



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

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PSYC 2301: General Psychology | Lecture | CRN 16431

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In-Person | Stafford HUB 202 | Tuesday/Thursday 7:00- 8:20 p.m.

3 Credit Hours | 48 hours per semester

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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

While a student in this class, please use the "inbox" tool in Eagle Online-Canvas to message me. When necessary, you can also email me directly at Shannon.baranski@hccs.edu

I strive to respond to students within 24 hours, often much sooner. Please be mindful of due dates- allow enough time for me to respond to your questions about an assignment well before it is due. Plan. Also, note that during the daytime, I do not check my email frequently. Depending on how I perceive the nature of your email (high vs. low priority), I may wait to respond to your email. Please be cognizant in emailing me. It must be professional and edited. Please note that emails that are not professionally written, will not be answered.

What's Exciting About This Course

You will learn so much about your life and the lives of those around you. Do you know how one learns? How memory works? Why we have different personalities? How health is related to stress? The course will look at how and why we develop from children that seem to have so much in common to adults that do and do not. What happens? Are there best practices in child rearing and in life-long development or is it just luck? Where are you in your development? And what about schizophrenia and other psychological disorders? Are they avoidable? What causes them? The information in this course will enable you to understand the people in your life as well as develop new habits to increase your personal success.

My Personal Welcome

Welcome to General Psychology—I'm delighted that you have chosen this course. One of my passions is to know as much as I can about human behavior, and I can hardly wait to pass that on. I will present the information in the most exciting way I know, so that you can grasp the concepts and apply them now and hopefully throughout your life. As you read and wrestle with new ideas and facts that may challenge you, I am available to support you. The fastest way to reach me is by my HCC email. The best way to really discuss issues is in person and I'm available during posted office hours to tackle any questions you might have. My goal is for you to walk out of the course with a better understanding of yourself and of human behavior. So please visit me or contact me whenever you have a question.

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 will use [Eagle Online Canvas](https://eagleonline.hccs.edu) (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu>) to supplement in-class assignments, exams, and activities. HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet or Eagle Online Canvas. It is recommended that you use Firefox or Chrome as your browser.

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HCC Online Information and Policies

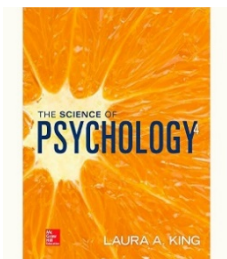
Although this is an in-person class, I encourage you to visit the HCC Online information pages. They contain a great deal of useful information about using Canvas. Here is the link to HCC Online: <http://www.hccs.edu/online/>.

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



The textbook listed below is **required** for this course. ***The Science of Psychology*** (4th edition) by Laura King (McGraw-Hill). ISBN: 9781260198805.

You may either use a print copy of the book or rent the e-book from the publisher. This course does not require you use online resources from King (McGraw-Hill). You are only required to purchase the textbook for this course. Order your book here: [HCC Bookstore](#)

Temporary Free Access to E-Book

Here is the link to get temporary free access to a digital version of the text for a limited period of time: [McGraw-Hill Connect](#).

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 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 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

The class is required to write a biography of a psychologist and critically reflect on their contributions to the field of psychology.

- Worth a maximum of 100 points.
- The written assignment makes up 20 percent or 100 points of the overall course grade. This is a major grade and impacts the overall course grade at the end of the semester.
- The written assignment will open at the start of the semester and is due on the date noted in the **Topic/What's Due** section of the course calendar.
- No credit will be awarded for an assignment that does not meet the due date.
- Please use the following guidelines.
- A **grade rubric and checklist** as well as guidelines are located in the **Written Assignment Module**.

