

Course Syllabus

PSYC-001-61Z and -65z: ONLINE General Psychology

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ONLINE

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Thank you for signing up for online General Psychology. I have been a Psychology Instructor here at De Anza for 15 years, and first taught General Psychology 26 years (!) ago. It is my pleasure to be your Instructor for 'Psych One' in an online format, and I will do all I can to help you reach your goals. The General Psychology course is one of the most interesting learning experiences you can have in college, so let's make it a great Summer Quarter! Here are a few quick, overall guidelines, which are followed by a more detailed description of the course:

- The entire class is administered through Canvas, De Anza College's online learning platform.
- There are no additional costs associated with this course; it utilizes a **FREE online textbook** as well as numerous other open educational resources (OER). If you would like a real, physical book, a low-cost hard cover version of the textbook is available at the De Anza Bookstore.
- Your first task is to orient yourself to Canvas, the online textbook, and the due dates of exams and assignments.
- Exams will be composed of fill-in items, short essays, and a small number of multiple-choice questions. As of this quarter, the exams have completely changed; **if a friend of yours took the class last year, be advised that the test content is now completely different from their experience.**
- Introduce yourself to the rest of the class by clicking on the **Introductions** discussion assignment, which is due for completion by Wednesday, 7/3/19.

Major Course Objectives

1. Recognize and understand basic principles and theories of Psychology.
2. Recognize the scientific method used in psychological research and evaluate scientific claims made about human behavior, cognition, motivation, and development.
3. Recognize the names and accomplishments of important psychologists.
4. Build an awareness of the applicability of psychological principles to daily living.
5. Evaluate the basic methodology of psychological studies.
6. Identify genetic, physiological, environmental, and cultural factors shaping human behavior.

Student Learning Outcome Statements (SLO)

- **Student Learning Outcome:** Describe the ways in which psychology is grounded in the scientific method.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Will demonstrate by reference to supporting research, findings that underlie everyday knowledge and beliefs as they relate to psychology.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Create real life examples that show how psychology is present in many human endeavors.
- **Student Learning Outcome:** Contrast the 5 main models (cognitive, behavioral, psychodynamic, biological, social-cultural) used to explain psychopathology and treatment.

Open-source FREE Textbook – Choose one of two options:

1. The **eBook** with full access and links, a version for phones, or a **pdf** is **TOTALLY FREE** at this link:

<https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology> or, if you really want a physical textbook:

2. The **hardcover textbook through the bookstore**: OpenStax Psychology - ISBN: **978-1938168352**

The price of the paper textbook is \$38.50 new or about \$30 used at our campus bookstore. That's it! For about \$40 you can have the convenience of a hardcover paper edition. **IT IS IDENTICAL TO THE eBook.**

Course Requirements

1. Reading written material and viewing videos.
2. Completion of all assigned online quizzes, homework, and discussions (**20% of final grade**)
3. Satisfactory performance on all four exams (**80% of final grade**)

Participation and workload

A required component for success in this course is to read all material and watch all the videos embedded in each Canvas module and OpenStax textbook chapter. In addition, you should take notes and review the material multiple times. **Learning – and the grade you want - is driven by your effort and motivation, otherwise it does not happen.** To avoid being dropped you need to stay on schedule, and stay motivated. Be advised you should get a head start on the material, as this becomes more challenging as the course proceeds and your other classes begin to require more work. **You should spend 12-15 hours per week on the class, including assignments and exams.**

Online Homework Assignments via Canvas

You will complete a series of assignments using De Anza's online learning platform, Canvas, which you access through MyPortal. These include discussions, quizzes, essays, and a practice test prior to the first exam. All assignments are graded by completion, meaning you earn **100%** if you follow all of the guidelines in the assignment. These will comprise 21% of your grade.

You must complete assignments by the due date to receive full credit. Late assignments completed within seven days of the original due date will be assigned 50% credit. After seven days, non-completed assignments will be assigned a score of zero. No work may be turned in after Friday, 8/9/19.

