

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Department of Psychology Shannon Baranski

A.1 Course	PSYC 2301: General Psychology		
A.2 Hours	3-hour lecture course/3 semester credit hours/48 contact hours per semester		
A.2 Weeks	16 Week Course		
A.3 CRN	CRN # 58394		
A.4 Term	Regular Term		
A.5 Year	Spring 2018		
A.6 Day(s)	Tuesdays and Thursdays		
A.7 Time	Stafford Campus Room 318 5:30-6:40 p.m.		
A.8 Mode	In-Person		
A.9 Instructor	Shannon Baranski		
A.10 Instructor Contact Information	Shannon.baranski@hccs.edu Office Hours- Please meet with me before or after class.		
A.11 Office Location and Hours	Please feel free to contact me concerning any problems that you are experiencing in this course. You do not need to wait until you have received a poor grade before asking for my assistance.		

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	Your performance in my class is very important to me. I am available to hear your concerns and just to discuss course topics.		
A.12 Email Policy	HCCS policy requires instructors and students to communicate only through the HCCS email system. If you have not activated your HCCS student email account, click "First-time User" on this page. All emails will be answered within 24-hours during the week.		
A.13 Course Description	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, personality.		
A.14 Prerequisites	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 without having satisfied these prerequisites, you are at higher risk of failure or withdrawal than students who have done so, and you should carefully read and consider the repeater policy in the <u>HCC Student Handbook.</u>		
	B. Student Learning Outcomes		
B.1 Psychology Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)	 Define, discuss, and apply key terms and concepts that are essential to success in upper division psychology courses (e.g., abnormal psychology, history and systems ofpsychology, advanced learning theory, developmental psychology, industrial/organizationalpsychology). Outline, define, discuss, and apply the steps of the scientific method. Define, discuss, and apply key terms and concepts associated with descriptive and experimental research methods. Define, discuss, and apply psychological terms and concepts that are commonly found in news reports, self-help literature, parenting literature, and psychotherapy. 		
B.2 Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs) for all PSYC Core Courses			
B.3	1. Demonstrate knowledge of concepts, facts, and theoretical perspectives in the major sub- fields of psychology.		

PSYC 2301 Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)	 Define and identify the research methods used in psychology, including the strengthsand 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. 	
B.4 PSYC 2301 Learning Objectives	https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/psyc-course-student-learning-outcomes-and- learning-objectives/psyc-2301-course-student-learning-outcomes-and-learning-objectives	
	C. Instructional Methods and Materials	
C.1 Success in the Course	As with any three-hour course, you should expect to spend <i>at least six hours per week</i> outside of class reading and studying the material. I will provide assignments to help you use those six hours per week wisely. Additional time will be required for the written assignment. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of reading the textbook, attending class, completing assignments in Eagle Online, and participating in class discussions. 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.	
C.2 Eagle Online Canvas	This section of PSYC 2301 will use Eagle Online Canvas to supplement in-class assignments, exams, and activities. HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet and Eagle Online Canvas. Visit the page below and click "Resources for Online Students" for information about system requirements and login procedures for accessing Canvas. https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/online-resources-for-students	
C.3 Instructional Materials	TextbookKing, L. (2017). The Science of Psychology: An Appreciative View 4E. New York, NY:McGraw-Hill.Departmental Final Exam Preparation ResourcesDon't wait until the end of the semester to begin preparing for the departmental final exam.Identify the information and key terms that will appear on the exam in each chapter as you readit. You will find details about the exam and study resources on the page below.https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/psyc-2301-departmental-final-exam-preparation-resources	
C.4 Connect/ LearnSmart	Connect/LearnSmart Requirements Students who register for Connect/LearnSmart can get two weeks free access to an e-book version of the textbook. Connect/Learn Smart will not be used in this course.	

D. Exams, Assignments, and Grading Information		
D.1 Exams	 There will be four chapter exams given in this course. Each exam will have 50 multiple-choice questions. Each question will be worth 2 points for a total for each exam 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. The time limit for all chapter exams is 50 minutes. 	
D.2 Written Assignment(s)	 The written assignment in this course will contain two parts. The written part will require a group of two to write and skit about a therapist and a patient (with a specific psychological disorder, impairment or disability). The group will perform the skit in class at the end of the semester. The written assignment will be worth 20% of your grate in this course. Directions for Written Activity and Skit: Choose a partner. You may only work in groups of two. You and your partner will decide who will play the therapist and patient in the skit. Choose a psychological disorder or disability that will be diagnosed during the therapy session or that is in the process of being treated. Choose the type of therapy or therapies the therapist will be using during the session. You need to have your disorder and your method of treatment (type of therapy) improved by the instructor. You and your partner will need educate yourselves about the psychological disorder/disability chosen and they type of therapy applied. Knowledge of the disorder will need to be incorporated into the skit as to educate the audience. Please refer to the DSM-V first for complete clarification of your disorder. Write a skit about a patient going in to see a therapist for your specific psychological disorder/disability and the therapist using a specific type of therapy or therapies to treat the disorder. The skit will need to be written with plot (storyline), characters and each line the therapist and patient will say in the skit. Other information may be incorporated into the skit. The skit will heed scieng on. The written skit must be typed. Each group must turn in at least one copy of their skit. The performed skit must last for a minimum of five minutes. You will be assigned the day the skit will be performed nc lass. Failure to be present the required day your skit is scheduled will result in a loss of 25 points to that individual. <	
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• Some in-class activities may be taken for a grade or for extra credit in this course.

