

PSYC 2301 Sec. 601, 602, 603, 605 Spring 2023

Common Course Syllabus for PSYC 2301: The first 3 pages details the policies that are common to all sections of PSYC 2301, for all instructors/professors teaching the course. Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify the course syllabus and policies, as well as notify students of any changes, at any point during the semester. **Beginning on page 4 find information that is specific to Dr. Barr's PSYC 2301 class.**

Common Course Syllabus, Revised August 2022

Department: Behavioral Sciences

Discipline: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 2301

Course Title: General Psychology

Available Formats: Conventional, INET, ITV

Campuses: Levelland, Lubbock Downtown, Lubbock Center, Plainview, and Dual Credit Campuses

Course Description: Survey of the essential subject areas, major theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

Prerequisites: TSI compliance in Reading

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 3 **Lab:** 0

Textbook: Open Stax Psychology Text or Noba Project Psychology

Supplies: none unless specified in the specific instructor information

This course partially satisfies a Core Curriculum Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science Foundational Component Area (080)

Core Objectives addressed:

- **Communication skills-** to include effective written, oral and visual communication.
- **Critical thinking skills-** to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- **Empirical and Quantitative skills-** to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- **Social Responsibility-** to include the demonstrated intercultural knowledge and competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national and global communities.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)/Competencies:

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 thoughts 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.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment:

Dr. Alicia Barr is the faculty member who is responsible for the assessment of the student learning outcomes. She will be sending a list of which SLOs will be assessed for each semester. There are 6 outcomes and these are rotated. Dr. Barr is also the person responsible to entry of the data into Weave for documentation.

Course Evaluation: See the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance. However, all courses will have multiple exams and a written assignment that is designated by the instructor.

Attendance Policy:

Instructors will create an attendance policy that is consistent with the "Class Attendance" policies stated below in the *SPC General Catalog*:

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

Additional attendance information might be included in the specific instructor's part of the syllabus.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Students are expected to do their own work on all projects, quizzes, assignments, examinations, and papers. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant.

Plagiarism violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Turning in a paper that has been purchased, borrowed, or downloaded from another student, an online term paper site, or a mail order term paper mill;
2. Cutting and pasting together information from books, articles, other papers, or online sites without providing proper documentation;
3. Using direct quotations (three or more words) from a source without showing them to be direct quotations and citing them; or
4. Missing in-text citations.

Cheating violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Obtaining an examination by stealing or collusion;
2. Discovering the content of an examination before it is given;
3. Using an unauthorized source of information (notes, textbook, text messaging, internet, apps) during an examination, quiz, or homework assignment;
4. Entering an office or building to obtain unfair advantage;
5. Taking an examination for another;
6. Altering grade records;
7. Copying another's work during an examination or on a homework assignment;
8. Rewriting another student's work in Peer Editing so that the writing is no longer the original student's;
9. Taking pictures of a test, test answers, or someone else's paper.

Student Code of Conduct Policy: Any successful learning experience requires mutual respect on the part of the student and the instructor. Neither instructor nor student should be subject to others' behavior that is rude, disruptive, intimidating, aggressive, or demeaning. Student conduct that disrupts the learning process or is deemed disrespectful or threatening shall not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action and/or removal from class.

Diversity Statement: In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

Disability Statement: Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577; Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675; or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Nondiscrimination Policy: South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations Statement: If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2529 or 806-716-2359, or email dburelson@southplainscollege.edu for assistance.

COVID-19 Policy: In compliance with current CDC guideline, if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class, and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19:

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at dedens@southplainscollege.edu or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient, but students must submit a photo of the positive e test result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at dedens@southplainscollege.edu.

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. Students must communication with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

Welcome to General Psychology, PSYC 2301, with Dr. Barr!

Spring 2023, sections 601 (MW 8 AM), 602 (MW 9:30 AM), 603 (MW 11 AM), 605 (TTH 9:30 AM)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office: Lubbock Downtown Campus, room 2011.

Monday Office Hours	Tuesday Office Hours	Wednesday Office	Thursday Office Hours	Friday Office Hrs
1:00–3:00 pm	8:30-9:30 am 2:30-3:00 pm	1:00–3:00 pm + <i>Virtual</i>	8:30-9:30 am 2:30-3:00 pm	10:00-11:00 am

INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY—I’m here to help!

