

PSYC 2010-E01/Psychology as a Human Science/Summer, 2020
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Course Description

This gateway course has three major parts:

1. Career exploration and preparation;
2. Professional reading, writing and research in psychology;
3. Exploration of the major philosophical and methodological alternatives to psychology as a natural science (humanistic, transpersonal, and critical psychologies).

This course will serve as preparation for more advanced study in the Psychology major and is ideally taken during Freshman or Sophomore year.

Course Objectives

Students will:

- obtain greater knowledge of self, personal and professional values, and “callings” in life.
- gain a firmer sense of career direction in Psychology
- take concrete steps in preparing for a career in Psychology
- learn the central methods of research in Psychology
- appreciate what is distinct about doing Psychology as a “human” science

Learning Outcomes

You will:

- learn the major career areas in Psychology
- articulate a career vision
- learn the elements of and prepare a professional resume
- articulate a further plan of study and a career development plan
- learn the variety of research methods routinely used in Psychology
- learn how to read, analyze, and critique empirical and theoretical work in Psychology
- gain mastery of the history and theoretical underpinnings of psychology as a “human” science

Text

We will be reading one bound text: *The Psychology Major* (5th) by R. Eric Landrum & Stephen Davis. You will need to purchase it. We will also be using several online resources. I think that the material is readable, but some of the terms and concepts might be confusing to you at first. Don't worry! This is **your class**, so please don't hesitate to ask for clarification about anything. The only stupid question is a question not asked.

Communication Rules

Network Etiquette - Communication in an online class takes special consideration. Please read the short list of tips below.

- Be sensitive and reflective to what others are saying.
- Don't use all caps. It is the equivalent of screaming.
- Don't flame - These are outbursts of extreme emotion or opinion.
- Think before you hit the post (enter/reply) button. You can't take it back!
- Don't use offensive language.
- Use clear subject lines.
- Don't use abbreviations or acronyms unless the entire class knows them.
- Be forgiving. Anyone can make a mistake.
- Keep the dialog collegial and professional.

Expected Response Times

Students can expect me to be online at least once per day M-F. I will also check in at least once during the weekend. Homework assignments will be graded within 5 days of the due date. I will make every attempt to return major assignments within 7-10 days, but the amount of feedback required may extend that time.

Grading and Criteria

Grading structure and point scale

90-100 points	90% - 100%	A
80 points – 89 points	80% - 89%	B
70 points – 79 points	70% - 79%	C
60 points - 69 points	60% - 69%	D
< 60 points	< 60%	F

Requirements & Assignments

This course is 100% online. I am here though working with you and available to you. I am not a machine!

Your grade will be based upon your performance on several assignments. I will discuss your assignments with you in much greater detail over the course of the semester. The important point to realize is that since this is a summer course, we crunch 12 weeks of classes into three weeks. You will be handing something in every class. If you miss a due date, you will get a zero and likely get behind. ALL written work submitted to me should be typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, and in 12-point font.

Here is the breakdown of your grade out of 100 points:

Syllabus Quiz	1 point
Personality Statement	3 points
Wondered Why/Contemporary Problem Questions	1 point
Career Vision Statement	10 points
Resume Assignment	8 points
Career Discussion Partner Feedback	4 points
Career Profile	2 points
Humanistic Psychology Project	8 points
Mid-term Exam	15 points
Transpersonal Psychology Project	8 points
Career Exploration (13 quizzes)	13 points
Critical Psychology Project	8 points
Plan of Study	4 points
Final Exam (7/23/20)	15 points

Late work will be docked a 15% penalty for each 24 hours the paper is late. I will only make exceptions for penalties for late work if you provide a documented (note from a doctor) medical emergency pertaining to yourself alone (not friends or family). I will not accept a note simply saying you had an appointment; the note needs to explicitly excuse you from class on the dates in question for medical reasons.

Plagiarism is when you take personal credit for the words and ideas of others as they are presented in electronic, print, and verbal sources. You must clearly and accurately credit sources you use in written work for all class assignments. If you have been found to plagiarize, you will automatically fail the course and be reported to the administration for disciplinary action.

Please carefully review the following information at this link <https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpaa/common-language-course-syllabi.php>. It contains important material pertaining to your rights and responsibilities in this class. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

If you miss your final exam, and prior arrangements have not been made, you may receive a grade of F on that exam or paper and this may affect your final grade in the class. If you miss

your exam due to an emergency, please contact the Psychology office at (678) 839-6510 or go to Melson Room 123 as soon as possible to complete the application: "Missed Final Exam: Verification of Emergency." This form will need to be approved by the chair for an incomplete grade which may allow you the time to make up your exam or complete your final assignments. This application will require documentation and authorization from you to verify your emergency.

Special Needs

If you have a registered disability that will require accommodation from me, please let me know at the beginning of the semester.

Class Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
6/26	Module 1
6/29	Module 2
6/30	Module 3
7/1	Module 4
7/2	Module 5
7/6	Module 6
7/7	Module 7
7/8	Module 8
7/9	Module 9
7/10	Module 10
7/13	Module 11
7/14	Module 12
7/15	Module 13
7/16	Module 14
7/17	Module 15
7/20	Module 16
7/21	Module 17
7/23	Module 18: Final Exam