

**General Psychology II**  
**PSYC 2203, Spring 2023**  
**Sections: 201 | MWF 12:00pm-12:50pm**  
**Prothro-Yeager 101, 3 credit hours.**

**Instructor Information:**

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**Course Description:**

This course will be a continuation into the science of mental processes and behaviors – psychology. The course format will follow closely with the course text. It will communicate the nature and breadth of psychology, biological foundations of behavior, sensation and perception, memory and cognition, and social psychology.

**Texas Core Objectives (Competency Based)**

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.

**Nature of Course:**

This course has been planned as a fully in-person course for Spring 2023. The class will meet in-person in PY 101 all scheduled days unless otherwise notified. The course will utilize an assigned seating chart in order to aid in checking attendance quickly. Attendance will be checked every class. Students will not attend class if they are experiencing illness or any signs/symptoms of COVID-19, they will contact me via email regarding their condition. I will use D2L for posting syllabi, course communication, course schedule, quizzes, and gradebook. You should regularly check D2L and the email hosted via D2L for important course information. I also recommend downloading the Brightspace Pulse app in your smartphone's app store to help you keep track of assignments/dates. In the event of increased incidence and risk of COVID-19 that results in the university moving back to a shelter-in-place mode, the course instruction will transition to fully online. More instructions will be given at that time.

**Required Texts:**

King, L. (2020). *The Science of Psychology: An Appreciative View, 5th Edition*. McGraw-Hill Publishers.

**ISBN-13:** 978-1260500523

**Course Participation:**

Students are expected to come to class prepared and ready to learn. Students will engage with the instructor, peers, and the physical/digital space in a respectful manner at all times. Attendance/tardiness issues (in-person or online), disruptive electronic device use, disruptive communication, etc. are behaviors that disrupt the learning process. Such behaviors are grounds for dismissal at the discretion of the instructor. Students will be required to wear a mask in accordance with campus policy or they will be asked to leave the class. Students will be expected to secure the safety of themselves and others via cleaning/disinfecting their assigned seats using supplies provided in the classroom. Failure to comply with this or any other MSU Texas policy is also grounds for possible dismissal from the course.

**Grading Scale:**

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| <b>A</b> | 90.00-100%   | 360-400 pts   |
| <b>B</b> | 80.00-89.99% | 320-359.9 pts |
| <b>C</b> | 70.00-79.99% | 280-319.9 pts |
| <b>D</b> | 60.00-69.99% | 240-279.9 pts |
| <b>F</b> | 0-59.99%     | 0-239.9 pts   |

**Grading Procedures:**

*Quizzes:* There will be a short quiz on some Fridays covering the chapter we most recently discussed in lecture. The questions for this quiz may come from your textbook or from in-class content. Each quiz will be worth 12.5 points. It will be unlocked for your completion via D2L on the date we have class and will be open for that date only.

*Missed/Late Arrival Policy for Quizzes:* Any quiz that is missed may be made up with instructor approval. There will be a 5 point PENALTY deducted from any quiz for which a student does not have an excused absence for date of quiz. There is no grade penalty for quizzes missed due to an excused absence. An excused absence is an official MSU function (band, football, etc.) with corroborating documentation, a note from your doctor, a note from the Dean of Students, or a note from the Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities.

*Exams:* There will be a total of 3 exams throughout the semester. Each of the exams will consist of multiple-choice and/or short-answer questions from the textbook, possible additional readings, and class notes. Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exam will be in-person. You will be required to bring a scantron, blue book, and #2 pencil on those days.

*Missed/Late Arrival Policy for Exams:* Any exam that is missed may be made up with instructor approval. There will be a A LETTER GRADE PENALTY (10 points) deducted from any make-up exam for which a student does not have an excused absence for date of test. There is no grade penalty for exams missed due to an excused absence. An excused absence is an official MSU function (band, football, etc.) with corroborating documentation, a note from your doctor, a note from the Dean of Students, or a note from the Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities.

**Research Participation:**

It is important that students of scientific psychology learn firsthand something about the scientific nature of the discipline. Therefore, all students in PSYC 1103 and 2203 are required to participate in one of the following research-related exercises. No extra credit is given for research participation, but failure to complete the research requirement will result in a one letter grade reduction for the course. The deadline for completing the research requirement is April 21, 2023.

Participate in one or more approved psychology research projects totaling at least 90 minutes no later than April 21, 2023. Research opportunities will be announced throughout the semester in postings that appear on the psychology department's website at

<https://msutexas.edu/academics/libarts/psychology/undergraduate-research.php>

OR

Complete a research ethics essay. Participating students will read academic writings addressing research ethics. Following this, students will complete a 3-4 page double-spaced, typed summary and review of the information they read. Tables, figures, pictures do not count toward the minimum page requirement. Essays must be submitted no later than April 21, 2023.

**University Policies:**

"As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so."

**As a Midwestern State University student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy, and Student Honor Creed. For information regarding Midwestern State University's policies about academic dishonesty, please refer to the current Midwestern State University Student Handbook. The Handbook is also available online. Go to <http://students.msutexas.edu/studentaffairs> and then click the Student Handbook link. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Violation of the academic honesty policy will result in a failing grade and being reported to the Dean of Students.**

If you have a disability and require reasonable classroom accommodations please register with Disability Support Services within two weeks of the semester beginning. An Accommodation Request Form can be obtained through the Director of Disability Support Services, the ADA Coordinator, at <http://students.msutexas.edu/disability/> or may be contacted at (940)397-4140, or 3410 Taft Blvd., Clark Student Center Room 168, or email [debra.higginbotham@msutexas.edu](mailto:debra.higginbotham@msutexas.edu). If you require new accommodations at any point throughout the semester, they must be approved by DSS and the instructor must be notified at least one week prior to an exam for new accommodations to be made for that exam.

**Tentative Schedule of Course Topics**

| <b>Week #</b> | <b>Date</b>  | <b>Course</b>   |
|---------------|--|---|
| 1             | Monday, January 16<br>Wednesday, January 18<br>Friday, January 20    | <b>No Class</b><br>Syllabus<br>Chapter 1 / <b>Syllabus Quiz</b> |
| 2             | Monday, January 23<br>Wednesday, January 25<br>Friday, January 27    | Chapter 1<br>Chapter 1<br>Chapter 1 / <b>Chapter 1 Quiz</b>     |
| 3             | Monday, January 30<br>Wednesday, February 1<br>Friday, February 3    | Chapter 3<br>Chapter 3<br>Chapter 3                             |
| 4             | Monday, February 6<br>Wednesday, February 8<br>Friday, February 10   | Chapter 3<br>Chapter 3<br>Chapter 3 / <b>Chapter 3 Quiz</b>     |
| 5             | Monday, February 13<br>Wednesday, February 15<br>Friday, February 17 | Chapter 4<br>Chapter 4<br>Chapter 4                             |
| 6             | Monday, February 20<br>Wednesday, February 22<br>Friday, February 24 | Chapter 4<br>Chapter 4<br>Chapter 4 / <b>Chapter 4 Quiz</b>     |
| 7             | Monday, February 27<br>Wednesday, March 1<br>Friday, March 3         | <b><u>Test One (Ch. 1, 3, 4)</u></b><br>Chapter 7<br>Chapter 7  |
| 8             | Monday, March 6<br>Wednesday, March 8<br>Friday, March 10            | Chapter 7<br>Chapter 7<br>Chapter 7 / <b>Chapter 7 Quiz</b>     |
| 9             | Monday, March 13<br>Wednesday, March 15<br>Friday, March 17          | <b>SPRING BREAK</b><br><b>ALL WEEK</b>                          |
| 10            | Monday, March 20<br>Wednesday, March 22<br>Friday, March 24          | Chapter 8<br>Chapter 8<br>Chapter 8                             |
| 11            | Monday, March 27<br>Wednesday, March 29<br>Friday, March 31          | Chapter 8<br>Chapter 8<br>Chapter 8 / <b>Chapter 8 Quiz</b>     |
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| 12 | Monday, April 3<br>Wednesday, April 5<br>Friday, April 7    | Chapter 8<br><b>Test Two (Ch. 7, 8)</b><br><b>No Class</b>                          |
| 13 | Monday, April 10<br>Wednesday, April 12<br>Friday, April 14 | Chapter 10<br>Chapter 10<br>Chapter 10  |
| 14 | Monday, April 17<br>Wednesday, April 19<br>Friday, April 21 | Chapter 10<br>Chapter 10<br>Chapter 10 / <b>Chapter 10 Quiz</b>                     |
| 15 | Monday, April 24<br>Wednesday, April 26<br>Friday, April 28 | Chapter 13<br>Chapter 13<br>Chapter 13  |
| 16 | Monday, May 1<br>Wednesday, May 3<br>Friday, May 5          | Chapter 13<br>Chapter 13 / <b>Chapter 13 Quiz</b><br><b>Test Three (Ch. 10, 13)</b> |

**Disclaimer:**

*The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may (and will likely) be necessary. The instructor reserves the right to modify the schedule of topics as deemed necessary to maintain the quality and integrity of the course.*

**Assignment Tracker:**

| <b>Assignment</b> | <b>Date Due</b>     | <b>Points Available</b> | <b>Points Earned</b> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Exam #1           | Monday, February 27 | Out of 100 pts          |                      |
| Exam #2           | Wednesday, April 5  | Out of 100 pts          |                      |
| Exam #3           | Friday, May 5       | Out of 100 pts          |                      |
| Quiz #1           | Friday, January 20  | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #2           | Friday, January 27  | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #3           | Friday, February 10 | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #4           | Friday, February 24 | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #5           | Friday, March 10    | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #6           | Friday, March 31    | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #7           | Friday, April 21    | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
| Quiz #8           | Wednesday, May 3    | Out of 12.5 pts         |                      |
|                   |                     |                         | Total:               |