

PSYC 1560 - General Psychology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 05, CRN 40105,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

1560. General Psychology. An examination of scientific and clinical approaches to understanding the relationships between one's physical, mental, and emotional well-being, and quality of life, including the basic principles governing the growth and maintenance of behavior, emotion, and cognition. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Essentials of Understanding Psychology	Feldman (2025)	

This book is part of the "First Day Ready" program. If you wish to purchase a physical copy of the textbook, contact the bookstore. You will access the text and all assignments through Blackboard and McGrawHill's Connect learning platform.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	none	Introduction to Course / First Week	Meet and Greet - Feedback Fruits Most Significant Topic -Discussion Due Friday, August 28 by 11:59 PM
8/31	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs 1 , 2)	Foundation to Psychology and Scientific Thinking	Naturalistic Observation of Behavior Evaluation Claims in Social Media Due Friday. September 11 by 11:59 PM
9/14	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs 3, 4)	Sensation, Perception, and Consciousness	Stroop Effect at Home Your Sleep Hygiene Due Friday, September 25 by 11:59 PM Exam 1 - Friday, September 25 in class
9/28	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs 5, 6)	Learning and Memory	Behavior Modification Project False Memory Check Due Friday, October 9 at 11:59 PM



10/12	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs Thought, Motivation, and Emotion 7, 8)	The Life-Hack Challenge GRIT Assessment Due Friday, October 23 by 11:59 PM Exam 2 - Friday, October 23 in class
10/26	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs Development and Personality 9, 10)	Testing for Piaget's Conservation Converation with Jofi Due Friday, November 6 by 11:59 PM
11/9	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs Psychological Health and Disorders 11 , 12)	The Social Support Network The Rule-Breaker Experiment Due Friday, November 20 by 11:59 pm Exam 3 - Friday, Novemver 20 in class
11/23	Connect Chapters, Assignments, & Quiz (chs Therapy and Social Influences 13 ,14)	The A-B-C Frustration Log The Myth of Blind Obedience - Feedback Fruits Most Significant Issue Discussion Due Friday, December 4 by 11:59 PM
12/7	Finals Week	Exam 4 - Friday, December 11 at 8 AM

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