

PSYC 1560 - General Psychology

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 06, CRN 42497,

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 (14th edition) – eBook with Connect access code.	Feldman, R.	9781264840656

Feldman, R. (2021), Essentials of Understanding Psychology (14th edition) – eBook with Connect access code. ISBN13: 9781264840656

McGraw-Hill Education Connect® access is required material for successfully completing this course.

- This is a "First-Day Ready" Course; eBook and Connect access come with tuition.
- You must register for Connect within Blackboard.
- You may choose to add a loose-leaf copy of the text through McGraw Hill if you would like (this can be purchased anytime throughout the semester but is not required).

*See end of syllabus for additional assistance on registering for Connect

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	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		Due 8/25 at 11:59pm: Syllabus Quiz Due 8/28 at 11:59pm: Chapter 1 - Introduction to Psychology Chapter 1: Homework Assignment
8/31		Due 9/4 at 11:59pm: Chapter 2 - Neuroscience and Behavior Chapter 2 Homework Assignment
9/7		Due 9/11 at 11:59pm: Chapter 3 - Sensation & Perception Chapter 3 Homework Assignment Due 9/12 at 11:59pm: Unit 1 Exam (Ch. 1-3)
9/14		Due 9/18 at 11:59pm: Chapter 4 - States of Consciousness Chapter 4 Homework Assignment
9/21		Due 9/25 at 11:59pm: Chapter 5 - Learning Chapter 5 Homework Assignment
9/28		Due 10/2 at 11:59pm: Chapter 6 - Memory Chapter 6 Homework Assignment
10/5		Due 10/9 at 11:59pm: Chapter 7 - Thinking, Language, and Intelligence Chapter 7 Homework Assignment Due 10/10 at 11:59pm: Unit 2 Exam (Ch. 4-7)
10/12		Due 10/16 at 11:59pm: Chapter 8 - Motivation and Emotion Chapter 8 Homework Assignment
10/19		Due 10/23 at 11:59pm: Chapter 9 - Development Chapter 9 Homework Assignment
10/26		Due 10/30 at 11:59pm: Chapter 10 - Personality Chapter 10 Homework Assignment Due 10/31 at 11:59pm: Unit 3 Exam (Ch. 8-10)
11/2		Due 11/6 at 11:59pm: Chapter 11 - Health Psychology: Stress, Coping, and Well-being Chapter 11 Homework Assignment
11/9		Due 11/13 at 11:59pm: Chapter 12 - Psychological Disorders Chapter 12 Homework Assignment
11/16		Due 11/20 at 11:59pm: Chapter 13 - Treatment of Psychological Disorders Chapter 13 Homework Assignment
11/30		Due 12/4 at 11:59pm: Chapter 14 - Social Psychology Chapter 14 Homework Assignment

12/7

Due 12/7 at 11:59pm:
Unit 4 Exam (Ch. 11, 12, 13, & 14)

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