

University of New Mexico Valencia
Syllabus
Spring 2023

Course: Psychology 1110 -501

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 Response15 pts
- 10 Quizzes.....40 pts each
- 1 Theorist Paper25 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 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.

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 are 505-925-8560 and the link is: <http://valencia.unm.edu/about/accessibility.html>

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 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>). 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). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>.

Faculty Resource: Over one hundred instructors across all UNM campuses have appreciated the information on designing a welcoming and equitable syllabus offered by the Student Experience Project (see: <https://studentexperienceproject.org/firstdaytoolkit/>) and have boosted academic outcomes and positive engagement by using all of the UNM-tested research-based approaches on the SEP Resource Hub.

Support: Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) at (505) 277-3136. If you are having active respiratory symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) AND need testing for COVID-19; OR if you recently tested positive and may need oral treatment, call SHAC.

LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center (505) 277-2911 can offer help with contacting faculty and managing challenges that impact your UNM experience.

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

Week	Topic
1 January 17 – 20 (No Class January 16)	Introduction & Review of syllabus/content
2 January 23-27	Unit 1 Science of Psychology Quiz 1
3 January 30-February 3	Unit 2 Biological Perspective Quiz 2
4 February 6-10	Unit 3 Motivation Quiz 3
5 February 13-17	Unit 4 Learning Quiz 4
6	Unit 5

February 20-24	Emotion
7 February 27-March 3	Unit 6 Cognition Quiz 6
8 March 6 -10	Unit 7 Midterm
9 March 13 – 17	Spring Break
10 March 20 - 24	Unit 8 Social Psychology Quiz 7
11 March 27 - 31	Unit 9 Motivation & Emotion
12 April 3 - 7	Unit 10 Social Psychology Quiz 8
13 April 10 – 14	Unit 11 Theories of Personality Quiz 9
14 April 17 - 21	Unit 12 Psychological Disorders/Therapies
15 April 24 – 28	Unit 13 Developmental Quiz 10
16 May 1 - 5	Final Reflection (Extra Credit)
May 8 - 13	Final Exam

