result in the receipt of the wrong materials. It is the responsibility of the student to order the correct textbook materials. Courses are written to specific textbook editions; edition substitutions are not allowed.

Required Textbook

ISBN: 125931894x

To purchase Connect Access only (includes e-Book and LearnSmart component).

1. Go to the course Connect section website listed in the Getting Started module in Moodle.
2. Enter your e-mail address in the prompt and click “Begin”
3. If you already have a Connect account, you will need to enter your account password. Otherwise, you will be prompted to create an account before moving forward.
4. Once logged in/created account, choose the “Need to purchase?” option and follow the instructions to complete registration.
Ordering Information

Please review the following tips for ordering your course materials:

1. Do not purchase your textbooks until your enrollment is approved. During the processing period, a new section may be opened that could require a different textbook or edition.

2. *Always order by the ISBN.* Publishers and vendors often offer the same textbook title under different ISBNs. You must have the correct ISBN to access your online website.

3. If you are having problems locating a textbook, contact us at Answers@outreach.lsu.edu for assistance.

Other Materials and Resources

**Software:** MS Word, MS PowerPoint, Web Browser, Adobe Flash Player, Adobe Shockwave Player, Adobe Acrobat Reader

Microsoft Word is required to complete module assignments. Microsoft PowerPoint is required to view additional reading assignments.

It is recommended that you use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your web browser. Internet Explorer is not compatible with your Moodle course site.

Adobe Flash and Adobe Shockwave player are required for online testing. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view PDF document files.

**Hardware:** *Web cam with a microphone (built-in or external), headphones or working speakers,* and *high speed internet*

Proctored exams are completed online and require the hardware listed above. Students are encouraged to review the technical requirements provided on the ProctorU website and to perform a test on their equipment prior to enrolling in this course to make sure they have the necessary resources available. There is a separate charge for each proctored exam.


**Equipment Test:** [http://www.proctoru.com/testitout/](http://www.proctoru.com/testitout/)

Nature and Purpose of the Course

**Course Outcomes.** Upon completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:

1. Describe the modern scientific research methods of psychology
2. Describe the historical roots of psychology
3. Describe a broad range of topics studied by psychologists, including:
   - brain and behavior
   - sensation and perception,
   - consciousness
   - learning and memory
   - intelligence and language
   - human development
   - motivation and emotion
   - personality
   - social psychology
   - psychological disorders
   - therapies
   - health psychology

Welcome to the study of Psychology! We will begin this introductory section by outlining the major components this course will cover. Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior. It includes how thinking and behavior develop and what processes are involved. These processes are sometimes within an individual and sometimes within the environment in which the person lives. You will be surprised about two things; First, Psychology uses a very strict set of scientific procedures to study the mind. Second, it covers a much broader range of topics than you would have guessed. What could be more interesting or valuable than understanding what it means to be a human being?

Working with the Course Materials

Remember, this course covers an entire semester of work or the equivalent of a classroom course lasting 15 weeks. That means that each module in this course equals nearly a week of course work and will require the same time and effort on your part. Do not expect to complete each module in a single study session. Understand, too, that if you choose to submit assignments at a very high pace, your instructor may not be able to grade your work at the same rate.

Each module is organized into the following sections: the Module Learning Objectives, the Reading Assignment, LearnSmart Review (graded for completion), a graded Concept Clip assignment, a graded Quiz, and the graded Module Assignment. Specific recommendations are provided in a link to the course module instructions, which you should review before beginning the first module.

You should work through the module as follows:

1. Begin each module by reading the introductory overview (Travelogue).
2. Next, carefully read the designated chapters or assigned readings.
3. Then, login to McGraw-Hill Connect and complete the online LearnSmart review assignment. The LearnSmart assignment will test your knowledge of module material in a variety of formats to assess how well you understand the material. Additionally, it will ask you to rate your confidence. Your confidence rating will affect your score and will also assist you in learning to recognize when you know the material. However, your grade for the assignment is based upon how much (percentage) of the review you complete. Be sure to submit your review as ‘complete’ in Moodle when you are finished with the LearnSmart assignment in Connect. This will notify your instructor that your Connect grade for each module is ready to be transferred to Moodle so it can be counted toward your course grade. See instructions in the module.

4. After the LearnSmart review, complete the Concept Clip assigned to the module. This is also completed in Connect. The Concept Clip will show a video followed by several multiple-choice and fill-in-the-blank questions. The questions are based on the learning objectives of the chapters, and are applied in nature. After completing the Concept Clip assignment in Connect, return to Moodle and submit the assignment as complete. See instructions in the module.

