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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS AND INSTRUCTOR PLAN

**GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC_2301-80**

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NOTE: This is a 8-week online course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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Course Description:

PSYC 2301 General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402. (For additional information regarding course content, see Learning Outcomes/Core Objectives below.)

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

Students will be expected to read all material thoroughly. This includes information in both Brightspace and Connect. Students are also encouraged to download course schedule, Power Points, and study guides provided in Brightspace. Grades are also available on Brightspace, and announcements here should be checked regularly as well.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Shelly Rogers-Sharer

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Office Phone Number: 254-299-8965

Office Location: MAC 327

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: F2F on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-9:30am and
Monday and Wednesday 12:30-1:00pm

Zoom meetings by appointment ONLY. (*Send me an email to schedule a virtual meeting*)

Other Instruction Information: Cell phone: 254-644-8267 (call or text during business hours)

Required Text & Materials:

Title: Experience Psychology Author: Laura A. King

Edition: 4th Edition

Publisher: McGraw Hill Education

Connect Access Card ONLY: ISBN 9781260154962 **OR**

Bundle of Text w/ Access Code: ISBN 9781260516623

Note: The Connect Access Code is INCLUDED with your registration fee and does NOT require an additional purchase. This code contains an online version of the textbook and gives access to class assignments. Instructions for accessing these resources will be given on the first day of class. Please do NOT purchase this code. A hard copy loose leaf version of the textbook is available if you are a student who prefers a tangible textbook, but it is not required for the course.

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Lecture and/or videos, along with the following:

Discussion Boards

- Students may be required to complete discussion board assignments relating to various topics within Brightspace.

Assignments/Activities

- Various assignments and activities will be completed during class modules that are intended to expand and enhance the student's understanding about important topics.

Objective Quizzes/Exams

- These assessments will include objective questions in various formats over the primary characteristics (e.g. definitions, parts/features, relationships, etc.) of course topics from each chapter.

Connect Practice Sets

- Connect Practice Sets are 50 question assessments over the student's reading of the textbook chapters. These are conducted online through the McGraw Hill Connect portal.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

- **Critical Thinking (CT)** -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communications Skill (COM)** -- to include effective written, oral, and visual communication.
- **Empirical & Quantitative Skills (EQS)** -- to include applications of scientific and mathematical concepts.
- **Social Responsibility (SR)** -- to include intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

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Course Outline or Schedule:

DATE	CHAPTER/TOPIC	UNIT TASKS DUE	DUE DATE
Unit 1 Jan 10 – Jan 20	<i>(Modules 1-4 in Brightspace)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syllabus & Orientation Chapter 1 – Intro to Psychology Chapter 2 – Biological Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion #1 – Introduction Orientation Quiz (Asmt 1) Assignments 2-4 Connect Practice Sets (Ch 1-2) Unit 1 Test (Chapters 1-2) 	Thursday, Jan 20 @ Midnight
Unit 2 Jan 21 – Jan 31	<i>(Modules 5-7 in Brightspace)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 3 – Sensation & Perception Chapter 4 – Consciousness & Sleep Chapter 5 – Learning & Conditioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion #2 – Is ESP Real? Assignments 5-7 Connect Practice Sets (Ch 3-5) Unit 2 Test (Chapters 3-5) 	Monday, Jan 31 @ Midnight
Unit 3 Feb 1 – Feb 9	<i>(Modules 8-11 in Brightspace)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 6 – Memory Chapter 7 – Thinking, Language, & IQ Chapter 8 – Lifespan Human Dev 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion #3 – Memory Technique Assignments 8-11 Connect Practice Sets (Ch 6-8) Unit 3 Test (Chapters 6-8) 	Wednesday, Feb 9 @ Midnight
Unit 4 Feb 10 – Feb 21	<i>(Modules 12-14 in Brightspace)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 9 – Motivation & Emotion Chapter 10 – Personality Chapter 11 – Social Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion #4 – Technology Addiction Assignments 12-14 Connect Practice Sets (Ch 9-11) Unit 4 Test (Chapters 9-11) 	Monday, Feb 21 @ Midnight
Unit 5 Feb 22 – March 1	<i>(Modules 15-16 in Brightspace)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 12 – Psychological Disorders Chapter 13 – Therapies Chapter 14 – Health Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion #5 – Most Helpful Assignments 15-16 Connect Practice Sets (Ch 12-14) Final Exam (Chapters 12-14/Cum) 	Tuesday, March 1 @ Midnight

Course Grading Information:

The final grade will be based on the student's average of 4 test scores, a final exam, 14 Connect Chapter Practice Sets, 16 module assignments, and 5 unit discussion boards.