Face-to-Face Office Hours

My face-to-face meeting times at the Downtown Lubbock Campus, in room 2011 are: Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00–3:00 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30 am and 2:30-3:00 pm; and Fridays 10-11 am.

Virtual Office Hours

I will have regularly scheduled virtual office hours on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm. It is fine if you want to “drop in” without notice, however please try to send me an email ahead of time (perhaps 24-hour notice) so I know to expect you and can reschedule with you if I am already meeting with someone. Virtual Office hours will take place using Blackboard Collaborate. On Blackboard there is a link located in the “Instructor Information” folder that you can use to join virtual office hours. If you would like to meet virtually at an alternative time, please send me an email and I will try to arrange a meeting.

Phone

You may reach me at (806)716-4641 during my normal office hours (see table above). If you call outside of these hours, or if you call and I am meeting with another student, then you will reach my voicemail. Please leave a message including your full name, your phone number, and a brief reason for your call. I will return your call ASAP.

Email

You may send me an email at abarr@southplainscollege.edu. Please be aware that if you send me an email between Monday morning and noon on Friday, I will reply within 24 hours. However, if you send an email during the weekend, I may not be able to reply until the following Monday. **IMPORTANT:** As a college student who is working toward a profession/career, it is imperative for your success that you learn to send professional emails. Please follow the “Tips for Using SPC Student Email.”

TIPS FOR USING SPC STUDENT EMAIL

Email Etiquette

For your success as a student, and your success as a professional, you need to learn email etiquette. All emails should include:

- A brief subject line that explains your reason for emailing (e.g., “Subject: Question about the syllabus”),
- Your full name, class and section (e.g., Alexis Rose, PSYC2301, sec. 605), and
- *The use of standard English skills* (e.g., correct spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Here is a very useful guide about emailing your professors: <https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2015/04/16/advice-students-so-they-dont-sound-silly-emails-essay>

How to access SPC Email

South Plains College provides all students with a free SPC Google email account. Because email is one of the main forms of communication in academia, you should check your SPC email regularly. Our email communication may touch on confidential academic matters, like your performance on a quiz or your overall grade, therefore you **must** email me using your official SPC Student email account (NOT your personal email account, e.g., yahoo).

In our Blackboard class page, you can find an “SPC email” button in the “Instructor Information” folder. Click the button to compose your email message. You can also access your SPC email (as well as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and One Drive for FREE!) by going to <https://office.com> and using the username and password provided in your SPC acceptance letter to sign in. A third way to access your email is by logging in to MySPC and finding the email link in the lower right-hand corner. If you encounter any problems, contact the **help desk** at (806)716-2600 or at helpdesk@southplainscollege.edu.

REQUIRED TECHNOLOGY & COURSE MATERIALS

Blackboard

Much of the course content will be found on Blackboard, and much of your coursework will be completed on Blackboard. Therefore, you need a computer with internet access in order to log onto Blackboard. You can access Blackboard at <https://southplainscollege.blackboard.com>. This address is for the login page, where you type in your username and password. Once logged in, you will see a list of your classes. Click on PSYC2301 to enter the homepage for our class.

Noba Project Textbook and Perusall Reading App

Perusall is a free online app that you will use to complete GRADED reading assignments. You will **access Perusall by clicking on Perusall assignment links found in the weekly folders on Blackboard**. **Do NOT log into Perusall from their homepage—if you do, your work will not sync into the Blackboard gradebook**. **Rather, log into/access Perusall through Blackboard links**. You can find detailed information about “How Perusall Works” in the week 1 folder on Blackboard.

The FREE textbook we will use is *Noba Textbook Series: Psychology*, R. Biswas-Diener & E. Diener (Eds), Champaign, IL: DEF Publishers. DOI: nobaproject.com. **I will upload each of your assigned readings to Perusall. You will access each chapter and complete your reading assignments by clicking on the Perusall assignment links found in Blackboard**. Please be aware that graded reading assignments can ONLY be completed using the Perusall assignments links in Blackboard. *However*, you can access readings outside of the Perusall app. To do so, navigate to <http://noba.to/tfke7qy2> to find the online version of the textbook, or open “Course Resources” in Blackboard for the PDF version of the textbook on Blackboard.