5. After the Concept Clip, complete the quiz assigned to the module in Moodle. The quiz consists of several multiple-choice questions. These questions are also based on the learning objectives of the chapters, and are formatted in a similar fashion to the questions on the exam.

6. Finally, complete the module assignment in Moodle. For this assignment, you will write and submit discussion and essay responses to the four idea exchange questions. These questions are designed to demonstrate the relevance of the material to your life, as well as to help you think more critically about the relevant real world issues. Please note that you must first complete the other graded assignments in order before you can submit your module assignment.

Suggested Study Techniques

1. Carefully review the module objectives to help you focus on the information that will be covered on the exams.
2. Concentrate on the reading assignments, the module lecture material, and any additional resources provided. This review should include a detailed examination of any illustrative problems and examples. After an assignment has been completed, a rapid re-reading of the related text and other materials is strongly recommended.
3. Put yourself on a definite schedule. Set aside a certain block of hours per day or week for this course and work in a place where distractions are minimal.
4. Try to submit one assignment each week or at least every two weeks. Delays in submitting assignments usually result in lagging interest and the inability to complete the course.
5. Review your module assignments after they have been graded, paying special attention to any instructor feedback provided. (We suggest that you wait for assignment feedback before you submit subsequent assignments.)

6. Regardless of how you complete your graded assignments, keep in mind that module completion should not be your sole preparation for your exams. As with any college course, you should study for your exams.

### Reading Assignments

You will read an average of 25 pages per module. Specific reading assignments will be given in each module.

### Topic Outline

This course covers the following specific topics:

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**Mid-Course Examination**

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**Final Examination**
Module Assignments

The module activities you will complete are based on four graded components.

LearnSmart Review

All LearnSmart reviews are completed in the McGraw-Hill Connect course site. This assignment is graded on percent complete. This means you will get credit for how much of the review you have completed. Your average of the 14 reviews will constitute the grade for this portion.

LearnSmart Review Completion: Getting Credit for Your Assignment

When you have completed a LearnSmart review in Connect, you must also submit the corresponding LearnSmart completion assignment in Moodle. This sends a notice to your instructor that you have completed the review in Connect and the grade can be transferred to the Moodle grade book.

To submit your LearnSmart review completion status in Moodle, click on “Module XX LearnSmart Review” in the module and follow the instructions given there.

Concept Clips

All Concept Clip assignments are completed in the McGraw-Hill Connect course site. These assignments show you a brief video that highlights the key ideas from the chapter. You will then be asked to answer about 5-10 questions pertaining to the clip. The goal is to test whether you can recognize a concept beyond simply knowing a definition. It is important for calling attention to the occasional subtle differences that may occur between related material.

Concept Clip Completion

Just as you do with the LearnSmart review assignments, when you have completed a Concept Clip assignment in Connect, you must also submit your completion status in Moodle. Go to Moodle and click on “Module XX Concept Clip Assignment” and follow the instructions.

Quizzes

Following the Concept Clip assignment, each module will have a quiz that are taken in Moodle. The quizzes are 10 multiple-choice questions and you will have 10 minutes to complete it. The average of the 14 module quizzes will constitute the grade for this portion.
Module Assignments

Each module assignment has four essay questions that you will write responses for and upload in a Word document. Your answers do not need to be long, but should cover all aspects of each question. Keep in mind that these are discussion questions, so your answers should be clear, precise, and thorough. You are also expected to cite relevant information from your textbook whenever appropriate. You should always explain citations. Your average on the 14 assignments will constitute the grade for this portion.

When saving and uploading to Moodle, use the following naming convention for documents:

    CourseNumber_LastName_FirstName_ModuleNumber

(Example: PSYC2000_2.0_1_jones_sam_M01)

The essays must be your own work; any evidence of copying answers from others will result in plagiarism charges sent to the Dean of Students.

Permission to Take the Final Exam

You must have a grade posted in the Moodle grade book for the Module 15 assignment and quiz in order to unlock access to the Final Exam. Please allow at least seven days for the final assignment grade to be posted in the grade book. Understand that occasional delays will occur, such as during holidays and semester breaks or if you submit several module assignments within the same week. You must have been enrolled in the course for at least three weeks, regardless of when the modules and other exams are completed.