Tests: The 4 unit tests will be conducted in Brightspace. **COMPLETION OF TESTS BY DUE DATES IS MANDATORY!!** If a test is missed, it will be considered an automatic 0 for the grade. **No project** can replace a(n) test/exam score. If these guidelines are not followed, the instructor has the right to reduce possible grades and/or fail the student for

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lack of compliance with course requirements. The instructor also holds the right for alternatives at her discretion. Each test will be weighted at 10% of the final grade.

Final Exam: The final exam will be due on Tuesday, March 1 at midnight. This exam will be given on Brightspace as well. Completion by midnight on this date is mandatory and final exams will **NOT** be given early **OR** accepted late! The final exam is comprehensive with emphasis on chapters 12, 13, & 14. The final exam will be weighted at 10% of the final grade.

Connect Practice Sets: The average of 14 chapter practice sets will make up another 10% of the final grade. The practice sets are conducted online through Connect. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a Connect registration code with their book. **Practice Sets have strict due dates and therefore CANNOT be made up!** Due dates for these can be found on the course calendar above.

Assignments: An assignment must be completed at the end of each module. You will have a total of 16 assignments. These vary in task, some being quizzes, while others involve online activities or brief writings. **The due dates for these are the Unit Due Dates and will NOT be reopened after they close!** These 16 assignments will comprise 20% of the final grade.

Discussion Boards: This course has an introductory discussion board and 4 unit discussion boards. Each DB requires a 100-word primary post and 2 50-word reply posts. Each DB is worth 100 points and the average of these comprises 20% of the student's final grade. The due date for each DB is the Unit Due Date. **DBs will NOT be opened after they close!**

Course Grading Summary:

Test 1 (Chapters 1-2) =	10%
Test 2 (Chapters 3, 4, & 5) =	10%
Test 3 (Chapters 6, 7, & 8) =	10%
Test 4 (Chapters 9, 10, & 11) =	10%
Final Exam (Chapters 12, 13 & 14/ Cumulative)	10%
14 Connect Chapter Practice Sets Average =	10%
16 Module/Chapter Assignments =	20%
5 Discussion Boards =	20%
FINAL GRADE =	100%

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The traditional score equivalency will be used in this class:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = BELOW 60%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

No assignment, DB, or practice set is allowed to be made up after its due date and only 1 test may be made up with instructor permission. The final exam MUST be attended as scheduled.

Incomplete Grade:

Only students who have completed and passed 80% of the course requirements will be eligible for an incomplete. Illness, death in the family, or other extenuating circumstances needs to be present; and consultation with the instructor is mandatory.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Each student is strongly recommended to participate in class. Due to the diversity of the students, many different viewpoints will be held. Students may not only disagree with each other at times, but the students and instructor may also find that they have different views on sensitive and volatile topics. It is my hope that these differences will enhance the class and create an atmosphere where students and instructor alike will be more encouraged to think and learn. Therefore, be assured that your grade will not be adversely affected by any beliefs and/or ideas expressed in class or assignments. Respect will be given for the views of others when expressed in classroom discussions. The instructor expects students to also treat each other with respect and manifest appropriate classroom behavior.

Academic Integrity:

If the instructor becomes aware of cheating or plagiarism, an automatic 0 will be given for that task. These behaviors will be reported as per MCC policy. See MCC's policy on Academic Integrity for more information.

Attendance:

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students, and each instructor will maintain a complete record of attendance for the entire length of each course, including online and hybrid courses. Students will be counted absent from class meetings missed, beginning with the first official day of classes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades. Instructor will follow the MCC attendance policy strictly,

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dropping students after 25% of classes are missed. For this class, the student will be dropped after missing or not completing any combination of 10 tasks/activities/tests

* [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari) to print each link's information.*

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.