Writing Guidelines

1. Select a psychologist whose theories you find interesting.
2. Read about the psychologist and his/her theories using the textbook, internet websites, and or books in the library.
3. In three pages or more discuss the background of the psychologist and their theory.
 - Page One "Background Information": Discuss background information including: education, country of origin, birth date (and date of death if applicable), marital status and marital information, family background information, and any other interesting information about their life such as winning a Nobel Prize. (maximum 30 points)
 - Page Two "Theory": Discuss their theory. For example: if discussing Pavlov be sure to explain his theory of classical conditioning. (maximum 30 points)
 - Page Three "Application/Critique": Discuss the importance of this theory in the field of psychology, and how this theory is applied today. If the theory is controversial, then discuss the controversies regarding the theory and arguments for and against it. For example: Kohlberg's theory is considered controversial because he had only male participants in his study which makes it challenging to apply some of his conclusions to females. (maximum 30 points)
 - Page Four "Bibliography": Cite any sources used in your paper using APA format. (maximum 10 points)
4. Please see the Writing Assignment Guidelines Checklist, and Grade Rubric located in "Written Assignment Module" of the course. This will help you in writing a successful response and to see what is expected.
5. Additional Important Information:
 - Standard English grammar, punctuation, and appropriate capitalization.
 - Times New Roman 12-point print.
 - Double spaced.
 - APA format of citation within paper (APA format) can be found on HCC Library page)
 - Bibliography using APA format
6. All comments must use "standard" English grammar, punctuation, and appropriate capitalization.
7. Please note: cutting and pasting from the internet, use of another author's thoughts

and/or words from any resource without citation in the response and a bibliography, using sentences such as "Scientists/Researchers say that..." or "According to current research" (without citing who the scientists are...what the research is...and not citing them/it) is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism is not tolerated and therefore the instructor will take academic disciplinary action. Please see the syllabus section titled academic honesty.

8. Proof of completion (must have date and time from Eagle Online/Canvas) is the responsibility of the student. Therefore, always print a copy of written work after it is posted in Eagle Online/Canvas.

**How to find written assignments:*

Click on Written Assignment Module, then scroll down to ***Click on the Written Assignment.***

Exams

There are **four major exams** given in class in this course. Each exam will have **50 multiple-choice questions**. Each question will be worth 2 points for a total of 100 points. **The lowest exam grade will be dropped**. Each exam will be worth 20% of your grade for a total of 60% of your grade for the three highest exam scores. You will need a green scantron form for each exam. HCC does not provide students with Scantron forms. They are sold in campus bookstore.

Student must be prepared to take the exams on time- I do not generally allow make-up exams.

In-Class Activities

Students will be expected to participate while in class. Any activities in class will not count towards the grade in this course, however, they will benefit learning the material for this course.

Other Assignments and Activities

There will be no assignments on Canvas that will count towards the grade in this course. On Canvas there will be videos to watch, PowerPoints that cover the course material and other information that will benefit students in the learning process for this course.

Practice Final Exam

To help students prepare for and gauge their readiness for the final exam, a practice final exam will be given in two class periods. The number of questions and testing conditions mimic the actual final exam.

- Contains 100 multiple-choice questions
- Time limit: 60 minutes for Part One and 60 minutes for Part Two
- No grade will be given for taking the final exam. Extra Credit will be given for those students who take the exam based on the score for Part One and Part Two.

Comprehensive Departmental Final Exam

All students will be required to take a comprehensive departmental final exam consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. All the information students need to prepare for the exam is in the <https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/psyc-2301-departmental-final-exam-preparation-resources>. The exam will be administered in class on the date shown in the Course Calendar. Students must provide their own Scantron forms (FORM NUMBER 882-E-LOVAS). The final exam ***may not be taken early under any circumstances.***

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

Students will have **Two Hours** to complete the final exam in this course.

Students who are absent from the final exam must discuss their absence with the instructor in advance or within 24 hours afterward. A grade of zero will be given unless documented proof for missing the exam can be provided.

Grading Formula

Grades will not be curved in this course. You will have a few opportunities for extra credit given by your instructor. Please do not ask for extra credit. At the end of the semester, all five grades will be averaged. All grades are worth 20% of your final grade.