Access to a working computer with a reliable internet connection

Because most of your coursework will be found on Blackboard and completed online, you must have regular access to a computer with the following characteristics:

- A modern operating system (Windows 7 or later is recommended; most class content should be compatible with Mac OS and older versions of Windows, down to XP; Linux operating system is *not* recommended)
- A modern web browser. It is recommended that students use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to access Blackboard. Students have reported more problems using Internet Explorer, thus Internet Explorer is *not* recommended.
 - You can download Mozilla Firefox [here](#).
 - You can download Google Chrome [here](#).
- A stable, reliable internet connection. High-speed internet (e.g., Cable, DSL, fiber) is the most reliable.
- It is not required, but it is recommended that you use a computer with a hardwired internet access (e.g., instead of WiFi) especially when you complete quizzes and the final exam. When using WiFi, there is a greater risk of interrupted service, and if this happens, your quiz may automatically submit before you answer all the questions.
- The **Blackboard app** for smartphones can be used to access readings, videos, podcasts and grades on Blackboard.
- **To avoid submission problems, do NOT use a phone or tablet** to complete Perusall or writing assignments.

HOW THIS COURSE IS STRUCTURED

In the Blackboard "Course Content" folder, there are 16 weekly folders. Each folder contains assigned readings for that week. In addition, I will post study guides for exams, and instructions for the writing assignment in the weekly folders, and the submission link for the writing assignment will be posted in the week 13 folder.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK AND GRADES

Your learning in this course will be assessed via: 1) nineteen Perusall reading assignments, 2) one writing assignment, and 3) four exams.

Perusall Interactive Reading Assignments

- 17 Perusall assignments total (1-2 per week); each worth 5 points
- Your THREE lowest Perusall assignment grades will be dropped
- The highest possible point total on your top 14 Perusall assignments = 70 points, or 17% of your final grade.
- For each assignment, as you read you will post comments and questions about the reading, and reply to your classmates' comments and questions.
- Points are based on 1) quality of annotations, 2) quantity (#) of annotations, 3) how much you engage with classmates' posts (replies and upvotes) and how much classmates engage with your posts (replies and upvotes), 4) time spent on the assignment, and 5) posting annotations throughout the entire reading (as opposed to just one section)
- **Due most Sundays by 11:59 pm, and occasionally on Mondays by 11:59 pm**
- Because I drop your four lowest Perusall grades, **Perusall assignments cannot be made up if missed and late submissions (e.g., work that is submitted up to 2 hours past the due date/time) will only receive partial credit. Work submitted more than 2 hours late will not be accepted.**

Writing Assignment

- One writing assignment describing 5 psychological terms and how those terms apply to your life and experiences.
- Instructions and the grading rubric will be distributed and discussed early in the semester. The submission link for this assignment is located in the week 13 folder.
- **Due on or before Thursday April 20th by 11:59 pm.**
- Writing assignments will be *submitted through Blackboard*.
- The writing assignment is worth 50 points, or 12% of your final grade.
- Because you have almost the entire semester to work on this paper, and papers are submitted online through Blackboard, **I will NOT accept papers that are more than 3 days late. Each day the paper is late will result in a deduction of points.**

Four Exams

- Each in-class exam is worth 100 points, and has ~ 35-50 multiple choice questions
- I will drop the lowest of your four exam grades.
- The three exams that count toward the final grade are worth 300 points, or 71% of your final grade.
- Exam #1 is scheduled for Thur. Feb. 9th (for sec. 605), and Mon. Feb. 13th (for sec. 601, 602 & 603)
- Exam #2 is scheduled for Wed. March 8th (for sec. 601, 602 & 603) and Thur. March 9th (for sec. 605),
- Exam #3 is scheduled for Mon. April 17th (for sec. 601, 602 & 603) and Tue. April 18th (for sec. 605)
- Final Exam: *Monday May 8th at 8 am for sec. 601*; **Monday May 8th at 10:15 am for sec. 603**; *Wednesday May 9 at 8 am for sec. 602*; and **Thursday May 12th at 8 am for sec. 605**.
- Because I drop the lowest of your first three exam grades, Exam #1, #2 and #3 can only be made up in extreme circumstances, such as illness, a car accident, hospitalization, a positive COVID test (& thus quarantining) on exam day, or loss of a family member within a week before the exam, all with documentation. In these cases, an exam can be made up within one week of quarantine/hospital release, or one week of the original exam date.

