



Syllabus: PSY 101-1 Introduction to Psychology

Course Information

Course Title: Introduction to Psychology

Course Prefix/Number: PSY 101-1

Semester: Summer 2022

Class Days/Times: Synchronous via Zoom Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Survey of general psychology. Includes a definition of psychology, history of psychology, research methods and critical thinking, biological basis of behavior, sensory process, receiving the world, states of consciousness, conditioning and learning, memory process, motivation and emotions, role of health psychologists, role of stress in our lives, major stages in child and life span development, gender identity and sexuality, intelligence, personality theories, psychological disorders, therapeutic approaches, social psychology research.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to do the following:

1. Describe the history of psychology, including psychological perspectives and research methods.
2. Explain how the nervous system and other biological systems influence behavior.
3. Summarize the stages and major theories of life span development.
4. Describe the processes of perceptual organization and interpretation.
5. Compare and contrast the major learning theories.
6. Discuss memory formation, retention and loss. Explain how memory can be improved.
7. Elucidate the connections between thinking, language, and intelligent behavior.

8. Summarize the major concepts of motivation and emotion and how they relate to behavior.
9. Compare and contrast the major personality theories.
10. Describe the characteristics and causal factors associated with major psychological disorders.
11. Identify and discuss the theoretical underpinnings of approaches to psychotherapy.
12. Describe the stress process and explain the interaction between stress and health.
13. Appraise social psychology research findings related to social thought, behavior, and relations.

Course Structure

This course is synchronous via Zoom which means the class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. After each lesson there will be discussions, assignments and quizzes that students must complete each week.

Course Learning Materials and Textbook Information

All learning materials are provided in the Canvas classroom.

Courses Outline and Important Dates

By Module:

1. The Study of psychology
2. Scientific Psychology
3. The Biological Basis of Psychology
4. Sensations and Perceptions
5. Human Development
6. Emotions and the Social Being
7. Cognition, Learning, and Memory
8. Abnormal Psychology

Summer Semester 2022	
Summer 8 Week Session	
Summer Admissions Deadline	May 20, 2022
First Day of Instruction	May 23, 2022
Registration Deadline	May 27, 2022
Memorial Day - College Closed	May 30, 2022
Drop/Full Refund Deadline	May 31, 2022
Withdrawal Deadline	Jun 29, 2022
Independence Day - College Closed	Jul 4, 2022
Last Day of Instruction	Jul 18, 2022
Final Grades Due	Jul 22, 2022

Evaluations and Grading & Assignments:

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Assignments and Learning Activities:

- Weekly discussion posts
- Check for learning.
- Eight end of section quizzes.

Grade Scale

90% and above is an A

80% - 89 is a B

70% - 79 is a C

60% - 69 is a D

Under 60% is Failing

Your grade will be determined by the following:

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(total points Earned ÷ total points possible) X 100 = Grade Percent

Note on late work: Late work will receive a 5% reduction for each day late, up to 65%.

Himdag Cultural Component

Human behavior and mental processes – and indeed our interpretation of such things – always occurs within the context of culture. During the exploration of each of the topic areas within this course, emphasis will be placed on how each psychological concept is viewed through the lens of the Himdag and Tohono O’odham’s way of life and experience.

Policies and Expectations**Attendance Policy**

You are expected to complete all learning activities, participation in class, assignments and quiz by the due dates listed in the course syllabus. Four consecutive missed due dates may result in a letter grade of “F” or an instructor withdrawal “FW”. You may request to be excused from class for religious observances and practices, for illness, for school or work-related travel or for personal or family emergency. If you will be absent, please notify the instructor as soon as possible.

Incomplete Policy

Incomplete (I) grades are not awarded automatically. The student must request an "I" from the instructor who can choose to award an Incomplete only if all three of the following conditions are met:

1. The student must be in compliance with the attendance policy.
2. The student must have unavoidable circumstance that would prohibit the student from completing the course.

3. The student must have completed over 75% of the course requirements with at least a "C" grade.

Incompletes are not a substitute for incomplete work due to frequent absences or poor academic performance. Incomplete grades that are not made up by the end of the ninth week of the following semester will be automatically changed to an F if the agreed upon work, as stipulated on the written form signed by the instructor and the student when the I grade is awarded, is not completed.

Student Withdrawal Policy "W"

Students may withdraw from class at any time during the first two-third of the semester without instructor permission and without incurring any grade penalty. Please be sure to withdraw yourself by [withdrawal deadline date found in Academic Calendar on TOCC website] if you do not expect to complete the class, otherwise you may receive an "F" letter grade for the course. For more information on the student withdraw process email admissions@tocc.edu.

Special Withdrawals (Y) Grade

The "Y" grade is an administrative withdrawal given at the instructor's option when no other grade is deemed appropriate. Your instructor must file a form stating the specific rationale for awarding this grade. "Y" grades are discouraged since they often affect students negatively. Your instructor will not award a "Y" grade without a strong reason.

Equal Access Statement/Disability Accommodations

Tohono O'odham Community College seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. The College will comply with all applicable regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to ensure an equal educational opportunity. This process includes self-identifying as a student with a disability, providing supporting documentation of their disability, and being approved for services through the Disability Resources Office (DRO). It is the student's responsibility to make known to their instructor(s) the student's specific needs within the context of each class in order to receive appropriate accommodations. We will work together in order to develop an accommodation plan specifically designed to meet the individual student's requirements.

For more information or to request academic accommodations, please contact: Anthony Osborn, TOCC Disabilities Resource Coordinator, aosborn@tocc.edu, or 520-383-0033 for additional information and assistance.

Title IX

Tohono O'odham Community College encourages each student to have the knowledge and skills to be an active bystander who intervenes when anyone is observed or being harassed or endangered by sexual violence. Sexual discrimination and sexual violence can undermine students' academic success and quality of life on campus and beyond. We encourage students

who have experienced or witnessed any form of sexual misconduct to talk about their experience and seek the support they need.

Confidential support and academic advocacy can be found with: Student Services Title IX Coordinator/Counselor, Alberta Espinoza, M.Ed. located in I-We:mta Ki: Room 18. Phone 520-383-0033 email: aespinoza@tocc.edu

Conduct: Bias, Bullying, Discrimination and Harassment

Tohono O’odham Community College faculty and staff are dedicated to creating a safe and supportive campus environment as a core value. Harassment based on age, class, color, culture, disability and ability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, marital status, political ideology, race, religion/spirituality, sex, sexual orientation, and tribal sovereign status will not be tolerated.

Academic Integrity:

Violations of scholastic ethics are considered serious offenses by Tohono O’odham Community College, the Student Services Department, and by your instructor. Students may consult the TOCC Student Handbook sections on student code of conduct, on scholastic ethics and on the grade appeal procedure. Copies are available at Tohono O’odham Community College.

All work done for this class must be your own, or the original work of your group. While you may discuss assignments with other class members, the final written project must clearly be original. You may use work from books and other materials if it is properly cited. Copying from a book without proper reference or from a person under any circumstances will result in an “F” for the assignment, and at the instructor’s discretion, possibly an “F” for the course. If you are uncertain about proper citations ask your instructor or the librarian.

Course Feedback:

All assignments will be graded and returned to the students promptly, typically within a week after the assignment is closed for handing in. E-mail and phone messages will be returned within two days. A student or the instructor may request a student conference at any time during the semester. Quarterly grade reports will be provided to each student, either in person, by email or via the electronic system of Canvas.

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