D.4 Graded Online Activities	No grades will be taken from Canvas.		
D.5 Other Assignments	• None		
D.6 Departmental Final Exam	 All students in PSYC 2301 are required to take a comprehensive departmental final exam consisting of 100 multiple-choice questions. The exam will be administered in class in accordance with the HCC Final Exam Schedule (See Course Calendar for date and time). All of the information students need to prepare for the exam may be found here: <u>https://learning.hccs.edu/programs/psychology/psyc-2301-departmental-final-exam-preparation-resources</u> The final exam <u>may not be taken early under any circumstances</u> Students must answer at least 50 of the 100 questions on the final exam (50%)correctly to pass the course. Students who are absent from the final exam without discussing their absence with the instructor in advance or within 24 hours afterward will receive a course grade of Incomplete. Any student who does not take a makeup exam by the end of the following long semester will receive a final exam grade of zero and a course grade of F. The final exam will be worth 20% of your grade. 		
D.7 Extra Credit	Some opportunities for extra credit may be available during the semester. Please do not ask for extra credit to increase your score.		
D.8 Grading Formula	Exams/Assignments/Other Activities Four Exams - The lowest exam score will be dropped. Written Assignment- Skit Departmental Final Exam Total- Maximum Extra Credit	Percent 60% 20% 20% 100% NA	

D.9				
HCC Grading	А	100-90%	4 points per semester	
Scale	B	89-80%	3 points per semester	
	С	79-70%	2 points per semester	
	D	69-60%	1 point per semester	
	F	<60%	0 points per semester	
	FX	Failure due to non-attendance	0 points per semester	
	IP (In Progress)		0 points per semester	
	W (Withdrawn		0 points per semester	
	I (Incomplete)		0 points per semester	
	AUD (Audit)		0 points per semester	
	IP (In Progress) is given only in certain developmental courses. The student must re-enroll to receive credit. COM (Completed) is given in non-credit and continuing education courses. To compute grade point average (GPA), divide the total grade points by the total number of semester hours attempted. The grades "IP," "COM" and "I" do not affect GPA.			
D.10 Makeup Policy	No make-up exams will be given in this course. The lowest exam grade is dropped. If you do miss an exam, that is the exam grade that will be dropped.			
D.11 Incomplete Grades	To receive a grade of Incomplete ("I"), you must have completed at least 85% if the work in the course. In all cases, the instructor reserves the right to decline a student's request to receive a grade of Incomplete.			
D.12 Syllabus Modifications	The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.			
	E. Policies, Stude	ent Services, and Student Re	esources	
E.1 Instructor Responsibilities	 Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades areto be derived Facilitate an effective learning environment through class activities, discussions, and lectures Description of any special projects or assignments Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness and make up 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 			
E.2 Student Responsibilities	 Attend class and participate in class discussions and activities 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 <u>HCCS Student Handbook</u> 			
E.3 Attendance	You are encouraged to attend each class since regular attendance correlates with good grades. Be on time and attend the entire class. If you must be absent, you are, of course, responsible for the material covered in class in your absence (see the Course Calendar). Be advised that			

