

NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PSYCHOLOGY 201 -- GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
Spring 2010

Course:	Psychology 201
Title:	General Psychology
Credits:	Three Credit Hours

Textbook: **THINK Psychology** by Abigail Baird

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Course Description: (NETC college catalog) This *course includes the following topics and concepts in the science of behavior: scientific method, biological basis for behavior, perception, motivation, learning, memory, development, personality, abnormal behavior, therapeutic techniques, and social psychology.*

College-Wide Learning Objective for Social Sciences Department:

Demonstrate an awareness of an international perspective to include ethnic/cultural diversity.

COURSE
LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate the following competencies:

- Demonstrate knowledge of psychology as a science and a discipline.
- Identify key concepts related to the nature/nurture debate.
- Identify the research methods psychologists use to examine behavior and mental processes.
- Identify specific structures and functions of the brain, nervous system and the senses.
- Define and differentiate between the principles and processes of the various ways that people and animals learn.
- Demonstrate awareness of the connection between psychological stressors and physical health.
- Demonstrate awareness of the impact of environmental and social factors and personality on human behavior.

CLASSROOM/COURSE POLICIES

E-Mail Account: You are required to have a **working** e-mail account so that we may communicate throughout the semester. You can get a free e-mail account through Yahoo or Hotmail. If your account name is questionable, I will not open it. Please use your name on the subject line.

Moodle Account: Required. Some assignments, quizzes and resources will be available online on Moodle. If you have a Moodle account, you **do not** need to request a new one. If you do not have a Moodle account, go to www.netc.edu, click on "Current Students" then click on the Moodle logo and follow the instructions given.

Internet access – Students are required to have reliable Internet access to log on to the class web site and/or course management system as directed. You may use computers on campus in the library and Success Center.

Student IDs: Required at ALL times.
(Please refer to pg. 47 of the NETC college catalog for additional information.)

Classroom Etiquette and Conduct of Classes: The following is expected:

- Attendance
- Timeliness
- Respect for Instructor/Fellow Students
- Being prepared for class
- NO sleeping in class.

Refer to pages 45 and 51 in NETC Catalog

Electronic Devices in the Classroom: NOT ALLOWED. To include:

- Cell phones (Must be turned off.) Families should be instructed to call 921-6900 if an emergency occurs. Security WILL locate you if you are in class.
- PDAs
- IPODS/MP3
- Beepers

Exception: - Rescue, medical personnel & law enforcement. You must inform instructor if you are required to have pagers, etc. activated while in class.
(Refer to page 44 of the NETC college catalog.)

Students with Disabilities: are encouraged to contact the Vice-President for Student Services to discuss needs or concerns as they pursue an academic program and participate in campus life. The Vice-President for Student Services will provide guidance regarding official documentation of disabilities and/or accommodation of needs. (See NETC College catalog, page 16 and 31.)

Attendance: REQUIRED

- Notify Instructor of extended periods of absence
- It is the student's responsibility to get class notes and other materials missed due to absence. **(Refer to page 29 of the NETC college catalog for definitions of attendance requirements.)**

Absence and Tardy Policy:

There are **NO** excused absences. Because of this, absences should be saved in case of emergencies or illness.

- Required to attend 80% of classes from the date of enrollment.
- Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday classes have a maximum of 6 absences.
- Evening classes that meet once a week, 3 absences are allowed.
- *Summer school 8 absences allowed for daytime classes. Summer students in evening classes are allowed two absences.*

Students who exceed their absences will be dropped with a grade of "F".

Tardy Policy: A student is considered tardy if not in the classroom at the time the teacher begins class instruction. Three (3) times tardy equals one full absence.

Exceeding the Absence Limit: Once the absence limit has been reached, students will be dropped from class for excessive absences. If this occurs at any time during the semester, the student will receive an F for the course. **(See p. 29 of the NETC college catalog regarding absence policies.)**

Student Initiated Withdrawal from Course:

- **Check first with the Financial Aid Office.**
- **Complete the Drop/Add form & have advisor/instructor sign.**

BEFORE MIDTERM

- Grade will be W

AFTER MIDTERM/BEFORE LAST DROP DAY

- Grade will be W, if you are passing the course
- Grade will be WF if you are failing the course.
- See **page 30 and 38 of the NETC college catalog.**

Academic Discipline and Honesty: The College expects each student to earn his/her own grades; if academic dishonesty occurs, disciplinary action will be taken.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information. **Plagiarizing a written assignment will result in a zero "0" for that assignment. (Refer to pp. 27-28 of the NETC college catalog.)**

COURSE INFORMATION AND POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Instructional Methods to Complete Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

Lectures will be supplemented by:

- Videos
- Assessments
- Assigned readings from textbook and other sources
- Computer research
- Other materials at the discretion of the Instructor

Evaluation Methods to Appraise Objectives/Learning Outcomes:
TENTATIVE

1. **Tests** - 60% of grade. You will be given a Make-up Test Coupon that can be used to make up 1 missed test. * **See below for instructions.**
2. **Homework** – 25% of grade. All homework assignments should be word-processed. You will be given a late assignment coupon**. One late assignment is allowed with this coupon.
3. **Quizzes** – 15% of grade. Quizzes are **unannounced**. Quizzes **cannot** be made up. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped.

(The number of quizzes is subject to change based on the amount of material we are able to cover in the semester.)

The grading scale is as follows:

90 – 100 = A
80 -- 89 = B
70 -- 79 = C
60 -- 69 = D
0 -- 59 = F

***To make up a Test, you MUST do the following:**

1. Contact the instructor to schedule (E-mail and voice mail is available at all times).
2. Your make-up test **coupon must be turned in** with the exam to receive credit.
3. You must make up exam within time limit given.

****Late Assignment Coupons:**

- Can only be used for one homework assignment
- Cannot be used for take home tests
- Cannot be used for Moodle assignments

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE and REQUIRED READINGS

Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Ch 1

Research

Ch 2

The Nervous System & Brain

Ch 3

States of Consciousness

Ch 15

Learning Theories

Ch 11

Personality

Ch 13

Social Psychology

Ch 14

Grade Sheet

Module Tests	Homework	Quizzes
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To obtain grade: 1.) Average each column; 2.) Multiply average by %; 3.) Add columns

60%	25%	15%	Grade
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