Written Assignment(s)	20%
Exams	60%
In-Class Activities	NA
Other Assignments and Activities	NA
Practice Final Exam	Extra Credit
Comprehensive Departmental Final Exam	20%
Total	100%
Maximum Extra Credit	Up to 6% (30 points)

Grade	Total Points
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59- below

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

Course Calendar

Regular Term		
Week	Dates	Topic/What's due
1	T- 1/15 TR- 1/17	Syllabus Review Chapter One: What is Psychology?
2	M- 1/21 T-1/22 TR- 1/24	MLK Holiday Chapter Two: Research Methods Chapter Two: Research Methods
3	M- 1/28 T- 1/29 TR- 1/31	Official Day of Record Chapter Three: Biological Foundations of Behavior Chapter Three: Biological Foundations of Behavior
4	T-2/5 TR- 2/7	Exam One- Chapters One, Two and Three Chapter Six: Learning
5	T-2/12 TR- 2/14	Chapter Six: Learning Chapter Seven: Memory
6	M- 2/18 T- 2/19 TR- 2/21	Presidents Day Chapter Seven: Memory Exam Two- Chapters Six and Seven
7	T- 2/26 TR- 2/28	Chapter Nine: Human Development Chapter Nine: Human Development
8	T- 3/5 TR- 3/7	Chapter Twelve: Personality Chapter Twelve: Personality
9	T- 3/12 TR- 3/14	Spring Break- No Class
10	T- 3/19 TR- 3/21	Exam Three- Chapters Nine and Twelve
11	T-3/26 TR- 3/28	Chapter Seventeen: Health and Stress Chapter Fifteen: Psychological Disorders
12	M- 4/1 T-4/2 TR- 4/4	April 1st- Last Day to Drop Course Chapter Fifteen: Psychological Disorders Chapter Sixteen: Therapies
13	T- 4/9 TR- 4/11	Written Assignment Due on Canvas Exam Four- Chapter 15,16 and 17.
14	T- 4/16 TR- 4/18	Practice Final Exam Review Final Exam Practice Exam- Part One
15	T- 4/23 TR- 4/25	Final Exam Practice Exam- Part Two Final Exam Review
16 17	T-4/30 TR- 5/2	Final Exam Review Week Final Exam Review Week FINAL EXAM from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Thursday May 9th !!!!

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

Please note that I do not generally accept late work or offer make-up exams. However, there may be an exception made which is determined on a case-by-case basis. If you miss a major assignment, talk to me about your unique situation -but be aware that exceptions to this are rare and require very drastic circumstances or emergencies. If a make-up exam is offered, please note this is not a "retake". A make-up exam only applies to those who missed an exam.

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 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.

If it is determined that a student has committed an academic integrity offense, I will attempt to communicate with the student to determine the best course of action for that situation.

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 expected to attend all lecture classes regularly. You are also responsible for materials covered during your absences. Class attendance is monitored daily. Although it is your responsibility to drop a course for nonattendance, the instructor has the authority to drop you for excessive absences. You may be dropped from a course after accumulating absences more than 12.5 percent of the total hours of instruction (lecture and lab). For example:

- For a 3 credit-hour lecture class meeting 3 hour per week (48 hours of instruction), you can be dropped after 6 hours of absence.

Departments and programs governed by accreditation or certification standards may have different attendance policies. Administrative drops are at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to withdraw officially can result in a grade of “F” in the course.

Student Conduct

Houston Community College views college-level students as adults who subscribe to a basic standard of conduct, which requires that they not violate any municipal, state or federal laws. Furthermore, no student may disrupt or otherwise interfere with any educational activity or fellow students’ right to pursue academic goals to the fullest in an atmosphere appropriate to a community of scholars. Any student failing to abide by appropriate standards of conduct during scheduled college activities may result in disciplinary action. Students suspected of violating the student code of conduct will be subject to the disciplinary process. Students have the right to due process. For detailed information regarding violations of the student code of conduct and the disciplinary and appeal process, visit www.hccs.edu.

Instructor’s Course-Specific Information

There will be a total of five grades that make up your final grade in the course. Exams will be graded and the grades will be posted on Canvas. The written assignment and final exam grade will also be posted on Canvas.

Electronic Devices

Out of respect for your fellow students, your professor, and the educational process, all technology devices (cell / smart phones, I-pods, Laptops) must be powered down and put away, not on the desk or in your pocket, or on your lap, during class. Also, please do not take pictures of anything on the board during class. If texting, using social media, and attending to tasks other than the class material is more important than paying attention for 70 minutes, please do not come to class. If you feel you have an emergency that requires your phone to be on vibrate, please clear this with me before class begins. Students who disregard the policy will be asked to leave class and will be considered absent that day. I will not play games with this policy.

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

EGLS³

The EGLS³ (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. EGLS³ 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 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

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<http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/>

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