



PSYC 1110-503 Summer 2024

Intro Psychology

Valencia Campus

Professor Paul Davis, MS

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office hours this semester are for 30 minutes after each lecture in Room 133. If this does not work for you then please use email (davispaul@unm.edu) to arrange a virtual or in-person appointment.

COURSE LOCATION AND MEETING TIMES:

Arts and Sciences Building – Room 133

Mon and Wed – 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

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 Essentials of Psychology by Saul Kassin, Gregory J. Privitera, and Krisstal Clayton. It is the First Edition and was Published in 2022. It can be rented or purchased from Sage as an eBook [HERE](#), or by using the UNM bookstore. In the course there is a file with additional details on our course text.

No additional materials will be needed. 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:

- Assignments

1 Assignment of 50 points	= 50
8 Assignments of 100 points each	= 800
1 Final exam of 150 Points	= 150
TOTAL	= 1,000

No categories, no weighting (a point is a point is a point).

- Grade Calculation:

0 to 699 Points	-- F
700 to 779 Points	-- C
800 to 879 Points	-- B
900 to 979 Points	-- A
980 + Points	-- A+

I do not give a grade of D.

- Assignments and Point Values:

Week 1 Assignment	50 Points
Weeks 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 Assignments	100 Points each x 5 = 500 Possible
Flex Assignments	100 Points each x 3 = 300 Possible
Final Exam	150 Points
Total Possible	1,000 Points

COURSE OUTLINE:

	Dates:	Chapters Covered	Calendar Notes
1	June 3 & 5	Chapter 1: Psychology and Its Methods Chapter 2: Behavioral Neuroscience	Week 1 Assignment due. All Assignments are due on Fridays. Fri 6-7: Last day to Add.
2	June 10 & 12	Chapter 3: Sensation and Perception Chapter 4: Consciousness	Week 2 Assignment due. Monday 6-10: Last day to DROP (attempt will not appear on your transcript).
3	June 17 No Wed class.	Chapter 5: Learning	Week 3 Assignment.
4	June 24 & 26	Chapter 6: Memory Chapter 7: Thought, Language, and Intelligence	Week 4 Assignment due.
5	July 1 & 3	Chapter 8: Personality Chapter 9: Lifespan Development and Its Contexts	Week 5 Assignment due.
6	July 8 & 10	Chapter 10: Social and Cultural Influences Chapter 11: Motivation and Emotion	Week 6 Assignment due. AND Flex Assignment #2 due. 7-12: Last day to Withdraw on LoboWeb.
7	July 15 & 17	Chapter 12: Health, Stress, and Wellness Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders	Week 7 Assignment due.
8	July 22 & 24	Chapter 14: Treatment and Interventions Review Final Exam	Week 8 Assignment due. Final Exam on Wed. 7-25: Last day to Withdraw, need Dean permission.
	July 28	Last Day to submit work for credit.	SUNDAY at NOON

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

LATE SUBMISSION POLICY:

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

The last day to submit any course work will be Sunday 7-28-2024 at NOON. After that time no credit will be given even if you manage to submit the work on Canvas.

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 and I do not open any links to a Google doc.

DROPPING THIS COURSE:

Dropping a course or Withdrawing from 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 accommodation(s). 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.

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). 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.