



Walters State Community College Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number and Name: PSYC 1030 Intro to Psychology

Section ID: 80489.202380

Semester and Year: Fall 2023

Credit Hours: 3

Start Date: August 21, 2023

End Date: December 08, 2023

Course Format: WEB - Web Classes

Catalog Course Description: This course is an introduction to the guiding principles and primary approaches of the study of human and animal behavior. This broad-based course includes the following topics: psychobiology, conditioning, learning, sensation, perception, motivation, emotion, intelligence, personality, life span development, abnormal behavior, social psychology, group processes, stress, and career development. **F, S, Su**

General Education Course Designation: General Education Course

Meeting Details: TBD

Course Drop Deadline: October 27, 2023

Instructor Information

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Required Textbook(s) and Materials

Online Educational Resource- Lumen Learning

Subtitle: Introduction to Psychology

Additional Information

[Introduction to Psychology | Simple Book Production \(lumenlearning.com\)](https://lumenlearning.com).

Supplemental or Optional Materials

Supplemental Materials Needed:

Access to reliable internet and computers. (WS offers access to the Internet and computers via the library and computer labs).

Students may be able to rent necessary equipment from the library.

Teams access

Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives

- 1. Describe how the psychological perspective contributes to an understanding of life and the origin of beliefs, values, and behaviors.
- 2. Define and give examples of basic psychological concepts of everyday life.
- 3. Describe how psychology addresses social institutions, such as family, education, and employment.
- 4. Analyze, discuss, and identify research methods and how these methods relate to psychology.
- 5. Apply critical thinking concepts and discussion to contemporary topics.

Instructional Approach and Methods

Instructional and Evaluation Methods:

- Small group activities

- Instructor lectures/PowerPoints
- Class participation
- Participation
- Class exercises, discussion, presentations, and/or experiments
- Quizzes/exams, written assignments, attendance, random assessments, readings, notes, homework assignments, and any other instructional technique aiding the acquisition of content.

Assessment, Evaluation and Testing Procedures

Assessment and evaluation for specific assignments other than the Reflections please see Elearn. Instructions for these assignments and grading rubrics (when appropriate) are provided in Elearn dropboxes.

Exams will mostly be administered online through Elearn. Exams may consist of any combination of multiple choice, short answer, matching, listing, and essay questions. For scheduled quizzes or exams students will be given a seven day "window of opportunity" in which to login and complete the exam by the specified deadline. (Final exams may be excluded from this standard procedure). Exams not completed by the specified deadline will receive a grade of zero. No late exams are accepted. Due to a large "window of opportunity" to complete exams, no make-up exams, retakes, extension, etc. will be given.

***The use of random assessments may periodically be used throughout the semester. These assessments if used will be unannounced and may not follow the testing procedure described above. Grades from these assessments may be used as part of participation grades as students are demonstrating participation in their education/acquisition of course content. Points may be assigned to assignments, attendance, participation, or wherever the instructor believes most appropriate to assign the points.

Grading Scale

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| A | 90-100% |
| B | 80 - < 90% |
| C | 70 - < 80% |
| D | 60 - < 70% |
| F | < 60% |

Assignments

Assignment Summary:

Pretest

Quizzes/Exams

PSLO

Assignment/Paper (Please see Elearn)

Homework (Please see Elearn)

Reflections

Post-Test

Participation/Attendance/Logins

1000 points total

*No extra credit is offered as there are 1000 points

*No rounding of grades as this provides the student with additional points not all students were offered.

Reflections

Overview: In order to demonstrate an ability to identify and define psychological concepts in the student's everyday life two separate 1-page reflection papers will be turned in on two different due dates in the semester (2 papers total for the semester each will have a dropbox in Elearn). The paper must be submitted by specified deadline discussing your personal experience and observation of any of the topics covered in the course OUTSIDE of class up to the due date.

Each paper will be no longer than one page in length, double spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman. To gain maximum points, each paper needs to mention and briefly define a topic or topics USING VOCABULARY discussed in class/the text AND MOST IMPORTANTLY your personal experiences, observations, and thoughts regarding the material. Students will use present day examples noting their observation of course content in their everyday life. (Avoid going further back than 4 weeks for your examples, avoid futuristic examples, and hypothetical examples as these will receive no credit).

