



**Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Psychology Department**

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**PSYC 2301: General Psychology | Lecture | 17819**

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HCC Online

3 Credit Hours | 48 hours per semester

**Instructor Contact Information**

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Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear your concerns and just to discuss course topics.

**Instructor's Preferred Method of Contact**

Please email me by Canvas Inbox or by using your HCC email to my HCC email. I will respond to emails within 48 hours Monday through Friday. I will reply to weekend messages on Mondays.

**What's Exciting About This Course**

[Psychology is about improving the human condition. How can you not be excited about that? This course is an introduction to psychology--this means you will learn "a little about a lot" of the concepts in psychology. You will be introduced to a wide variety of topics including how we learn new things, why we remember or forget, and how our brain and body affects our mind. We will learn about stress and health, psychological disorders and theories about how we turn out the way we turn out. At the end of the semester, you will be able to read minds and manipulate friends to squawk like chickens. Not really. Not even close. However, you will learn information that will help you understand more about yourself and others. Most students tell me they learn at least one thing (usually more) in this class that has already helped them in their life. ]

## My Personal Welcome

Welcome to Gen Psych! I'm glad you're taking this class because...well, see above. Because this is an online class, I will not get to meet you in person (the entire course is online—you will never need to go to campus). Please know I am cheering for you to do well and will do all I can to provide the best opportunity for you to succeed.

## Prerequisites and/or Co-Requisites

PSYC 2301 requires college-level reading and writing skills. Research indicates that you are most likely to succeed if you have already taken and passed ENGL 1301. The minimum requirements for enrollment in PSYC 2301 include placement in college-level reading (or take INRW 0420 or ESOL 0360 as a co-requisite). If you have enrolled in this course having satisfied these prerequisites, you have a higher chance of success than students who have not done so. Please carefully read and consider the repeater policy in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#).

## Eagle Online Canvas Learning Management System

This section of PSYC 2301 is a fully online class that will use [Eagle Online Canvas](#) (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu>) for all assignments, exams, and activities.

HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet and Eagle Online Canvas. It is recommended that you **USE [FIREFOX](#) OR [CHROME](#) AS YOUR BROWSER**.

## HCC Online Information and Policies

I encourage you to visit the HCC Online information pages. They contain a great deal of useful information about system requirements for using Canvas, HCC Online policies, and support services that are available for students in online classes. Here is the link to HCC Online: <http://www.hccs.edu/online/>.

## Scoring Rubrics, Assignment Instructions, etc.

Look in Eagle Online Canvas for the scoring rubrics for assignments, assignment instructions, exam instructions, and other information to assist you in the course. <https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/login/ldap>

## Instructional Materials

### Textbook Information

You can use one or both of the following two free textbooks:

Speilman, R.M. (2014). *Psychology*. Maintained by Rice University for OpenStax. This book is available for viewing [online](#) or downloading as a [PDF](#).

You can get a print version of this book at a low cost (compared to other textbooks) at the HCC bookstore or on [Amazon](#).

Stangor, C. (2015) *Introduction to Psychology*. Adapted by Houston Community College Psychology Faculty.  
This book is available in your Canvas course.

## Other Instructional Resources

### Tutoring

HCC provides free, confidential, and convenient academic support, including writing critiques, to HCC students in an online environment and on campus. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel in order to ensure that it is contextual and appropriate. Visit the [HCC Tutoring Services](#) website for services provided.

### Libraries

The HCC Library System consists of 9 libraries and 6 Electronic Resource Centers (ERCs) that are inviting places to study and collaborate on projects. Librarians are available both at the libraries and online to show you how to locate and use the resources you need. The libraries maintain a large selection of electronic resources as well as collections of books, magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials. The portal to all libraries' resources and services is the HCCS library web page at <http://library.hccs.edu>.

### Supplementary Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic enrichment and support program that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success in historically difficult courses. Peer support is provided by students who have already succeeded in completion of the specified course, and who earned a grade of A or B. Find details at <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/supplemental-instruction/>.

## Course Overview

PSYC 2301 is a survey course of the basic principles underlying human behavior. Emphasis is placed on major areas of study in the field of psychology, such as motivation, development, thought processes, and personality.

## Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs)

PSYC 2301 satisfies the social science requirement in the HCCS core curriculum. The HCCS Psychology Discipline Committee has specified that the course address the following core objectives:

- **Critical Thinking:** Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information, and creative thinking by completing a written assignment such as a book report, research paper, or essay.
- **Communication Skills:** Students will demonstrate effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication by completing a written assignment such as a book report, research paper, or essay.
- **Quantitative and Empirical Literacy:** Students will demonstrate the ability to draw conclusions based on the systematic analysis of topics using observation, experiment, and/or numerical skills by completing textbook reading assignments, completing

assignments, and answering questions on quizzes and exams.

