



UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology Syllabus

Instructor and Class Information

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Course Information

Course Number	PSY 111
Course Title	Introduction to Psychology

Course Description

A survey of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. This course is a comprehensive study of the basic concepts of psychology, history of psychological thought, and an overview of psychological theories with emphasis on practical information for healthy living skills.

Total Credits 3.00

Textbooks

Pastorino, E. & Doyle-Portillo, S. (2012). *What is psychology?* (3rd ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
ISBN: 978-1-111-134366-8

Course Objectives

1. **Demonstrate historical knowledge of the science of psychology.**
2. **Utilize psychological terminology in written and oral communication.**
3. **Research a psychological topic and prepare a computer-generated paper.**
4. **Articulate an understanding of psychological theories.**
5. **Compare and contrast cultural differences and similarities in psychological development between social classes/groups, including Native American culture, in the United States.**

Institutional Learning Outcomes:

1. **Communication** Exhibit effective oral and written communication.
2. **Critical Thinking** Analyze information from diverse sources.
3. **Personal & Social Responsibility** Demonstrate skills necessary for living and working in a global society.
4. **Quantitative & Scientific Reasoning** Develop solutions to mathematical and scientific problems.

Instructor Grading Information

Daily Participation	3.5 points @ 40 days for a total of 140 pts
10 Homework Assignments	20 pts each 200
10 Journals	10 pts each 100
10 In-Class Assignments/Quizzes	10 pts each 100
4 Exams	100 pts each 400
Term Paper	100 pts
Final Activity	60 pts

Total points 1100

1. Grading Scale

Grade	Percentage
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
Failing	Below 60%

2. Communication

All students are required to regularly check their MyUTTC account to obtain information on course assignments, detailed instructions, and announcements. Students are expected to check their student account regularly for any updates or coursework changes. It is important to provide the instructor and/or academic advisor with your current email address, phone numbers and alternate contact information. Class cancellations, emergency information, or other announcements can be conveyed in a timely manner if we have your current contact information.

Communication is key to your success. Please inform me as soon as possible in the event of an emergency if you must miss an exam or extended period of classes. I will accommodate you to the best of my abilities in academic integrity, if I am made aware of circumstances that may prevent you from attending class and completing work by the due date in advance.

3. Attendance Policy

Attendance and completion of assigned readings is the equivalent of participation since your ideas and your work with classmates contribute to everyone's understanding and achievement. Significant tardiness will be considered an absence. If you arrive late, you may be considered absent for that class period.

Every student is responsible for obtaining the necessary information required in the event of an absence. It is the student's responsibility to contact one of their peers to obtain information concerning assignments, handouts, and any changes or announcements.

Your grade will be impacted by the frequency and quality of participation in class. **Approximately 10% of your final grade is based upon your participation, which requires your attendance, in this course.**

4. Policy for Late Submission

Each student is responsible for obtaining the necessary information required in the event of an absence. It is the student's responsibility to contact one of his or her peers to obtain information concerning assignments, handouts, and any changes or announcements.

The assignments and course requirements (homework) must be completed by the due date and are collected at the beginning of the class period. If an assignment is not handed in at the beginning of the class period, it is considered late. Late work will not receive full credit if it is accepted at all. All late work (if prior arrangements have been approved by the instructor) must be personally handed to the instructor. The amount of points deducted for late work is at the discretion of the instructor.

Students have one week to take a missed exam, provided you communicate with me before missing the exam. This can be done via email. After this time, a 3-page paper in APA format on the chapters covered in the exam will be required in place of the exam, for which you can only receive 70% credit. Late term papers will be deducted at 10 points (10%, one letter grade) per business day they are late. Homework assignments and journals will be deducted at 10% of the total point value per class period they are late. It is imperative that exams and assignments are completed on time in order to be successful in this course.