Students need to highlight vocabulary and provide a brief definition of the term. Correct grammar and punctuation will be considered in grading. Papers must be originally written and in your own words. Examples, or very similar examples, given in class by instructor or course content are not permitted. No plagiarism or direct quotes from the text are permitted in the reflection. As there are more chapters to choose from than reflections required, they will not be accepted late. No other scholarly resources are required but if used a citation must be provided in APA format.

Class Participation

Participation

Instructor may choose to give additional assignments the grades for these assignments will be part of the class participation. Additionally, course interaction considered part of participation grade. This means student demonstrates student is participating in their own education. Positive contribution to class (face-to-face and/or virtually) Possible "Random Assessments/pop quizzes" and other assignments (Points to be assigned to participation grade). Number of logins, activity, and progress in course will be monitored via Elearn and impact participation grade. Time spent on Elearn, reviewing course information provided in Elearn, and time on examinations may also impact participation grades.

Appropriately emailing, meeting with, or interacting with instructor demonstrates participation in one's own learning.

Course and Class Policies/Procedures

Elearn:

Elearn is the primary way in which the instructor will be contacting students and notifying students. Students are responsible for checking Elearn regularly. Elearn provides class information including, but not limited to, due dates, due times (EST), assignments, assessments, course content, announcements, grading rubrics, grades, emails, and additional important course information.

Emailing through Elearn as the primary form of email contact is advised.

No Extra Credit:

Due to numerous graded activities (exams, assignments, etc.) with which a student may elevate low grades, extra credit activities are not offered. Students would be well advised to devote their time and energy towards the assigned graded activities during the course.

No Late Assignments:

Students are given access to most all assignments with due dates via Elearn with enough time to successfully complete all work. Most all assignments with due dates are available during the first week of class. As such no late work will be accepted. This is important to maintain the integrity of the classroom. Each student is held to the same standards by being given the same expectations.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use (i.e. Chatgpt)

Since applying critical thinking concepts and discussion of how psychological perspectives contribute to an understanding of psychology are part of this course's student learning outcomes, all components of writing assignments and assessments are to be the student's own work. Student Learning Outcomes are established to prepare you as a student with skills needed in today's world. All submissions are subject to submission through Turnitin software reporting plagiarism and AI writing detection. Any submission detecting 20% or more plagiarism or 20% or more AI will constitute academic dishonesty and is subject to WS academic dishonesty policy.

Online/Web-Enhanced Course Supplementary Information

Please see Elearn for more information.

Please be sure to utilize "Netiquette" Netiquette for this course means- be scholarly, be polite, be professional, and be respectful.

Additional Course Requirements/Details/Information

Students will need to demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills throughout the semester. There are times students will be asked to think creatively and given minimal instructions to then demonstrate their highest capabilities. This process is intentional and part of encouraging students to work independently while practicing time management, organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills; all of which are needed in the workforce.

Although a web-based class, this is a writing intensive course and to enhance student success students may be asked to attend an in-person writing workshop at the discretion of the instructor. Special consideration is unlikely but may be given, once again at the discretion of the instructor. Attendance will be noted, and grade will be part of student's participation grade.

Please see Elearn for more information.

Academic Program Standards/Policies/Accreditation Information

Use of Chatbots/AI:

Since applying critical thinking concepts and discussion of how psychological perspectives contribute to an understanding of this course's student learning outcomes, all assignments/assessments are to be the student's own work. Student Learning Outcomes are established to prepare you as a student with skills needed in today's world.

Students are allowed to use AI as a resource, but an APA citation is required. Students must not submit any artificial intelligence-based technology response, for example from ChatGPT, for assignments or assessments. All assignments/assessments for this course are subject to submission through Turnitin Software for plagiarism and AI writing detection. Use of artificial intelligence-based technologies to complete an assignment/assessment in its entirety constitutes academic dishonesty and will be treated as plagiarism in this course if more than 20% is detected.