Grade Inquiries

If you have a question about a grade in the gradebook, or about an exam or quiz question, you must contact me within one week of the assignment due date. Otherwise the grade in the gradebook is final.

FINAL GRADE CALCULATION

Evaluation Method	Total possible points	% of Final Course Grade
14 Perusal Reading Assignments at 5 pts each	70 points	17%
Writing Assignment	50 points	12%
Top 3 Exams at 100 pts each	300 points	71%
	<i>Total possible points in class = 420</i>	
Tentative Grading Scale for Final Course Grade (the point total might change based on the material we are able to cover which might affect the grading scale):	90% or more of total possible points (376 points or more):	A
	80-89% of total possible points (334-375 points):	B
	70-79% of total possible points (292-333 points):	C
	60-69% of total possible points (250-291 points):	D
	59% or less of total possible points (249 points or less):	F

POLICIES RE: LATE WORK OR MISSING WORK

Due dates for all work are found in this syllabus, and multiple locations on our Blackboard course page. I have done my job of posting all due dates and times for graded work—it is now your job to complete them on time.

NOTE: The only computer issue that warrants a make-up is if the entire class is unable to access Blackboard at the time a Perusall assignment, or the writing assignment is due. If this occurs, I will extend the due date for the entire class. Because other computer issues are not cause for a make-up, you should carefully read about how to avoid or deal with technology problems in the sections following this one.

Missed Perusall Reading Assignments

Because I drop everyone's four lowest Perusall assignment grades, **these cannot be made up if missed**, regardless of the reason for missing the assignment. I drop the four lowest grades to account for the possibility that a student is too sick to complete an assignment, or has an ill loved one to attend to, or has a loved one who passes away. *All of these reading assignments will be available for 2-4 weeks prior to their due date.* If you know you are going to have a busy week due to school + work + life, please work ahead.

Missed Writing Assignment

The writing assignment is due on, or before Monday April 17th, and should be submitted through Blackboard. I will accept late papers up to three days after the due date, however each day the paper is late will result in a deduction of points. I will not accept papers that are 4+ days late, except due to extreme circumstances, with appropriate documentation.

Missed Exam

Because I drop the lowest of your four exam grades, exams can only be made up in extreme circumstances, such as illness, a car accident, hospitalization, a positive COVID test (& thus quarantining) on exam day, or loss of a family member within a week before the exam, all with documentation. In these cases, an exam can be made up within one week of quarantine/hospital release, or one week of the original exam date. The drop grade is a "safely net" for students who performed poorly on an exam, or absolutely had to miss and could not make up an exam. Please use this wisely—I do not advise missing an exam "just because."

TECHNOLOGY PROBLEMS AND HOW TO GET HELP:

Remember, a computer issue that affects an individual student, but not the entire class, will not merit an extension on Perusall reading assignments or the writing assignment. Thus, it is best to plan ahead and assume that you will experience one or two (or all) of these problems. If you take the time NOW to review the information below and figure out how you will address these issues if/when they arise, you will not be flustered—instead, you will be ready to execute your backup plan.