- **Social Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate cultural self-awareness, intercultural competency, civil knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities by completing textbook reading assignments, completing assignments, and answering questions on quizzes and exams.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

Can be found at:

<http://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/social--behavioral-sciences/psychology/>

## Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)

Upon completion of PSYC 2301, the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge in multiple (8) areas of psychology, including concepts, facts, and theoretical perspectives.
- Define and identify the basic research and evaluation methods used in psychology, including the strengths and weaknesses of each method.
- Demonstrate knowledge of and identify concepts related to personal development and the development and behavior of others.
- Apply psychological concepts to the solution of issues and problems including ethics, coping with stressful events, health and wellness, parenting, learning, memory, and/or evaluation of media presentations.

## Learning Objectives

Learning Objectives for each CSLO can be found at [Learning Objectives for PSYC 2301](#)

## Student Success

Expect to spend at least twice as many hours per week outside of class as you do in class studying the course content. Additional time will be required for written assignments. The assignments provided will help you use your study hours wisely. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of the following:

- Reading the textbook
- Attending class in person and/or online
- Completing assignments
- Participating in class activities

There is no short cut for success in this course; it requires reading (and probably re-reading) and studying the material using the course objectives as your guide.

## Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through learner-centered instructional techniques

- Provide a description of any special projects or assignments
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness, and make ups
- Provide the course outline and class calendar which will include a description of any special projects or assignments
- Arrange to meet with individual students before and after class as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class in person and/or online
- Participate actively by reviewing course material, interacting with classmates, and responding promptly in your communication with me
- Read and comprehend the textbook
- Complete the required assignments and exams
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem
- Keep copies of all paperwork, including this syllabus, handouts, and all assignments
- Attain a raw score of at least 50% on the departmental final exam
- Be aware of and comply with academic honesty policies in the HCCS Student Handbook

## Assignments, Exams, and Activities

Please carefully review all of the information in this section, and don't hesitate to ask questions if anything is unclear to you. Be assured that I have thoughtfully designed all of the assignments, exams, and activities in this course to enable you to learn the material and to be successful. By providing due dates, I am helping you stay on track and accomplish your goal of getting the best grade you can in this course.

### Written Assignment(s)

#### Written Assignment—Research Article Summary

Go to PsycPORT <http://www.apa.org/news/psycport/> and select an article about a research study related to one of the following topics: stress, personality, psychological disorders, therapies, research ethics, brain function, biology and behavior, learning, memory, human development.

1. You must choose a research article, not a topic paper. This means the article will be about a research study. You will be graded on this. If you can't find a description of research subjects and methodology, you haven't chosen a research article and you will need to choose a different article.
2. Your summary must be 200 words.
3. Your paper must include 1. Summary--the main ideas of the article (200 words), 2. Research Used--include the demographics and methodology, and 3. Link to Article--insert a link to the article that I can click on.
4. The format must be as follows (include the numbers and bold the headers):

Title of Article and title of journal it is found in: write your journal and article title here

#### **1. Summary (must be 200 or more words)**

Write your content...

## 2. Research used

Write your content...

## 3. Link to Article

Include your link so that I can click on it

4. No direct quotes or copied/pasted text from the article are allowed.
5. Proper English including punctuation, spelling and grammar is expected. If English is not your first language and/or you have trouble writing, utilize the free [tutoring at HCC](#).
6. Grading rubric is as follows:

Minimum length of 200 words in 1. Summary is required in order to earn credit (-150 if summary is less than 200 words)	
Main ideas of article present in section 1. Summary	80
Research in the article is described in section 2. Research used This must include the subject demographics and type of research utilized, e.g., survey, experiment, correlation... (-50 if you do not choose a research study)	50
Link to article present and clickable in section 3. Link to Article	20
Sub-total	150
Mechanics penalties (-5 each to maximum of 100 points) Not following format directions (-100)	
Late Penalty (-25 points per day)	
Total Points possible	150

## **Exams**

This course includes 4 unit exams to be taken online in your Canvas course.

- Unit exams are comprised of 50 multiple choice questions worth 2 points per question.
- You will have 90 minutes to complete each exam.
- Each exam must be completed in one-sitting.
- You will see only one question at a time.
- You will not be able to go back to previous questions.
- You will be able to view responses but not the correct answers.
- You will have 2 attempts prior to the due date. Highest score is kept.
- Each exam is worth 100 points.