Academic Honesty

Faculty expect all students to refrain from acts of academic misconduct including but not limited to:

1. Plagiarism - refers to using another person's ideas or writing without giving proper credit to the original source. Indulging in this type of conduct will subject the student to disciplinary sanctions, which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures of Walters State Community College as outlined in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism will result in a grade of "0" for the paper/exam/presentation. Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions contained in the college Catalog/Student Handbook apply (see policy 04:18:02 Disciplinary Sanctions).
Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Using cut/paste tool from original document with no references given.
 - b. Copying another student's work and submitting it as one's own.
 - c. Forging or otherwise altering signatures.
 - d. Giving or falsifying academic documents or materials.
2. Cheating - construed as attempting to deceive or mislead which includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Utilizing old tests, projects, notes or written papers.
 - b. Providing unauthorized information to a fellow student about exam content.
 - c. Receiving unauthorized aid from any source with quizzes, examinations, or other assignments.
 - d. Seeking information in an unacceptable manner during/preceding an exam or other assigned work (cheat sheet, verbal exchange, looking at another person's paper or electronic device, utilizing headphones, using textbook when the test/quiz is not an open book test/quiz, using textbook test bank etc.).
 - e. Consulting with a classmate or others when taking a computerized test.
 - f. Disregarding other specific policies and procedures outlined for a particular class.

- g. Utilizing unapproved technology/electronic equipment during testing (i.e.: mobile devices such as cell phones, smart devices, or tablets, etc.).
 - h. Using the same Internet Protocol network address (IP address) as another student for testing without approval from the course faculty.
3. The use of any generative artificial intelligence (AI) tool, such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Bard, or any other pre-trained language model (commonly referred to as "chatbot"), must be cited for any assignment where it has been used and may not be used unless specifically allowed by your instructor. Please see your instructor or the course policies within the syllabus if you have questions.

Student Resources

TUTORING SERVICES

Students in need of tutoring assistance are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Tutoring located as follows:

- Morristown Campus - Student Services Building Room L107 - (423) 585-6920
- Niswonger Campus - GRNV 226 - (423) 798-7982
- Sevierville Campus - MMH Room 210 - (865) 286-2787
- Claiborne Campus - Room 123A - (423) 851-4761

Specific tutoring assistance in mathematics and writing is available in-person and online as follows:

- Morristown Campus - English Learning Lab - HUM 120 - (423) 585-6970

[Walters State English Learning Lab \(opens in new window\).](https://www.walters.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab)
[ws.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab](https://www.walters.edu/academics/humanities/writing-lab)

- Morristown Campus - Mathematics Lab - MBSS 222 - (423) 585-6872

[Walters State Mathematics Learning Lab \(opens in new window\).](https://www.walters.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab)
[ws.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab](https://www.walters.edu/academics/mathematics/learning-lab)

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students who need assistance with computing and technology issues should contact the IET Helpdesk by phone at Morristown: (423) 318-2742; Niswonger: (423) 798-8186; or Sevierville: (865) 286-2789 or on-line access.

[Walters State Helpdesk \(opens in new window\)](#)
helpdesk.ws.edu

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SUPPORT SERVICES

Students with disabilities must register with Student Support Services each semester in the Student Services Building, Room U134 (phone (423) 585-6892) if they need any special facilities, services, or consideration.

[Walters State Student Support Services \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/student-services/disability/

SUICIDE PREVENTION STATEMENT

Walters State is committed to and cares about all students. Support services are available for any person at Walters State who is experiencing feelings of being overwhelmed, hopelessness, depression, thinking about dying by suicide, or is otherwise in need of assistance. For immediate help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling or texting 9-8-8 or the Trevor Lifeline at 1-866-488-7386. Veterans may also contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (press 1) or Text 838255.

Walters State has a relationship in place with the following community agencies to provide services (may include crisis referral services, prevention screenings, etc.):

- Cherokee Health Systems 423-586-5032
- Frontier Health 423-467-3600

College Policies

STUDENTS HANDBOOK AS OFFICIAL GOVERNING DOCUMENT

This class is governed by the policies and procedures stated in the current Walters State Community College Student Handbook. All students attending Walters State Community College, regardless of the time, location, or format of the class, must abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the current Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook and the current Walters State Timetable of Classes.