	instructors must drop students who fail to attend class by the official date of enrollment ("Census Day"). In addition, instructors may drop students who miss six hours of class time. Please be on time for class. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of the class. If you are not present when attendance is called, you will be marked absent for that class period. Please remember you chose the specific time and day to take this course. If is your responsibility to come to class and be on time.	
E.4 Withdrawal	If you decide to withdraw from the course, it is your responsibility to do so online via the PeopleSoft student management system. If you need assistance, visit the counselors' office on your campus. You may wish to discuss your decision to withdraw from the class with your instructor beforehand.	
E.5 Classroom Conduct	I expect students 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 instructor or towards other students, staff or administrators) will not be tolerated, and may result in removal from the course if severe and/or repeated.	
E.6 Scholastic Dishonesty	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. Possible punishments for academic dishonesty may 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 Instruction for disciplinary disposition. Students have the right to appeal the decision.	
E.7 Use of Electronic Devices	The use of electronic devices by students in the classroom is up to the discretion of the instructor. Any use of such devices for purposes other than student learning is strictly prohibited. If an instructor perceives such use as disruptive and/or inappropriate, the instructor has the right to terminate such use. If the behavior continues, the student may be subject to disciplinary action to include removal from the classroom or referral to the dean of student services.	
E.8 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 <u>Psi Beta</u> website. For information about the HCC chapter, visit the <u>Psi Beta page</u> on the HCC Learning Web.
E.9 Psychology Department Student	Visit the <u>Psychology Department Student Resources Web Page</u> for information about and links to the items listed below. Links to other important and useful resources that contain information about HCC policies, procedures, and student resources are posted there as well.
Resources Web Page	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.
	<u>Tutoring</u> HCC provides free, confidential, and convenient academic support to HCC students in an online environment and on campus. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel to ensure that it is contextual and appropriate.
	HCC Student Handbook All students are responsible for reading and understanding the HCCS Student Handbook, which contains policies, information about conduct, and other important information.
	Student Rights. Responsibilities. and Procedures All students are responsible for reading and understanding the Student Rights, Responsibilities and Procedures.
	HCC Online Student Handbook In addition to being responsible for familiarity with the content of the HCC Student Handbook and Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Procedures, students who are taking online classes are responsible for reading and understanding the HCC Online Student Handbook, which contains policies, information about student conduct in the virtual classroom, and other important information.
	EGLS _{3 Evaluation} for Greater Learning Student Survey System
	The EGLS3 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. There are no EGLS3 surveys during the Summer semester due to logistical reasons.
	<u>Title IX Policies</u> 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 based on 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: http://www.hccs.edu/departments/institutional-equity/title-ix-know-your-rights/
	<u>Campus Carry</u>

	At HCC the safety of our students, staff, and faculty is our priority. As of August 1, 2017, Houston Community College is subject to the Campus Carry Law (SB11 2015).			
E.10 Services for Students with Disabilities	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.			
	Houston Community College provides an inclusive learning environment by removing barriers and opening access for qualified students with documented disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Ability Services is the designated office responsible for approving and coordinating reasonable accommodations and services to assist students with disabilities in reaching their full academic potential. To receive reasonable accommodations or evacuation assistance in an emergency, the student must be registered with Ability Services.			
	If you have a documented disability (e.g. learning, hearing, vision, physical, mental health, or a chronic health condition), that may require accommodations, please contact the appropriate Ability Services Office below. Please note that classroom accommodations cannot be provided prior to your Instructor's receipt of an accommodation letter and accommodations are not retroactive. Accommodations can be requested at any time during the semester, however if an accommodation letter is provided to the Instructor after the first day of class, sufficient time (1 week) must be allotted for the Instructor to implement the accommodations.			
	Services for Students with Disabilities Web Page			
	http://www.hccs.edu/support-services/disability-services/			
	Central College			
	713.718.6164 Coleman College			
	Coleman College 713-718-7376			
	Northeast College			
	713-718-8322			
	Northwest College 713-718-5422			
	713-718-5408			
	Southeast College			
	713-718-7144			
	Southwest College 713-718-5910			
	Adaptive Equipment/Assistive Technology			
	713-718-6629			
	713-718-5604			
	Interpreting and CART services 713-718-6333			
E.11	Dr. Karen Saenz			
E.11 Psychology	Karen Saenz Karen Saenz@hccs.edu			
Department Chair	713-718-7180			

F. Course Calendar

Week	Dates	Topic/What's due?	
1	1/16	Syllabus	
	1/18	Chapter 1: What is Psychology?	
		Chapter 2: Research Methods	
2	1/23	Chapter 2: Research Methods	
	1/25	Chapter 3: Biological Foundations of Behavior	
3	1/30	Chapter 3: Biological Foundations of Behavior	
	2/1	Chapter 3: Biological Foundations of Behavior	
4	2/6	Exam One- Chapter 1, 2 and 3	
	2/8	Chapter 6: Learning	
5	2/13	Chapter 6: Learning	
	2/15	Chapter 7: Human Memory	
6	2/20	Chapter 7: Human Memory	
	2/22	Exam Two- Chapter 6 and 7	
7	2/27	Chapter 9: Human Development	
	3/1	Chapter 9: Human Development	
		Last Day to Drop is Tuesday, April 3 rd	
8	3/6	Chapter 12: Personality	
	3/8	Chapter 12: Personality	
9	3/12 to 3/18	SPRING BREAK!!!!	
10	3/20	Chapter 12: Personality	
	3/22	Exam Three- Chapter 9 and 12	
11	3/27	Chapter 17: Health Psychology	
	3/29	Psychological Disorder Skit Practice	
12	4/3	Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders	
	4/5	Chapters 15: Psychological Disorders	
13	4/10	Chapter 16: Therapies	
	4/12	Chapter 16: Therapies	
14	4/17	Exam Four- Chapter 15, 16 and 17	
	4/19	Psychological Disorder Skits	
15	4/24	Psychological Disorder Skits	
	4/26	Final Exam Review	
16	5/1	Final Exam Review	
	5/3	Final Exam Review	
17	5/8	COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM	