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**Course Syllabus
Fall 2023 Hybrid
PSYC2301 General Psychology
(3 credit hours)**

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Availability:

My office hours are **CLARENDON: MW 8-9am, MW 10-11am, MW 1:30-3:30, F 10-11am, PAMPA: T 10-11am (Central Time)**. If these times are not convenient or you, please let me know. I will be happy to accommodate your schedule, if possible. I provide you with these times to make it easier to communicate with me, and not to limit our contact.

Schedule Appointment:

Scan QR Code



Main method with issues that can be answered within 24 hours

OpenLMS Messenger: Send me a private message through the **Participants** feature located on the **Course Dashboard**. Once I respond, you will see it listed in the **Messages** block located on the **Course Dashboard** as well as your **My Courses** page. You can open it and reply if appropriate.

Methods if you have a time-sensitive issue

If you have a time-sensitive issue, during the day between 8:00 am and 3:30, you may call me at 806-874-4829. Please be mindful of the time. I can also be reached via email at lauraine.paul@clarendoncollege.edu

For emergencies, please send a message to my Clarendon College email. If the network is down, please send an email to my personal email address. lauraine@email.phoenix.edu

Online Course website:

P.O. Box 968 / Clarendon, Texas 79226 / 806-874-3571 x132

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This online course uses Moodle as its online course management program. All instructions, tutorials, exams, and assignments are provided at the course website. All assignments will be submitted there. Due dates for all assignments are listed on the "Course Schedule" at the end of the syllabus.

Most communication between you and your instructor and fellow classmates will be handled in Moodle through the "Messages" feature and discussion forums. You will be able to log into the course website once you have officially registered for the course and once you have been added to the course website. The course website will become available by the first day of the semester. If you register late, you will generally have access to the course within 24 hours after you register. In order to be successful in completing this 3-credit hour course, you should plan to spend between **6-9 hours per week** on the course.

The information explaining how to log into your course website can be obtained by going to [Clarendon College's](#) home page, and clicking the **Online Classes** button. If you have any difficulty logging in, email our help desk at: administrator@clarendoncollege.edu

Required Enrollment Verification Activity

Students who fail to complete the Syllabus Agreement EVA (Enrollment Verification Activity) by the official census date may not be able to continue in the course. This could result in an F for the course and forfeiture of Financial Aid. The census date for this term can be found on the Academic Calendar located at the Inside CC link on Clarendon College's home page. The Syllabus Agreement EVA is located in the Class Orientation section of your course.

Required Instructional Materials:

Spielman, R. M., Jenkins, W.J., Lovett, M. D. (2020). Psychology (2ed). Houston, TX: OpenStax Rice University.

Open Education Resource:

Students will use OpenStax textbook which is a FREE electronic textbook which never expires. If students prefer a hard copy of the text, they can purchase it for \$38.50 from our bookstore.

The following steps will bring you to the online material:

1. Go to <https://openstax.org/>
2. Click the "subjects" link at the top of the page
3. Click the Subject of the book you would like to view **Social Science**
4. Click on the book cover **Psychology**
5. Once there, you can choose to view the entire textbook as a .pdf or on the web. You can also download the .pdf to your own computer.

Course Description:

General Psychology is a survey of major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.



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Statement of Purpose:

This course satisfies the Behavioral Sciences requirement of the core curriculum. It also partially satisfies the requirements for Psychology majors and is fully transferable to a senior college or University.

Methods of Instruction:

This course is a hybrid course which means instruction will occur both face-to-face instruction along with the use of OpenLMS as the online platform. In order to be successful in completing this 3-credit hour course, you should plan to spend between 6-9 hours per week on the course. You **MUST regularly attend the face-to-face** instruction to receive full credit for the course.

Core Objectives:

- **Critical thinking skills** –to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communication skills** –to include effective written, oral, and visual communication
- **Empirical and quantitative skills**–to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social responsibility** – to include intercultural competency, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

Course Expectations:

- You may expect a response time from me any day (24hrs) except Friday 6p-Sunday 12p for messages or email, and perhaps three to four days for Forum grades.
- Etiquette expectations (netiquette) for all types of communication: You are expected to take responsibility in helping to maintain a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Please be polite and maintain a professional tone in your writing. NO abusive language will be tolerated in this course.
- **NO LATE** assignments will be accepted.



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Computer/Technology Requirement:

This course uses a variety of web resources that require a good Internet connection and an up-to-date browser. You should use the latest version of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, or Internet Explorer. Other technology requirements will be listed in your Moodle course.

