Fall 2021
Syllabus for Psychology 203
General Psychology
(Please keep this syllabus for the entire semester)

Course: Psychology 203 - General Psychology
Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-9:15 a.m. Room M154
Prerequisites: none

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A.A., Psychology, John A Logan Community College - 2000
B.A., Psychology, Southern Illinois University – 2002
M.A., Applied Psychology, Southern Illinois University – 2004
Teaching experience: Southern Illinois University – 2003-2004
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Office Hours: My office is in room 209 in the learning center/library. I will be on campus *Tuesdays and Thursdays (I have another class at 12:30) and most Mondays and Wednesdays. If I am not on campus when needed, we can make an appointment to meet.* You can email or call/**text** me at 479-**216-0711, especially if you need a quick response.** Please leave a message if there is no answer and be sure to include your name and what class you are in.

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Required Textbook: *Textbook: OpenStax.* Spielman, Jenkins & Lovett. (2020). *Psychology (2nd edition)*

Course Description: A study of the fundamental concepts, principles and theories of psychology with an emphasis on research, heredity, environment, physiology, personality, learning, memory and abnormality. This course is designed to satisfy a general education requirement in the social sciences and will provide the necessary background for those desiring additional course work in the field of psychology.

Program Outcomes: *The general education curriculum provides the means by which* students will increase their:

(1) writing, reading, speaking, and listening skills,
(2) analytical and occupational skills to solve real-life problems,
(3) understanding of different cultures and societies across the globe and how both have changed over time,
(4) understanding of basic principles and their application in the field of Physical and biological sciences
(5) technological and research skills.

Rationale: An education in general psychology should enable the student to think critically about moral and ethical issues in relationship to individuals within a society. It should also enhance people skills and enable one to have healthier relationships, as well as improving the student's understanding of research and how it applies to individuals and the society in general.

Course Objectives Upon successful completion of PSY 203 General Psychology, the student should be able to do the following:

1. Think critically and analytically about issues related to human behavior.
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the scientific method as it is used in psychology.
3. Demonstrate your knowledge of the principal findings and theories in psychology.
4. Apply your knowledge of psychology to human and social problems and their solution.
5. Express your views in writing in an informed and cogent manner.

Course Outline:

Units/Exams	Text Chapters	Chapter/*Section* Titles
1	Chapter 1	Introduction to Psychology
	Chapter 2	Psychological Research
2	Chapter 12	Social Psychology
3	Chapter 3	Biopsychology
	Chapter 4	States of Consciousness (pages 115-129)
2 Section Quizzes	Chapter 6	Learning (Classical and Operant Conditioning)
4	Chapter 8	Memory
	Chapter 10	Motivation
5	Chapter 9	Life-Span Development (if time allows)
6	Chapter 11	Personality
FINAL	Chapter 15	Psychological Disorders
	Chapter 16	Therapies

Course Conduct:

Presentation of material will include assigned textbook reading, power point lectures and videos, as well as group interaction and discussion (70% lectures and videos, 30% discussion). Student participation is strongly encouraged but cannot become disruptive to other students or the instructor. *Students may receive participation points, which will be discussed later*. You are encouraged to form study groups to complete homework and study for exams. **You may obtain tutoring from student support services**. Additionally, the university has made available **5 hours of free tutoring** on **tutor.com** for every student. At tutor.com you can access **a live chat 24/7**. A student email is required to log in. If you are having extreme difficulty with class work, please make an appointment with me to discuss it. Please expect to spend at least nine hours of work per week on this class (see below).

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Credit Hour

For every course credit hour, the *typical* student should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work. This should include time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, problem solving, developing, and completing projects, and other activities that enhance learning. Thus, for a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course.

Requirements/Evaluation:

You will be able to view your grades on the student portal once the assignment/exam is graded. Your final grade will be based on a combination of exam and quiz scores, a final exam score, study guide and homework points. There may be opportunities given to earn extra credit points during the semester. Unit exams and quizzes account for approximately **45%** of your grade and the final exam approximately **15%**. Study guide and homework points will account for approximately **40%** of your grade. **All students must take the final exam to pass the class**.

Grades are assigned based on a standard percentage scale:

90 – 100	**A**
80 – 90	**B**
70 – 80	**C**
60 – 70	**D**
0 – 59	**F**

(FYI: To figure your grade percentage at any time, you can divide the total amount of points earned thus far by how many points are possible on your completed assignments.)

