

**University of New Mexico Valencia**

**Fall 2023 - Syllabus**

**Course:** Psychology 1110

**Meeting Location** – VAWTC - 1205

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**Course Description:** This course will introduce students to the concepts, theories, significant findings, methodologies, and terminology that apply to the field of psychology.

**Learning Goals:** Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- Explain how the scientific method and psychological research methodologies are used to study the mind and behavior.
- Recall key terms, concepts, and theories in the areas of neuroscience, learning, memory, cognition, intelligence, motivation and emotion, development, personality, health, disorders and therapies, and social psychology.
- Explain how information provided in this course can be applied to life in the real world.
- Identify the major theoretical schools of thought that exist in psychology as they relate to the self, the culture, and the society.

**Instruction:** Assignments will be posted on UNM Canvas. Weekly assignments will be posted on Canvas on Sunday and will be due the following Sunday.

Late work will only be allowed with a valid reason.

**Textbook:** Ciccarelli, S.K., & White, J Noland, Psychology an Exploration

**Technology:** A computer and internet access are required

**Attendance:** Assignments will be posted weekly. Student will be dropped if first assignment is not completed.

**Grading:** The final semester grade will be based on the following required assignments.

- 1 Reflection Paper.....15 pts
- 4 Article Response .....15 pts
- 10 Quizzes.....40 pts each
- 1 Theorist Paper .....25 pts
- Midterm Exam.....50 pts
- Final Exam.....50 pts

There are 600 possible points. Grades will be based on the following grade scale.

Grade	Grade Points	Score Range
A+	4.33	99 - 100
A	4.00	94- 98.9
A-	3.67	90 – 93.9
B+	3.33	87- 89.9
B	3.00	84 – 86.9
B-	2.67	80 – 83.9
C+	2.33	77 – 79.9
C	2.00	72 – 76.9
C-	1.67	67 – 71.9
D+	1.33	64 – 66.9
D	1.00	60 – 63.9
D-	0.67	60
F	0.00	0

**Academic Integrity:**

Having academic integrity is paramount to your success in any class. Plagiarism or cheating is not tolerated. Any instance of this will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. Here is the link to the UNM Academic Dishonesty Policy:

<https://policy.unm.edu/regents-policies/section-4/4-8.html>. The policy states:

Each student is expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty or who otherwise fails to meet the expected standards. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course.

Academic Dishonesty is defined but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the

University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records.

**Students with Disabilities:** Include a statement such as the following:

If you have a documented disability, the Equal Access Services office will provide me with a letter outlining your accommodations. I will then discuss the accommodations with you to determine the best learning environment. If you feel that you need accommodations, but have not documented your disability, the contacts of the Office of Equal Access Services is 505-925-8560 and the link is: <http://valencia.unm.edu/about/accessibility.html>

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\*Instructor reserves the right to make changes based on variation of content reviewed.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>1</b> <b>August 22 - 26</b>	<b>Introduction &amp; Review of syllabus/content</b> <b>Reflection Paper</b>
<b>2</b> <b>August 29 – Sept. 2</b>	<b>Unit 1</b> <b>Science of Psychology</b>
<b>3</b> <b>September 4 – 9 (no class Labor Day)</b>	<b>Unit 2</b> <b>Biological Perspective</b> <b>Quiz 1</b>
<b>4</b> <b>September 12-16</b>	<b>Unit 3</b> <b>Motivation</b>
<b>5</b> <b>September 19-23</b>	<b>Unit 4 - Learning</b> <b>Quiz 2</b>
<b>6</b> <b>September 26-30</b>	<b>Unit 5 - Emotion</b> <b>Theorist Paper</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Unit 6 - Cognition</b>

<b>October 3-7</b>	<b>Quiz 3</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Unit 7</b>
<b>October 10-14</b>	<b>Abnormal</b>
<b>9</b>	
<b>October 17-21</b>	<b>Midterm</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Unit 8 - Development</b>
<b>October 24-28*</b>	<b>Article Response</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Unit 9 – Motivation &amp; Emotion</b>
<b>October 31-November 4</b>	<b>Quiz 4</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Unit 10</b>
<b>November 7-11</b>	<b>Social Psychology</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Unit 11 - Theories of Personality</b>
<b>November 14 -18</b>	<b>Quiz 5</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Unit 12 - Psychological Disorders</b>
<b>November 21-25</b>	
<b>15</b>	<b>Quiz 6</b>
<b>November 28 - December 2</b>	<b>Psychological Therapies</b>
<b>16</b>	
<b>December 5 - 9</b>	<b>Final Reflection (Extra Credit)</b>
<b>December 14 - 18</b>	<b>Final Exam</b>