Grading Policies:

The final grade in this course will be determined by the following:

- Activity (25) 25%
- Discussion (21) 25%
- Tests (4) 35%
- Projects (3) 15%

Grading Scale

The final semester grades will be figured as set in the current catalog:

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percentage	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	59>

Grades earned for each graded activity will be available in OpenLMS. Your official final grade will be made available through your Student Portal at Clarendon College's website.

Personal Policies

Due Dates, Attendance, and Make-up policy:

Regular weekly attendance is mandatory in all online courses. Specific activities will be identified on the course schedule that must be completed for students to be considered "in attendance." Attendance will be posted to the Student Portal.

Failure to complete these assignments can result in forfeiture of Financial Aid and failure of the class.

Due dates will be given in plenty of time allowing students to work ahead. If you participation in school activity that may conflict with due dates, you are required to make arrangements prior to the day of absence. **NO LATE assignments will be accepted.**

My personal attendance policy:

For this course, I will submit an **attendance report each class and on census date**. Students can be placed on academic probation or lose financial aid for chronic non-attendance or failure to progress through the course assignments.



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College Policies

Academic Integrity Policy:

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense.

Academic dishonesty violations include, but are not limited to: (1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given; (3) observing the work of another during an examination or providing answers to another during the course of an examination; (4) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment; (5) entering an office, classroom, laboratory, or building to obtain unfair advantage; (6) taking an examination for another person; (7) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (8) altering grade records; (9) using any unauthorized form of an electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; and/or, (10) plagiarism. (Plagiarism is defined as the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person's work without proper credit. This includes, but is not limited to, turning in a paper purchased or acquired from any source, written by someone other than the student claiming credit, or stolen from another student.)

Students are responsible for reporting known acts of academic dishonesty to a faculty member, the program coordinator, the associate Vice President, and/or Vice President. Any student with knowledge of a violation who fails to report it shall him/herself be in violation and shall be considered to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Additionally, any student who reports him/herself in violation of this code before it is likely that another might consider this possibility will be understood as repentant and acting in good faith. Though the confession will not excuse the student for the violation, the confession will be considered and the violation should not result in suspension from school except in the most extreme cases.

While academic integrity and honesty are the responsibility of the individual student, each individual faculty member, teaching assistant, and/or laboratory instructor is responsible for classroom management and for maintaining ethical behavior within the classroom and/or laboratory. Faculty who discover or suspect a violation should discuss the matter with the suspected violator(s) and attempt to resolve the case at that point. In cases of convincing evidence, the faculty member should take appropriate action. The faculty member and student should complete a Counseling Sheet regarding the violation. (The Counseling Sheet should contain at a minimum the date and time of the violation, the course, the instructor's name, the student's name, an explanation of the infraction or facts of the case, and the resolution to the incident.) This form should be signed by the student, faculty member, program coordinator, and the Vice President of Students. The Vice President of Students will maintain a file on all violations. If a faculty member prefers to report the case directly to the Vice President of Students, it remains his/her prerogative to do so. Additionally, if the faculty member and the accused student cannot reach a resolution or if the faculty member believes that suspension from school is the only fair sanction, the case should immediately be reported by the faculty member, in writing, to the Vice President of Students. If the Vice President of Students observes any trends in student behavior which involve more than one violation or act of academic dishonesty, the Vice President is responsible for notifying all faculty members involved, for contacting the student(s) involved, and after consultation with the faculty member(s) involved for taking the



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appropriate action. The Vice President of Students is responsible for the timely notification (normally within two weeks) to all parties of an action taken.

Students wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision involving academic integrity or acts of academic dishonesty may do so through the Student Appeals and Grievance Procedure.

Withdrawing from (Dropping) the Course:

A student who is enrolled in a developmental course for TSI purposes may not drop his/her only developmental course unless the student completely withdraws from the college. A student may drop any other course with a grade of "W" any time after the census date for the semester and on or before the end of the 12th week of a long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar. The request for permission to drop a course is initiated by the student by procuring a drop form from the Office of Student Services. (Refer to other policies concerning this issue in the current college catalog online.)

Whether to drop a class or not requires a lot of thought. According to Texas state law a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, **students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses** throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6th dropped class, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

Withdrawal from College:

When a student finds it necessary to withdraw from school before the end of the semester, he or she should obtain a withdrawal form from the Office of Student Services. Students may also withdraw from the college by sending a written request for such action to the Registrar's Office. The request must include the student's signature, the student's current address, social security number and course information details. Students who withdraw after the census date for the semester and on or before the end of the 12th week of a long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar will be assigned a grade of "W."