All exams are open at the beginning of the semester but must be completed by the due date.

See the course schedule and Canvas for due dates.

No make-up exams.

Exams completed after the due date will lose 25 points per day late.

## **Other Assignments and Activities**

[You will have graded Canvas assignments that total 200 points of your grade. This includes a syllabus/course quiz that you must be completed with a perfect score in order to open the rest of the Canvas modules. You will also have chapter quizzes, discussions, and written assignments.]

## **Practice Final Exam**

[You will take a practice exam in preparation for the final exam. The practice final exam will be identical to the final exam, with different questions.

You will take this online in your Canvas course.

- There will be 100 multiple choice questions worth .5 points per question.
- You will have 120 minutes to complete the exam.
- Exam must be completed in one-sitting.
- You will see only one question at a time.
- You will not be able to go back to previous questions.
- You will be able to view responses but not the correct answers (not able to do this on your Final Exam).
- You will have 3 attempts (your Final Exam will only have 1 attempt)—keep highest score.
- Exam is worth 50 points.

The exam is open at the beginning of the semester but must be completed by the due date.

See the course schedule and Canvas for due date.

No make-up exams.

Exam completed after the due date will lose 25 points per day late.

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## **Comprehensive Departmental Final Exam**

All students in PSYC 2301 are required to take a comprehensive departmental final exam consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. All of the information you need to succeed on the

exam may be found at <https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/psyc-2301-departmental-final-exam-preparation-resources>. **Each question is worth 2 points for a total of 200 points.**

The exam will be administered on Canvas with these restrictions:

- Available only on the dates listed in the Course Calendar
- May not be taken early under any circumstances
- Time limit: 120 minutes
- Attempts: 1
- Questions shown one at a time
- After a question has been answered, students cannot return to it.
- Viewing of exam questions and submitted answers is not permitted.

**Students must correctly answer at least 50 of the 100 questions on the final exam (50%) to pass the course.**

Students who do not submit the final exam by the deadline in the Course Calendar without discussing the matter with their instructor in advance or within 24 hours afterward may receive a grade of zero on the exam and, as a result, fail the course. If you do not take the exam you will fail this course. If you do not earn 50% or higher on this exam, you will fail this course.

### Grading Formula

Grading formula is as follows:

Written Assignment(s)	150
Exams	400
In-Class Activities	0
Other Assignments and Activities	200
Practice Final Exam	50
Comprehensive Departmental Final Exam	200
Total	1000
Maximum Extra Credit	50

Grade	Total Points
A	900+
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	<600

**HCC Grading Scale can be found on this site under Academic Information:**  
<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/>



## Course Calendar

WEEK	DATE	Topic/What's Due--all assignments due at 11:55PM
1	Sep-24	Class begins
		Intro to Psychology & Psych Research
2	Oct-01	Biopsychology
	Oct-02	Syllabus/Course quiz due
	Oct-02	Introduce Yourself due
	Oct-03	Official Day of Record--OE
3	Oct-08	How to get the most out of studying Essay Quiz due
		Biopsychology
4	Oct-15	Exam 1 exam due: Intro, Research & Biopsychology
		Learning
5	Oct-22	Memory
6	Oct-29	Exam 2 due: Learning & Memory
		Lifespan Development
7	Nov-05	Written Assignment--Research Article Summary due
8	Nov-12	Last Day to Withdraw
		Stress, Lifestyle, & Health
9	Nov-19	Exam 3 due: Lifespan & Stress, Health
		Personality
		Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 22 through 25
10	Nov-26	Psychological Disorders
		Therapies & Treatment
11	Dec-03	Exam 4 due: Personality, Psych Disorders, Therapy
	Dec-09	Practice Final exam due
	Dec-09	All chapter quizzes due
12	Dec-10	Final Exam open Dec 9 at 12:01AM, closes Dec 11 at 11:55PM

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**Syllabus and Calendar Modifications**

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus and/or course calendar at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.

**Instructor's Practices and Procedures****Missed Assignments**

All work (other than the final exam) is available from the first day of class. Late assignments and exams will be accepted late with a penalty of 25% per day late. A big part of your success in class will be keeping up with material and completing assignments on time.

**Academic Integrity**

Students are responsible for conducting themselves with honor and integrity in fulfilling course requirements. Penalties and/ or disciplinary proceedings may be initiated by college district officials against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. "Scholastic Dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion. Any instance of scholastic dishonesty may be reported to the Maxiant system. Possible punishments for scholastic dishonesty include a grade of "0" or "F" on the particular assignment, failure in the course, and/or recommendation for probation or dismissal from the college district. A recommendation for suspension or expulsion will be referred to the college Dean of Students for disciplinary disposition. Students have the right to appeal the decision.