TECHNOLOGY CONTINGENCY (BACK-UP) PLANS	
Problem(s)	Solution
“Argh! My internet is down!” &/or	Free WiFi is available at many area businesses (Starbuck’s, McDonald’s, Chick-fil-A, United Supermarkets), and in the buildings and <i>parking lots</i> of many schools including SPC campuses (also look for “Park and Learn” signs near the LISD schools). Click here for WiFi Resources at SPC (at the bottom of the “WiFi Resources at SPC” page you will also find phone carrier assistance plans).
“OMG! My computer is not working!” &/or	Make a list of friends, family members, classmates &/ or even neighbors who might let you borrow their computer, or their WiFi, or their printer in the event yours is not working
“Darn! I need to print [that thing], but my printer is out of ink.” &/or	If you are an SPC student, and within driving distance, we have computer labs with computers, printers and internet access at every campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC Downtown Campus computer lab: 1625 13th, Lubbock, First Floor • SPC Levelland Campus computer lab: Technology building • SPC Lubbock Center, 39th & Avenue Q: Room 109 and Room 138 • SPC Plainview Center, 1920 W. 24th St., Plainview, Texas
“Ugh! I’m out of town, and I don’t have a computer [or access to the internet]”	Public libraries (wherever you live) typically have computers available to the public If your computer breaks down, contact a local computer repair business (e.g., Best Buy, Office Depot, etc.). Or, if possible, buy an inexpensive computer from sites like edealinfo.com, Amazon marketplace, Newegg or eBay. Consider applying for funds to help with school expenses, such as a new computer (you can apply here). If you are traveling, find out if the hotel has a computer lab for guests, or if the person you are staying with has a computer with internet access. If not, work ahead and get your quiz, or exam, or written assignment completed before you leave.

Blackboard, Perusall and Email Technical Support

For Blackboard issues, contact the SPC Tech Support staff at 806-716-2180, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 4 pm; or email blackboard@southplainscollege.edu or go to <https://help.blackboard.com> or call Blackboard Support at (800)424-9299.

For Perusall issues, follow this link to find answers to frequently asked questions: <https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/categories/360002173133-Students>, or contact Perusall Support at: <https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

For SPC email issues, contact the SPC help desk located on the first floor of the Downtown campus, near the computer lab, or at (806)716-2600 or at helpdesk@southplainscollege.edu.

The table below contains possible troubleshooting solutions to help you solve common technology issues:

TECH TROUBLESHOOTING	
Problem	Possible Solution
I cannot access Blackboard, but I can access other websites	Blackboard might be down. Check your SPC email and MySPC for announcements about Blackboard outages. If you cannot access these sources of information, or if there are no such announcements, contact Blackboard support (see above).
I cannot access any websites.	Your internet may be down. If you know how, try resetting your modem and/or router. If your internet is still not working, contact your internet provider, or implement one of your contingency plans (see above).
I cannot access the textbook website, but I can access other websites.	Use the PDF of the textbook, posted on Blackboard, to complete assigned readings for the week.

OTHER IMPORTANT POLICIES AND INFORMATION:

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to do their own work on all Perusall and writing assignments, and exams. Failure to comply with this policy (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) will result in an F for the assignment and can result in an F for the course if circumstances warrant. **In the spirit of upholding academic integrity, I want to express my gratitude to my colleague, Dr. Will Crescioni for sharing his online syllabi with me. My syllabus draws heavily from Dr. Crescioni's beautifully formatted and worded syllabus, especially the sections on technology and missed work.

Attendance and Drop Policy

I will take attendance each day so I know who is present, however there is not an attendance grade. As an adult, one of the skills you learn in college is how to responsibly manage your time and your commitments. By enrolling in this class, you have committed to being here during our regular class meetings. If you have to miss class, please keep in mind that what we discuss in class is *not* an exact replica of what is discussed in each chapter. I am happy to provide you with any handouts you missed, however, you will need to ask a classmate if you can receive a copy or pictures of their notes.

Please take the time NOW to introduce yourself to at least 2-3 classmates sitting near you at the moment, and recording their names in the space below. I realize that this may feel a bit awkward for everyone, but you will be more familiar with your classmates and feel more comfortable asking them for help and/or information if you have to miss a class.

Classmates' names: _____

Regarding the drop policy, students are in charge of their destiny in my class. If you feel that you are struggling and might not pass my class, please meet with me and we can discuss your grade average. Based on our discussion, it is up to you to decide whether you want to remain enrolled or drop the course. The last day to drop a course for Spring 2023 is Thursday April 27th.

Classroom Expectations

While I do not expect students to agree on every topic that is discussed in class (or in Perusall assignments), I DO expect students to communicate with one another, and with me, in a respectful manner. In other words, it is possible for people to disagree with one another and simultaneously speak in a pleasant manner—focusing on understanding, rather than “winning” a debate. In addition, part of what it means to be respectful is to give me and your classmates your attention and listen when they are speaking. Therefore, I expect students to silence their phones if brought to class and store phones out of sight, in a bag or backpack. Please do not have your phone in your lap or on your desktop. Finally, please do your best to arrive on time.