American with Disabilities Act Statement:

Clarendon College provides reasonable accommodations for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities. Should you require special accommodations, notify the Office of Student Services (806-874-3571 or 800-687-9737). We will work with you to make whatever accommodations we need to make. Forms can be found at <https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/accommodations>

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights and Responsibilities are listed on the College website at:

<http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Student%20Services/StudentRightsResponsibilities.pdf>

The role of Clarendon College is to encourage individuals of all ages to develop their skills and talents based on their abilities and interests, so that collectively they may contribute to the growth and development of this



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democracy. College policies, procedures, and regulations are formulated to promote an appropriate teaching and learning environment where each student has the freedom to learn and where the constitutional rights of others are protected.

The concept of rights and freedom, no matter how basic or widely accepted, carries with it corresponding responsibilities. Students, as well as other members of the college community, enjoy the same constitutional and civil rights guaranteed all citizens; at the same time, they are subject to the laws of the nation, the State of Texas, and the local community. All members of the college community have a strong responsibility to protect and maintain an academic climate in which the freedom to learn can be enjoyed by all. To this end, certain basic regulations and policies have been developed to govern the behavior of students as members of the college community.

Violations of student conduct regulations will be handled through the Office of the Vice President of Student Services. Violations of federal, state, and/or local laws make a student subject to civil or criminal action in addition to disciplinary action by the College. Each student is responsible for knowing the policies and regulations of the College.

Freedom of Expression

The rights of free speech and peaceable assembly are fundamental to the democratic process. The College supports the rights of students of the college community to express their views and opinions on actions or ideas, to associate freely with others, and to assemble peacefully.

Whether expressing themselves as individuals or in organized groups, members of the college community are expected to conduct themselves responsibly, according to law, and to respect the basic educational goals of the College. Accordingly, the College insists that free expression not violate the rights of others. Disruption of the educational process and functions of the College, or violation of law, would constitute such a violation.

Students wishing to assemble must complete an official request with the Vice-President of Student Services. The institution reserves the right to determine the time and location of such assemblies in order to ensure that the educational process is not disrupted. The use of amplified equipment is prohibited in student assembly and speech. The institution will not tolerate hate speech, defined as "...the lewd and obscene, the profane, the libelous, and the insulting or 'fighting' words – those which by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite and immediate breach of the peace." (Chaplinsky vs State of New Hampshire, 315 U.S. 568, 1942)

Freedom of Access

Within the limits of its resources, Clarendon College shall be open to all applicants who are qualified according to current admission requirements. Clarendon College does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, mental or physical disabilities, age, or sex in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, employment, financial aid, and educational services, programs, and activities.

Freedom of Association

Students are free to associate to promote their common interests. They have the right to seek, through official procedures, and establish organizations of their choosing so long as such are not in conflict with the educational purposes of the College. Students have the right to affiliate with officially recognized campus organizations of their choice, within the requirements of those organizations relative to membership.



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Academic Rights of Students

The College has the responsibility of providing a program of quality education in keeping with its financial resources; students have protection through campus-designed procedures against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. Student performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students are responsible for completing their academic program, being familiar with all requirements of the College Catalog, and for maintaining their grade point average for degree requirements.

Student Records

Student records are maintained in confidence and in compliance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission retention schedule. Student records are used to promote the instruction, career development, guidance, and educational progress of the student. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, as amended, the student has access to specific information contained in his or her official records as specified by that act. Student records may be released to other persons, agencies, or institutions with a demonstrated interest in the student only if a written release has been signed by the student. College staff shall have access to student records when there is a demonstrated educational interest in the student.

Student Participation in Institutional Decision-Making

The primary route of Clarendon College students in decision-making is through participation in the Student Government Association (SGA). Students also may be invited to serve on one of the various institutional committees. Student opinion of food services, student housing, student activities, etc., are gathered from a number of surveys. All student input, whether it be through organized clubs, committees, or questionnaires, is given serious consideration as suggestions for change in and improvement of the College.

Student Responsibilities

The Board of Regents of Clarendon College expects employees, students, visitors, and guests of the College to accept the following responsibilities:

- (1) Compliance with and support of duly constituted civil authority,
- (2) Respect for the rights of others and cooperation to ensure that such rights are maintained, whether or not one agrees with the views of those exercising such rights.
- (3) Cooperation to ensure that the will of the majority is implemented after due consideration, but not to include the suppression of the minority,
- (4) To exercise disagreement in a responsible manner and within a framework compatible with the orderly resolution of differences.
- (5) Knowledge of and active support of college regulations.
- (6) A person who is required to register under the Code of Criminal Procedures 62.152 must register not later than the seventh day after the date on which the person begins to attend school to the Director of Student Life as well as any other local law enforcement agencies as required by Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.