You must have a grade posted in the Moodle grade book for the Module 14 LearnSmart Review, Quiz, and Assignment in order to unlock access to the Final Exam. Please allow at least 7 days for the final assignment grade to be posted in the grade book.

Academic Integrity

Students in Online Distance Learning (ODL) courses must comply with the LSU Code of Student Conduct. Suspected violations of the academic integrity policy may be referred to LSU Student Advocacy & Accountability (SAA), a unit of the Dean of Students. If found responsible of a violation, you will then be subject to whatever penalty SAA determines and will forfeit all course tuition and fees.

Plagiarism

Students are responsible for completing and submitting their own course work and preparing their own modules. All work submitted in the course modules must be the student’s own work.
unless outside work is appropriate to the assignment; all outside material must be properly acknowledged. It is also unacceptable to copy directly from your textbook or to use published answer keys or the teacher’s edition of a textbook. For more information, please see http://www.plagiarism.org/

Collaboration

Unauthorized collaboration constitutes plagiarism. Collaborative efforts that extend beyond the limits approved by the instructor are violations of the academic integrity policy. Students who study together are expected to prepare and write their own individual work for submission and grading.

For more information and links to the LSU Code of Student Conduct and the SAA website, go to the ODL Academic Integrity policy on our website.

Examinations and Grading Policy

There will be two multiple-choice examinations. The mid-course exam covers modules 01–07, and the final exam covers modules 08–14. You are required to submit the LearnSmart reviews, Concept Clips, quizzes, and module assignments for modules 01–07 before you will have access to the mid-course exam. You are also required to submit the LearnSmart reviews, Concept Clips, quizzes, and module assignments for modules 08–14 and receive a grade in these components in module 14 before you will have access to the final exam. You are not permitted to use any textbooks, notes, or any other resources during the exam. You will have a maximum of three hours to complete the exam.

- LearnSmart reviews count 100 points each.
- Concept Clips count 10 points each.
- Module quizzes count 10 points each.
- Module assignments count 100 points each.
- Exams are 100 points each.

Course grade = average percentage complete of LearnSmart Review assignments + average percentage of Concept Clips + average percentage of module quizzes + average percentage of module assignments + exam scores. Each component is weighted by the following percentages.
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The following grading scale applies.

- 97%–100% = A+
- 93%–96% = A
- 90%–92% = A-
- 87%–89% = B+
- 83%–86% = B
- 80%–82% = B-
- 77%–79% = C+
- 73%–76% = C
- 70%–72% = C-
- 67%–69% = D+
- 63%–66% = D
- 60%–62% = D-
- 0%–59% = F

YOU MUST PASS THE FINAL EXAMINATION IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE.

IMPORTANT: Remember, the final exam cannot be taken until you meet the following requirements. Under no circumstances may the final exam be taken earlier.

1. You must have been enrolled in the course for at least three weeks, regardless of when the modules and other exams are completed.

2. You must have a grade posted in the Moodle grade book for the module 14 LearnSmart review, Concept Clip, quiz, and assignment in order to unlock access to the Final Exam. Please allow at least seven days for the final assignment grade to be posted in the grade book.

To read the full exam policy and other policy statements, visit http://www.outreach.lsu.edu/Extended-Campus/Online-Distance-Learning/Guidelines-
Policies/Policies. Go to Continuing Education’s homepage. Click on Extended Campus, select Online Distance Learning, and then click the link for Guidelines and Policies.

Taking Your Examinations

You are required to create a Louisiana State University ODL ProctorU account and to take your examinations through ProctorU, a remote proctoring service that allows you to take exams anywhere with internet access. Information on creating your ProctorU account can be found in the Getting Started module. You cannot use an account created through another university, so if you already have an account, you will still need to create an account associated with LSU Online Distance Learning (ODL).

The ProctorU website provides links you can use to find out how ProctorU works and to check your computer to see that it meets the technical requirements. In addition, to test using ProctorU, you need access to a web cam with a microphone (built-in or external), headphones or working speakers, and high speed internet to use this service. A complete list of technical requirements is available from the ProctorU website.

You should schedule your exams about a week before you are ready to take them in order to avoid any additional charges.

Transcript Information

After you have completed this course, your grade will be filed with the Office of the University Registrar. If a transcript is needed, it is your responsibility to make a request to the registrar. If you would like to order a transcript, visit the Office of the University Registrar Transcript Requests page to view your options (http://sites01.lsu.edu/wp/registraroffice/student-services/transcript-request/).

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