

Syllabus for UWX PS101: General Psychology

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

This introductory behavioral science course emphasizes the history of the field of psychology, research methods, biological basis of behavior, human cognition, human development, social behavior, and mental health.

Prerequisite(s)

None

Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Recognize elements of the general process of scientific inquiry.
- Evaluate methods (e.g., correlational, experimental) for scientific inquiry in psychology.
- Draw conclusions from psychological research (e.g., journal articles, research summaries).
- Compare and contrast the major areas of psychology (e.g., biological, cognitive, developmental, social).
- Use class information to describe and analyze diversity in individual and group behavior.
- Evaluate behavioral differences between individuals and across cultures.

Course Requirements/Components

Assignments

There will be eleven homework assignments for the course. Assignments will vary in content (e.g., case studies, journal article reviews, self-assessments), and will focus on application of the material you are learning in the course.

Quizzes

There will be brief (20-25 item) quizzes for each lesson in the course. The quizzes will be timed at 30 minutes and students will be allowed to repeat quizzes an unlimited number of times. Thus the quizzes will serve as both practice/learning opportunities and as summative assignments for the course.

Exams

There will be three course examinations – including the final exam. Each exam will cover material from three to four course lessons and will occur at roughly

equal intervals throughout the course. Although the material builds on itself, these tests will not be “comprehensive.” That is, each test, including the final, will be on the material covered since the previous test.

Grading

The following grading scale will be used to evaluate all course requirements and to determine your final grade:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	93% - 100%
A-	90% - 92%
B+	87% - 89%
B	83% - 86%
B-	80% - 82%
C+	77% - 79%
C	73% - 76%
C-	70% - 72%
D+	67% - 69%
D	60% - 66%
F	59% and under

Assignment	Points
Assignments	55
Quizzes	50
Exams 3 @ 50 points	150
Total Points	255