



Course Syllabus: General Psychology
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
PSYC 1103 Section 102
Fall 2022

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Instructor Response Policy

As a full time therapist, it can sometimes be difficult to answer emails the same day they are received. Please allow 48 hours for a response. If it is more urgent information, you can always speak with me before or after class.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

King, L. A. (2020). *The Science of Psychology: An Appreciative View*. McGraw-Hill Education.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study and science of psychology. Topics will biological foundations of behavior; thinking, intelligence, and language; emotion and motivation; psychological disorders; and therapies. We will focus on current empirical research and modern theories of Psychology.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes/Course Competencies

- 1) Critical Thinking Skills—including creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- 2) Communication Skills—including effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written communication.
- 3) Empirical and Quantitative Skills—including the analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- 4) Social Responsibility—including intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook-2021-22](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

[Office of Student Conduct](#)

Grading/Assessment

Exams- There will be four course exams worth 100 points each. Scantrons are **NOT** required for exams as exams will be taken online through D2L. Each exam will include multiple choice, T/F, and/or essay questions. Material on each exam will include information from the course textbook and information presented in class during lecture. Essentially, only attending lectures will not be sufficient to succeed in this course.

Table 1: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	360-400
B	319-359
C	280-318
D	240-280
F	Less than 240

Make Up Work/Tests

Students who miss an exam must provide proper documentation based on the criteria for excused absences listed above. Exams must be made up within two class days of the date the exam was administered.

Important Dates

Deadline to file for graduation: 10/3/2022.

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" 10/24/2022

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you

experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Attendance is required for this course. Each student will be allowed three absences without penalty. Each additional absence will result in a 5% reduction of the student's final grade. Students arriving after the taking of attendance will be considered absent. Students will be responsible for the information presented during the class period for which they were absent.

Instructor Class Policies

Cellphones: The use of cellphones during class is prohibited. Exceptions may be made for special circumstances (e.g., hospitalization of a family member); however, the instructor must be notified ahead of class if such a call may occur. Computers: Students are permitted to use laptops in class to take notes. However, if it becomes apparent that a student is using their laptop for purposes other than to take notes, the instructor reserves the right to ban the use of laptops in class.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the [Schedule of Classes](#) each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU TEXAS Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “*Run. Hide. Fight.*” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: [“Run. Hide. Fight.”](#)

Course Schedule

Date	Objectives
8/22/2022	Go over syllabus/questions
8/24-8/29	Chapter 1: What is Psychology
8/29-9/2	Chapter 2: Psychology's Scientific Method
9/5/2022	Labor Day—No Class
9/7-9/12	Chapter 3: Biological Foundations of Behavior
9/14/2022	Catch up/Review of Chapters 1-3
9/16/2022	Exam 1 over Chapters 1-3
9/19-9/23	Chapter 6: Learning
9/26-9/30	Chapter 7: Memory
10/3-10/5	Chapter 8: Thinking, Intelligence, and Language
10/7/2022	No Class
10/10/2022	Chapter 8: Thinking, Intelligence, and Language
10/12/2022	Catch up/Review of Chapters 6-8
10/14/2022	Exam 2 over Chapters 6-8
10/17-10/21	Chapter 9: Human Development
10/24/2022	Last Day to Drop for "W"
10/24-10/28	Chapter 10: Motivation and Emotion
10/31-11/4	Chapter 11: Gender, Sex, and Sexuality
11/7/2022	Catch up/Review of Chapters 9-11
11/9/2022	No Class
11/11/2022	Exam 3 over Chapter 9-11
11/14-11/18	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders
11/21/2022	No Class Thanksgiving break about to start
11/22-11/27	Thanksgiving Break
11/28-12/2	Chapter 16: Therapies
12/3-12/4	Final exam will be up to complete

This schedule is subject to change depending on how far ahead or behind we are. All exams will be completed online through D2L.