



PSYC 1110-503 Fall 2023

Intro Psychology

Valencia Campus – Internet Section

Professor Paul Davis, MS

#### INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

As an adjunct professor for UNM I do not have an on campus office or phone. The best way to contact me is through email ([davispaul@unm.edu](mailto:davispaul@unm.edu)). My information is available in our course; in the left-hand menu click on People then set the All Roles Drop down to Teacher, I will be the only one listed there. If you need to have a real-time conversation an appointment can be made for us to meet virtually.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

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

#### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

1. Explain how the scientific method and psychological research methodologies are used to study the mind and behavior.
2. 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.
3. Explain how information provided in this course can be applied to life in the real world.
4. Identify the major theoretical schools of thought that exist in psychology as they relate to the self, the culture, and the society.

## TEXTBOOK:

Our textbook is a free copy of OpenStax Psychology: Second Edition edited by Spellman, Jenkins, and Lovett.

It can be accessed at [THIS](#) website, downloaded as a PDF file to be accessed offline, or purchased as a hard copy (new for \$34.50 or used as cheap as \$26). The link to purchase a print copy is on the page that the book link opens onto.

No additional materials will need to be purchased. During the semester various online resources will be accessed, however it will not be necessary to purchase any offered products or services in order to pass the class.

## GRADING:

This course has 9 assignments worth a total of 1,000 points. There is no weighting, where some “points” are worth more than others. In my class a point is a point is a point.

- Grade Calculation:

0 to 699 Points	-- F
700 to 799 Points	-- C
800 to 899 Points	-- B
900+ Points	-- A

I do not give a grade of D.

As a Professor, I do not deal in any plus or minus grades.

- Assignments and Point Values:

Week 1 Assignment	55 Points
Week 2 to Week 8 Assignments	110 Points each x 7 = 770 Possible
Final Project	175 Points
Total Possible	1,000 Points

## COURSE OUTLINE:

Dates:	Chapters	Calendar Notes
10-16 to 10-22	1 – Introduction to Psychology	Weekly Assignments are due on Fridays at 11:59 pm.
10-23 to 10-29	2 – Psychological Research 3 – Biopsychology	10-27: Last day to drop with no “W” and a full tuition refund.
10-30 to 11-5	4 – States of Consciousness 5 – Sensation and Perception	

11-6 to 11-12	6 – Learning 7 – Thinking and Intelligence	
11-13 to 11-19	8 – Memory 9 – Lifespan Development	
11-20 to 11-26	10 – Emotion and Motivation 11 – Personality	11-24: Last day to drop on LoboWeb. Friday due date still applies this week.
11-27 to 12-3	12 – Social Psychology 14 – Stress Lifestyle and Health	Don't forget to skip Ch. 13
12-4 to 12-10	15 – Psychological Disorders 16 – Therapy and Treatment	12-7: Last day to drop, need Dean permission form.
12-11 to 12-16	Final Exam week for the University.	No exam in this course. Last day to submit work with a late penalty is Tuesday, 12-12.

For all important academic dates related to the fall semester please click [HERE](#).

#### LATE SUBMISSION POLICY:

All deadlines for this course are on Friday night at 11:59 pm. The standard to determine if a submission will be considered on time is the time stamp given to the assignment by Canvas. All submissions that are time stamped after the deadline will be penalized. The standard is 30% of the point value of the assignment will be immediately lost (this will be rounded DOWN to the nearest 5 points. Students that communicate with me MAY receive consideration for exigent circumstances.

The last day to submit any course work will be Tuesday 12-12-2023 at 11:59 pm. After that time no credit will be given even if you manage to submit the work on the site.

#### SUBMISSION FORMATS:

- You are free to work in the Word Processor of your choice (Docs, Pages, Word).
- All work should be saved and submitted as a Microsoft Word .doc or .docx file.
- I accept work as a PDF with a 10% penalty.
- I cannot open documents written in Pages.
- I do not open any links to a Google doc.

#### DROPPING THIS COURSE:

Dropping a course is a process that happens either on LoboWeb or in the office of the Registrar. If you are enrolled in this class and just stop submitting assignments that will not remove you

from the class. The result of that would be a failing grade on your transcript. In order to not receive a failing grade you will need to visit the Registrar or else drop the course on LoboWeb.

#### 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. Click [Here](#) for the UNM Academic Dishonesty Policy. 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 as:

*"Academic dishonesty" includes, 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.*

An additional note that is not a part of that policy that I am sure will be at some point in the near future. The use ChatGPT and other such bots to create assignments will be considered to be academic dishonesty and will be reported to the University as such.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

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, please contact Sarah Clawson, the coordinator for Equal Access Services at 925-8840 or [sjclawson@unm.edu](mailto:sjclawson@unm.edu).

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION:

In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered "responsible employees" by the Department of Education (see page 15 - [Title IX Handbook](#)). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity ([oeo.unm.edu](http://oeo.unm.edu)). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see this page in the [University Policies Handbook](#).

**STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND EMAIL:**

Please check your contact information in Banner and keep it updated. As a reminder official policy is that you need to use your UNM address for all email communication with me.