



WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY  
PSYC\_2301-90**

**SHELLY ROGERS-SHARER**

**NOTE: This is a Summer course.**

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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 the course content, see Learning Outcomes and 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 available on Brightspace, and announcements here should be checked regularly as well.

### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Shelly Rogers-Sharer

MCC E-mail: srogers-sharer@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: 254-299-8965

Office Location: MAC 327

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: 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, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

Author: Laura A. King

Edition: 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

Publisher: McGraw Hill Education

Connect Access Card ONLY: ISBN 9781265341008

**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/>

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### **Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

Lecture and/or videos, along with the following:

#### **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
Week 1/ Unit 1 May 30 – June 5	(Modules 1-4 in Brightspace) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Syllabus &amp; Orientation</li> <li>Chapter 1 – Intro to Psychology</li> <li>Chapter 2 – Biological Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion #1</b> – Introduction</li> <li><b>Orientation Quiz</b> (Asmt 1)</li> <li><b>Smartbook Orientation Video</b></li> <li><b>Assignments 2-4</b></li> <li><b>Connect Practice Set</b> (Ch 1-2)</li> <li><b>Unit 1 Test</b> (Chapters 1-2)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, June 5 @ Midnight</b>
Week 2/ Unit 2 June 6 – June 12	(Modules 5-7 in Brightspace) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 3 – Sensation &amp; Perception</li> <li>Chapter 4 – Consciousness &amp; Sleep</li> <li>Chapter 5 – Learning &amp; Conditioning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion #2</b> – Is ESP Real?</li> <li><b>Assignments 5-7</b></li> <li><b>Connect Practice Set</b> (Ch 3-5)</li> <li><b>Unit 2 Test</b> (Chapters 3-5)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, June 12 @ Midnight</b>
Week 3/ Unit 3 June 13 – June 19	(Modules 8-11 in Brightspace) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 6 – Memory</li> <li>Chapter 7 – Thinking, Language, &amp; IQ</li> <li>Chapter 8 – Lifespan Human Dev</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion #3</b> – Memory Types</li> <li><b>Assignments 8-11</b></li> <li><b>Connect Practice Set</b> (Ch 6-8)</li> <li><b>Unit 3 Test</b> (Chapters 6-8)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, June 19 @ Midnight</b>
Week 4/ Unit 4 June 20 – June 26	(Modules 12-14 in Brightspace) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 9 – Motivation &amp; Emotion</li> <li>Chapter 10 – Personality</li> <li>Chapter 11 – Social Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion #4</b> – Technology Addiction</li> <li><b>Assignments 12-14</b></li> <li><b>Connect Practice Set</b> (Ch 9-11)</li> <li><b>Unit 4 Test</b> (Chapters 9-11)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, June 26 @ Midnight</b>
Week 5/ Unit 5 June 27 – July 3	(Modules 15-16 in Brightspace) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chapter 12 – Psychological Disorders</li> <li>Chapter 13 – Therapies</li> <li>Chapter 14 – Health Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion #5</b> – Disorder &amp; Treatment Technique</li> <li><b>Assignments 15-16</b></li> <li><b>Connect Practice Set</b> (Ch 12-14)</li> <li><b>Final Exam</b> (Chapters 12-14/Cum)</li> </ul>	<b>Monday, July 3 @ Midnight</b>

## Course Grading Information:

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

*Below are descriptions of each type of task:*

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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 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 Monday, July 3 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 5 practice sets will make up another 15% of the final grade. There is 1 practice set per unit, covering all the chapters of that unit. The practice sets are conducted online through Connect. They are progressive assignments over concepts of each chapter. How many questions a student answers depends on the accuracy of their first responses on a concept. **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 one 50-word reply post. Each DB is worth 100 points and the average of these comprises 15% 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 =	15%
16 Module/Chapter Assignments =	20%
5 Discussion Boards =	15%
<b>FINAL GRADE =</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Grading Overview:

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%

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### **Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

No assignment 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.

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, dropping students after 25% of classes are missed. *For this class, the student will be dropped after missing any combination of 10 assignments*

### **[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.

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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](http://www.mclennan.edu/disability).

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

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu) 254-  
2998122  
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 acting Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center 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/](http://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/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 7:30 am - 5:00 pm on Friday. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom (<https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/2542998500>) or email ([ast@mclennan.edu](mailto:ast@mclennan.edu)) during the above mentioned times.

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 either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing [crew@mclennan.edu](mailto:crew@mclennan.edu) or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to [https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_07byXd7eB8iTqJg](https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg). Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's 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](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to [www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://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/FacultyandStaffCommons/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. For more information about your student email account, go to [www.mclennan.edu/studentemail](http://www.mclennan.edu/studentemail).

**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](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

**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.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

**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.