5. Cell Phone

Out of respect for the other students and the instructor, it is **required** that cell phones are **turned off and put away** during class times. If the student is expecting an important phone call (e.g. case worker, Housing, clinic), the instructor must be informed ahead of time and the cell phone set to a silent ring. If such a phone call is received during class time, the student will answer the call by quietly removing him or herself from the classroom. **Texting during class is not acceptable.** Students may not use class time to check social media accounts, voicemail, and/or personal emails. **Use of cell phones in class will not be tolerated and will result in the student being asked to leave class for the remainder of that class period. This will count as an absence and result in a full deduction of participation points for that day.**

6. Student Behavior

UTTC students will conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner at all times in the classroom, in the hallways, in the Library, the Cafeteria, and any other location on campus. Student behavior that interferes with learning in the classroom will not be tolerated. This behavior includes chronic tardiness, threatening confrontations, intoxication, inappropriate physical contact, lewd or disrespectful language or gestures directed at the instructor or at fellow students, bullying, direct or indirect intimidation, and conversations with other students that are not related to classroom topics.

Faculty are expected to maintain professional management of classroom activities prior to, during and after class times. As such, if a student demonstrates behavior that disrupts or interferes with classroom activities, an instructor reserves the right to ask the student to leave the classroom, to contact campus security, to request mediation by the academic department chair or an academic/personal counselor, or to file a formal complaint subject to a student disciplinary hearing.

7. Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is the term for taking credit for work that is not your own. This means you cannot take material from articles, books or websites you find in the library and present it as your own work; you cannot let your friends prepare your assignments for you; and you cannot copy an assignment from a student who took the same course in another semester. Plagiarism is taken seriously because this is a place for learning and new ideas; your assignments are evidence of your learning, your original ideas.

Providing work that is not your own, or that is not unique to the assignment, is inappropriate as a form of dishonesty. The consequences of plagiarism are serious: you will be given an F on the specific assignment, or the entire course, at the instructor's discretion. If you need advice on how to appropriately cite the work of others, please ask. As long as you acknowledge an idea is not your own, and provide the original source, it is generally not plagiarism.

Examples of violations of academic integrity are lying about the reason for an absence, or signing someone else's name to a sign-in sheet when they were not present. Please keep in mind that students generally ask their instructors for recommendations, whether for jobs or for scholarships.

8. Students with Disabilities

United Tribes Technical College recognizes its responsibility for making reasonable accommodations to ensure there is no discrimination on the basis of a disability. The Disabilities Services Office coordinates reasonable accommodations, support services, and appropriate referrals for the purpose of removing barriers and providing an equitable learning environment. If you have a disability, please contact the Disabilities Services (DS) office located in the Education Building Room 123 and speak to the DS Coordinator. The Coordinator can also be reached at (701) 255-3285, ext. 1516.

Class Schedule

Date/Session	Lesson Plan	Journals Due on Wednesday
Week 1	Introduction / Syllabus	
Week 2	No Class Monday, Jan. 15, MLK Jr. Day Chapter 1: What is Psychology?	Journal #1 Due
Week 3	Chapter 1 Continued	Journal #2 Due
Week 4	Exam #1	
Week 5	Chapter 11: Social Psychology	Journal #3 Due
Week 6	Chapter 11 continued	Journal #4 Due
Week 7	No Class Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents' Day Exam #2	
Week 8	Chapter 12: Heath, Stress, & Coping	Journal #5 Due
Week 9	Chapter 12 continued Begin Term Paper	Journal #6 Due
Week 10	SPRING BREAK!!!	
Week 11	Term Paper Due Friday, March 23	
Week 12	No Class Good Friday, March 30 Chapter 14: Psychological Disorders	
Week 13	No Class Easter Monday, April 2 Chapter 14 Continued	Journal #7 Due
Week 14	Exam #3	Journal #8 Due
Week 15	Chapter 4: Consciousness	Journal #9 Due
Week 16	Chapter 4 continued	Journal #10 Due
Week 17	Exam #4 & FINAL ACTIVITY	

***Instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule as she deems appropriate.**