Chapter quizzes

Three chapter quizzes are administered during the quarter. **These scores will comprise 10% of your grade.**

Exams

Three exams will contain 25 multiple-choice questions, 20 fill-in questions, and seven (7) short essays. **The three exams will comprise 69% of your grade.** Make up exams will not be offered. If for some reason, you feel you cannot complete the scheduled exams, please email or talk to the instructor **BEFORE** the exam is becomes available online.

Online Classroom Conduct

I strive to maintain a comfortable and professional environment in this class, which includes online discussions of sometimes quite personal information. Cheating and disruptive behavior will be dealt with according to De Anza's Standards of Student Behavior. **DO NOT BE TEMPTED TO CHEAT IN ANY MANNER.**

Method of Evaluation – Exams and final grade

A = 93 – 100% A- = 90-92% B+ = 87-89% B = 83-86% B- = 80-82% C+ = 76-79% C = 70-75% D+ = 66-69% D = 60-65% D- = 56-59% F = 55% and below.

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Course Schedule of Assignments, Quizzes, and Exams

Assignment/Quiz/Exam	Due By:
UNIT 1: Chapters 1 through 5	
Discussion - Introductions	Wednesday 7/3, 11:59pm
Chapter 2 Quiz	Friday 7/5, 11:59pm
Chapter 4 Quiz	Monday 7/8, 11:59pm
Practice Test – Preview the 1 st exam (Don’t look at your notes/textbook!)	Wednesday 7/10, 11:59pm
Exam #1 (Ch. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Available Thursday 7/11, 6pm. Complete by Sunday 7/14, 11:59pm
UNIT 2: Chapters 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 (Ch. 9 is skipped)	
Discussion – Conditioning and Learning	Wednesday 7/17, 11:59pm
Discussion – Improving memory and study skills	Sunday 7/21, 11:59pm
Short Essay/Fill-in – Goal setting	Wednesday 7/24, 11:59pm
Exam #2 (Ch. 6, 7, 8, 10, 11)	Available Thursday 7/25, 6pm. Complete by Sunday 7/28, 11:59pm
UNIT 3: Chapters 12 - 16	
Discussion – Conformity and Social Norms	Wednesday 7/31, 11:59pm
Chapter 15 Quiz	Sunday 8/4, 11:59pm
Short Essay – Psychological Disorders	Wednesday 8/7, 11:59pm
Final Exam (Ch. 12 – 16)	Available Tuesday 8/6, 6pm. Complete by Friday 8/9, 11:59pm

No assignments (including exams) will be accepted after Friday 8/9/19.

NEED TO USE A COMPUTER? The Library West Computer Lab offers support services for students including open computer lab with Internet access, stations for viewing videos, and media/video checkout. A photo I.D. card is required to check out materials or use computers in the Library West Computer Lab, and use computers in other campus computer labs. Check it out:
<http://www.deanza.fhda.edu/library/librarywestcomputer.html>

LIBRARY SERVICES

De Anza College Library Services are available for all students and faculty, both on and off campus. Please consult the library website for a complete description of the library services and hours:

<http://www.deanza.edu/library/>.

Getting Enough to Eat? Something going wrong in your life or someone else's?

Any student who faces challenges should check out resources for students at:

<https://www.deanza.edu/socialsciences/equity/students.html> - This excellent page, produced by the Division of Social Sciences, contains information and links to financial aid, health care, food aid, homeless services and many others.

And finally:

Student Success Center

Need help? Visit De Anza's Student Success Center for peer tutoring and workshops!

The Student Success Center offers free tutoring (funded in part by your DASB fees) for many De Anza classes.

Visit <http://www.deanza.edu/studentssuccess> for our hours and information about workshops, group, drop-in and online tutoring, and to apply for (limited) weekly individual tutoring. Or stop by in person to check out our fun and welcoming centers.

- Academic Skills Center for workshops and Adjunct courses in ATC 302
- General Subject tutoring in ATC 305
- Listening & Speaking and World Language support in ATC 313
- Math, Science and Technology tutoring in S43
- Writing and Reading tutoring in ATC 309