COURSE CALENDAR for PSYC 2301 sections 601, 602, 603 & 605:

WEEK	In-class Discussion	Coursework to complete	DUE DATES
Mon 1/16 is Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—all campuses closed			
Week 1 Tues 1/17-Sun 1/22 WELCOME!	Syllabus, History and Perspectives	Read & understand the Syllabus Perusall #1: History of Psychology <i>and</i> Perusall #2: Psychological Perspectives	Sun 1/22 by 11:59 pm Sun 1/22 by 11:59 pm
Week 2 Mon 1/23-Sun 1/29	History and Perspectives	Perusall #3: Research Designs	Sun 1/29 by 11:59 pm
Week 3 Mon 1/30-Sun 2/5	Research in Psychology	Perusall #4: The Healthy Life	Sun 2/5 by 11:59 pm
Week 4 Mon 2/6-Sun 2/12	Stress, Health, Coping	Exam #1, in-class for sec. 605 only	Thur 2/9 (605)
Week 5 Mon 2/13-Sun 2/19	Brain and Nervous Sys.	Exam #1, in-class for sec. 601, 602 & 603 only Perusall #5: The Brain and Nervous System	Mon 2/13 (601, 602 & 603) Tues 2/14 by 11:59 pm!!
Week 6 Mon 2/20-Sun 2/26	Consciousness	Perusall #6: States of Consciousness	Sun 2/26 by 11:59 pm
Week 7 Mon 2/27-Sun 3/5	Conditioning and Learning	Perusall #7: Conditioning and Learning	Sun 3/5 by 11:59 pm
Week 8 Mon 3/6-Sun 3/12	Conditioning and Learning	Exam #2, in-class for sec. 601, 602 & 603 Exam #2, in-class for sec. 605	Wed 3/8 (601, 602, 603) Thur 3/9 (605)
ATTENTION! →		Perusall #8: Memory (Encoding, Storage, Retrieval)	Sun 3/19 by 11:59 pm
** SPC Spring Break: Monday March 13th through Friday March 17th —all campuses closed**			
Week 9 Mon 3/20-Sun 3/26	Memory	Perusall #9: Personality Traits <i>and</i> Perusall #10: Personality Assessment	Mon 3/26 by 11:59 pm
Week 10 Mon 3/27-Sun 4/2	Personality	Perusall #11: Prejudice, Discrim. & Stereotyping	Sun 4/2 by 11:59 pm
Week 11 Mon 4/3-Sun 4/9	Intergroup Relations	Perusall #12: Persuasion: So Easily Fooled <i>and</i> Perusall #13: Conformity and Obedience	Sun 4/9 by 11:59 pm
Week 12 Mon 4/10-Sun 4/16	Social Influence	Perusall #14: Mood Disorders	Sun 4/16 by 11:59 pm
Week 13 Mon 4/17-Sun 4/23		Exam #3, in-class for sec. 601, 602 & 603 Exam #3, in-class for sec. 605 Writing Assignment: Psychology in My Life Perusall #15: Anxiety Disorders	Mon 4/17 (601, 602 & 603) Tues 4/18 (605) Thur 4/20 by 11:59 pm Sun 4/23 by 11:59 pm
Week 14 Mon 4/24-Sun 4/30	Disorders and Therapy	Perusall #16: Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders	Sun 4/30 by 11:59 pm
Week 15 Mon 5/1-Sun 5/7	Disorders and Therapy	Perusall #17: Therapeutic Orientations	Mon 5/7 by 11:59 pm
Week 16: Final Exam Week! Mon 5/8-Thur 5/11		Final Exam	Sec 601 Mon 5/8, 8 am Sec 603 Mon 5/8, 10:15 am Sec 602 Wed 5/10, 8 am Sec 605 Thur 5/11, 8 am

Other Important Academic Dates and Holidays:

Wednesday, February 1st —the 12th Class Day (students who have not attended by 2/1 will be dropped)

Thursday, April 27th —Last day for students to drop a course

Monday May 8th to Thursday May 11th—Final Exam Week (no regularly held classes, final exams only)