You will earn a 0 for cheating on any assignment. If the offense is egregious, you will earn a 0 for the course. It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes cheating, including plagiarism, copying, and collusion. Follow the link below for more details.

Here's the link to the HCC information about academic integrity (Scholastic Dishonesty and Violation of Academic Scholastic Dishonesty and Grievance):

<http://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>

**Attendance Policy**

[You are required to login and begin work in this course before the Census date (see course schedule) or you will be dropped for non-attendance. You are not required to be logged in a certain number of hours. However, you will need to login regularly in order to keep up with and complete your work by the due dates. ]

**Student Conduct**

[Students are to conduct themselves professionally in their communications with me, their classmates, and college staff and administration. Behavior inappropriate to the collegiate setting (including but not limited to abusive/derogatory/threatening/harassing language directed at the professor or towards other students, staff or administrators) will not be tolerated, and may result in removal from the course if severe and/or repeated. ]

**Instructor's Course-Specific Information**

Your exam grades will be immediately available to you once completed. Assignments that require my grading will not be graded immediately. In some cases, you might see a 0 after submitting your assignment. This is a quirk in Canvas. It does not mean you've earned a 0,

it means it has not been graded. Do not be stressed by this (unless you can see I've graded it and you've actually earned a 0).

## Psychology Program Information

### Majoring in Psychology

Visit the [Psychology Program Pages](#) on the Learning Web for information about our faculty and courses. You will also find information about majoring in psychology.

### Student Organizations

#### **Psi Kappa**

All students are invited to join Psi Kappa, an organization that can help students learn about psychology outside the classroom, serve the community, meet students in other PSYC classes, interact with PSYC faculty, and learn leadership skills. For more information, visit the [Psi Kappa page](#) on the HCC Learning Web, the [Psi Kappa blog](#), and the [Psi Kappa Facebook page](#).

#### **Psi Beta**

HCC has an active chapter of Psi Beta: National Honor Society in Psychology for Community and Junior Colleges. To learn more about this organization visit the [Psi Beta](#) website. For information about the HCC chapter, visit the [Psi Beta page](#) on the HCC Learning Web.

### HCC Foundation: Psychology Achievers Scholarship

To be eligible for the \$125 per semester Psychology Achievers Scholarship, a student must (1) meet all HCC Foundation criteria for scholarship eligibility, and (2) make an A in either PSYC 2301 or PSYC 2314.

### HCC Policies

Here's the link to the HCC Student Handbook <http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/student-handbook/> In it you will find information about the following:

Academic Information	Incomplete Grades
Academic Support	International Student Services
Attendance, Repeating Courses, and Withdrawal	Health Awareness
Career Planning and Job Search	Libraries/Bookstore
Childcare	Police Services & Campus Safety
disAbility Support Services	Student Life at HCC
Electronic Devices	Student Rights and Responsibilities
Equal Educational Opportunity	Student Services
Financial Aid TV (FATV)	Testing
General Student Complaints	Transfer Planning
Grade of FX	Veteran Services

### EGLS<sup>3</sup>

The EGLS<sup>3</sup> ([Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System](#)) will be available for most courses near the end of the term until finals start. This brief survey will give invaluable information to your faculty about their teaching. Results are anonymous and will be available

to faculty and division chairs after the end of the term. EGLS<sup>3</sup> surveys are only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. -EGLS3 surveys are not offered during the Summer semester due to logistical constraints.

<http://www.hccs.edu/resources-for/current-students/egls3-evaluate-your-professors/>

### **Campus Carry Link**

Here's the link to the HCC information about Campus Carry:

<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/police/campus-carry/>

### **HCC Email Policy**

When communicating via email, HCC requires students to communicate only through the HCC email system to protect your privacy. If you have not activated your HCC student email account, you can go [to HCC Eagle ID](#) and activate it now. You may also use Canvas Inbox to communicate.

### **Housing and Food Assistance for Students**

Any student who faces challenges securing their foods or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students at their college for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so.

This will enable HCC to provide any resources that HCC may possess.

## **Office of Institutional Equity**

Use the link below to access the HCC Office of Institutional Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement (<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/>)

### **disAbility Services**

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <http://www.hccs.edu/support-services/disability-services/>

### **Title IX**

Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:

David Cross  
Director EEO/Compliance  
Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity  
3100 Main  
(713) 718-8271  
Houston, TX 77266-7517 or [Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu](mailto:Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu)  
<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/>

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