Note:	**You need to activate your UA Rich Mountain student email account as it is the account I will use to communicate with you. You also need to learn how to access Blackboard since some homework assignments may be completed in Blackboard.** *If you have difficulties setting up your student email, contact Student Support Services.*
Late Homework**:**	In the event of an absence, I will accept late study guides and homework (**within one week of due date**) with a deduction in points. *It is always in your best interest to complete the homework and study guides on time as it should help you to do better on the exams. It is also the student's responsibility to attain the notes and complete any missed assignments in the event of a necessary absence. I will not contact you about missed work.*
Missed Classroom Exams:	For the **first exam** you miss, the next exam you take will count double (you will receive that grade for 2 exams). If **you miss a second exam, you will be required to make it up within one week or receive a 0. Any other exams missed after 2 exams will result in a 0.** Pop quizzes will count as an attendance grade and therefore you will not be able to make them up (except in the event of an excused absence due to COVID).
Academic Dishonesty	I expect each student to do his/her own work on assignments and exams. Cheating on an exam/quiz, or plagiarism on a paper will result in a zero (0) for that work. All instances of cheating/plagiarism will be reported to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for possible disciplinary action. Also, be respectful of your fellow students in class. Be kind and considerate during discussions. *I encourage you to familiarize yourself with UA Rich Mountain's policies regarding academic dishonesty. These policies are found in the UA Rich Mountain Catalog/Student Handbook under* ***Code of Student Conduct > Prohibited Conduct > Dishonesty.***
Classroom Conduct:	I expect your full attention during lectures, please do not carry on conversations with your classmates, or read material that is not related to class (including texting and social media), *if a student or students become disruptive in class, he/she will be asked to change seats or leave class after one warning.*
Cell Phone Policy	Please turn your cell phone off or to a non-sound mode during class and keep it out of sight. There will be no texting or phone conversations allowed, and no pictures or videos taken without my permission.
Attendance Policy:	**It is the student's responsibility to immediately contact the instructor if he/she will not be present for class.** Regular and punctual attendance is expected! Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. *For security reasons, the classroom door will be shut and locked at 8:05 so try to be on time.*

As your instructor, I will be responsible for assigning your final grade. Therefore, if you need to drop the course for any reason, please go through the official procedure as stated in the UA Rich Mountain catalog. Do not just stop attending class because an official withdrawal is noted by a "W" instead of "F" on your transcript.

Disability Policy: It is the policy of UA Rich Mountain to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to state and federal law. Any student accommodations (e.g., in seating, placement, examinations, access to information on the web) should contact the Vice President for Student Affairs at 394-7622 ext. 1400.

Arkansas Clean Air Act: In compliance with the Arkansas Clean Air on Campus Act 8, UA Rich Mountain is a smoke and tobacco free facility. Students and guests are to refrain from the use of all tobacco products while on campus.

Student Misconduct: Students committing misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanction(s) and or restrictions. Misconduct or prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to endangerment, harassment, disruption, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fire or safety issues, gambling, property violations, computer violations or other violations as listed in detail in the UA Rich Mountain catalog.

See Something … Hear Something … Say Something

Suspicious behavior should be reported to the Deputy Sheriff at (479)394-6811 OR through an anonymous email link found on UA Rich Mountain webpage, bottom right-hand corner. The Deputy Sheriff's office is in the Spencer Building across from the library

Face Mask Policy: As per the direction of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, all students are required to wear a proper face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth while on campus and in class. Masks with holes or masks that do not completely cover nose and mouth are not acceptable. Any student who does not have a proper mask will leave class and be referred to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for possible disciplinary action.

Food and Drink: **Food and drinks, including water are not allowed in the classroom at any time.**

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- **I reserve the right to change this syllabus at any time with reasonable notice**

Tentative Calendar for General Psychology

August 17	Syllabus Quiz
August 19	Chapter 1
August 24	Chapter 2
August 26	Chapter 2
August 31	**Exam 1**
September 2	Chapter 12
September 7	Chapter 12
September 9	Chapter 12
September 14	Chapter 12
September 16	**Exam 2**
September 21	Chapter 3
September 23	Chapter 3
September 28	Chapter 3-4
September 30	**Exam 3**
October 5	Chapter 6 (Classical Conditioning)
October 7	**Quiz** over classical conditioning Chapter 6 (Operant Conditioning)
October 12	**Quiz** over operant conditioning Chapter 8
October 14	Chapter 8
October 19	Chapter 8 -10
October 21	Chapter 10
October 26	**Exam 4**
October 28	Chapter 9
November 2	Chapter 9
November 4	**Exam 5**
November 9	Chapter 11
November 11	Chapter 11
November 16	**Exam 6**
November 18	Chapter 15
November 23	Chapter 15
November 25	**Thanksgiving Break**
November 30	Chapter 15-16
December 2	Chapter 16
December 7	**FINAL EXAM**