[Walters State Catalog \(opens in new window\)](#)
catalog.ws.edu/

[Walters State Timetable of Classes \(opens in new window\)](#)
ws.edu/admissions/registration/

PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND MODIFICATION OF SYLLABUS

This syllabus sets forth the expectations for the course content, work, and grading as well as expectations for student performance and conduct. The syllabus does not constitute a contract between the student and the instructor or the College. The information contained here is subject to change at any time. The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time with written notification to the students. Though changes are possible, it is expected that the course will be conducted as described in this syllabus for the semester/year specified in the Course Information section of the syllabus. This syllabus is only valid for the semester/year specified and course requirements are not guaranteed for future semesters.

COURSE GROUND RULES

- Students must attend the first day of on-ground class or contact the instructor prior to the first class. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class. Excessive absences may substantially lower the course grade.
- Regular class attendance is a student's obligation for any course regardless of format. (See the Walters State Catalog/Student Handbook). If a student misses class, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor regarding missed assignments and/or activities and to be prepared for the next class assignment.
- Students enrolled in web courses must follow the course attendance policy defined for online attendance during the first week of class and throughout the term. Failure to do this may result in being dropped from the class during week one OR may result in the accrual of absences which may negatively impact the student's grade in the course.
- Students who have not paid fees on time and/or are not correctly registered for this class and whose names do not appear on official class rolls generated by the Walters State student information system (MyWS) will not be allowed to remain in class or receive credit for this course.
- Electronic devices must not disrupt the instructional process or college-sponsored academic activity. Use of electronic devices is prohibited unless use of the device is relevant to the activity and use is sanctioned by the faculty member in charge. Electronic devices that are not relevant to the activity or sanctioned by the faculty member in charge should be set so that they will not produce an audible sound during classroom instruction or other college-sponsored academic activity.

FINANCIAL AID

Students receiving any type of financial aid or scholarship should contact the Financial Aid Office before making any changes to their schedule. Schedule changes without prior approval may result in loss of award for the current term and future terms.

All forms of student Financial Aid may be jeopardized or lost due to the lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress in one or multiple courses. Lack of Satisfactory Academic Progress may negatively impact a

student's degree/certificate completion pace and further jeopardize Financial Aid eligibility.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES AND ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

For information related to the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather or other events, please check the Senators Emergency Text system or the college's Web site at:

[Walters State Homepage \(opens in new window\)](https://www.waltersstate.edu/home/)
[ws.edu/home/](https://www.waltersstate.edu/home/)

[Walters State Facebook page \(opens in new window\)](https://www.facebook.com/WaltersState/)
<https://www.facebook.com/WaltersState/>

[Walters State Twitter page \(opens in new window\)](https://twitter.com/waltersstate)
<https://twitter.com/waltersstate>

or call the college's student information line, 1-800-225-4770, option 1; the Sevier County Campus, (865) 774-5800, option 7; the Niswonger Campus (423) 798-7940, option 7; or the Claiborne County Campus, 423-636-6200, option 7. Also, please monitor local TV and radio stations for further announcements.

When an event or disaster interrupts the scheduled operations of the college and the ability to proceed with the academic course activities as planned, the college and your instructor may alter the course plan outlined in the syllabus. Should an event occur, students should refer to their course e-Learn pages and/or class materials previously delivered to receive guidance from their instructor. Students should continue to monitor the official college channels of communication listed in the above paragraph. If you would like to sign up for the Senators Emergency Text system, please go to the following Web site:

[Senator Emergency Text System \(opens in new window\)](https://www.waltersstate.edu/set/)
[ws.edu/set/](https://www.waltersstate.edu/set/)

Dual Enrollment students attending on a high school campus should refer to the high school inclement weather cancellations.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Brightspace (commonly known as eLearn or D2L) is the college's Learning Management System (LMS).

Brightspace is committed to accessibility by "deliver[ing] a learning experience that meets the needs of all people, regardless of age or ability." [Brightspace Accessibility Standard \(opens in new window\)](#).

Brightspace is also committed to guarding student data and privacy. [Brightspace Privacy Policy](#) ([opens in new window](#)).