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Other Important dates to remember:	
<i>Last day to Drop</i>	8/21
<i>Financial Settlement</i>	8/24
<i>Census Day</i>	8/31
Labor Day: NO SCHOOL	9/4
<i>Constitution Day (Celebrated)</i>	9/15
Columbus & Indigenous People's Day: NO SCHOOL	10/9
<i>Midterms</i>	10/16-10/20
<i>Last day to Withdraw</i>	11/3
Thanksgiving Break: NO SCHOOL	11/20-11/26
<i>Commencement Ceremony</i>	12/1
<i>Finals</i>	12/4-12/6
<i>End of Semester (Grades Posted to Transcript) 2p</i>	12/8



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PSYC2301 General Psychology <i>The course schedule is tentative and subject to change.</i> <i>** Activities used to determine attendance**</i>	
Week 1: 8/16-8/20 Introductions	DUE DATES
EVA	8/18
Syllabus Quiz	8/18
Contact Info	8/18
Backup Plan	8/20
Proper Message	8/20
**Autobiography	8/20
Plagiarism Quiz	8/20
Week 2: 8/21-8/27 Introduction of Psychology	
** Psychology Careers Discussion	8/24
Maslow Hierarchy of Needs Activity	8/24
Reflection	8/27
Week 3: 8/28-9/3 Research Methods	
**Conducting Research Activity	8/28
Research Study Discussion	8/31
Reflection	9/3
Week 4: 9/4-9/10 Biopsychology/Neuroscience	
NO SCHOOL: Labor Day 9/4	
THEORIST POWERPOINT	9/7
Student Feedback	9/7
Cerebral Cortex Discussion	9/10
**Steroid Use Activity	9/10
Reflection	9/10
Week 5: 9/11-9/17 States of Consciousness	
Guided Meditation Activity	9/14
Homicidal Sleepwalking Discussion	9/14
**Sleep Log	9/17
Reflection	9/17
UNIT 1 TEST	9/18



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Week 6: 9/18-9/24 Sensation and Perception	
Synthesis Discussion	9/21
**Gestalt Principles Activity	9/21
Reflection	9/24
Week 7: 9/25-10/1 Learning	
**Stimulus and Response Activity	9/28
Bobo Doll Experiment Discussion	9/28
Reflection	10/1
Week 8: 10/2-10/8 Intelligence and Language	
Divergent/Convergent Activity	10/5
**Theories of Intelligence Discussion	10/5
Creativity Test Activity	10/5
Reflection	10/8
Week 9: 10/9-10/15 Memory	
NO CLASS: Columbus Day 10/9	
Mnemonics Activity	10/12
**Eyewitness Testimony Discussion	10/12
Reflection	10/15
UNIT 2 TEST	10/15-16
Week 10: 10/16-10/22 Motivation and Emotion	
**Intrinsic/Extrinsic Motivation Activity	10/19
Hookup Culture in College	10/19
Body Language Discussion	10/19
Reflection	10/22
Week 11: 10/23-10/29 Personality	
Myers Briggs Activity	10/26
Personality Test Discussion	10/26
**Defense Mechanism Activity	10/26
Reflection	10/29
CRITICAL THINKING PAPER	10/29
Week 12: 10/30-11/5	



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Social Psychology	
**Bystander Discussion	11/2
Breaking Social Norms Activity	11/2
Psychology of Evil Discussion	11/2
Reflection	11/5
UNIT 3 TEST	11/5-11/6
Week 13: 11/6-11/12	
Stress, Lifestyle, Health	
**Stress Reduction Discussion	11/9
Happiness Activity	11/9
Reactions to Stress Discussion	11/9
Reflection	11/12
Week 14: 11/13-11/19	
Psychological Disorders and Treatments	
Personality Disorder	11/16
Reflection	11/19
Thanksgiving Break 11/21-11/25	
Week 15: 11/27-12/1	
Therapy and Treatment	
Antidepressant Discussion	11/28
**Listening and Reflection Activity	11/28
Therapist Activity	11/28
Classroom feedback	12/1
FINALS : 12/4-12/6	
**FINAL UNIT 4 TEST	
Institutional Feedback	