

North Central Kansas Central Technical College

General Psychology - Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course Number: SS 100
Course title: General Psychology – Online
Semester Credits: 3
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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of the basic principles of behavior and the factors which influence it. Emphasis is placed on the relationship of these principles to the problems of everyday life.

Text

Hockenbury, D. H., & Hockenbury, S.E. (2008). *Discovering Psychology* (4th ed.). New York: Worth Publishers.

Course Goals

(100-level) courses are meant to be introductions to the topic. Therefore, SS 100 is an introduction to psychology. As with most introductory classes, emphasis is going to be placed on ideas and theories rather than facts and dates. It is the goal of the course to provide you with a basic understanding and appreciation for psychology, along with simple applications of its theories in everyday life. Emphasis will be placed on personality and interpersonal communications. Often, a topical approach will be taken with many of the chapters of the text. Important life-concepts will be provided as a framework for discussion and implementation. Finally, students will be required to learn and apply the material rather than just memorize facts and knowledge.

Objectives

1. Students will be able to discuss the history of the field of psychology.
2. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of research methods in psychology.
3. Students will be able to identify stages of prenatal and childhood development.
4. Students will be able to identify stages of adolescent and adult development.
5. Students will be able to discuss human psychological growth and development.
6. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the following areas of psychology: motivation, learning, memory, intelligence, perception and altered states of consciousness.
7. Students will be able to discuss personality theory and psychological therapies.
8. Students will be able to understand how biology impacts behavior.
9. Students will understand the role of stress on a person's health and be able to utilize stress management techniques.
10. Students will be able to describe information concerning gender issues and sexuality as it pertains to psychology.

Late Work

Late work is NOT accepted. Weekly assignments are due on Sunday nights by 11:55 p.m. Weekly quizzes, assignments and discussion will not be accepted after the deadline. Discussions will remain active during the course but, credit will not be awarded for late submissions

Grading:

Course Component	Point Value
Quizzes (14 @ 30 pts each)	420
Discussion	75
Exercises	80
Portfolio	60
Total Points	635

Grading Scale

Final Grades will determined by percentage of total points possible.

A = 90 - 100%

B = 80 - 89%

C = 70 - 79%

D = 60 - 69%

F = 59% or less

Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with either a permanent or temporary disability, who require accommodations for more than one week should request services by contacting the Student Services office. Students requesting accommodations must present written documentation from a certified professional, which should include a statement identifying the disability as well as recommendations for accommodations. Contact the Dean of Student Services at (785) 738-2276 to make requests for accommodations.

Policy Regarding Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated while attending North Central Kansas Technical College. Examples of academic dishonesty include: plagiarism, cheating, falsification or forgery of any assignments or examinations. Any student who participates in any form of academic dishonesty must accept the consequences for their actions. These consequences may include, but are not limited to the following (a) verbal or written warning, (b) lowering of grade for assignment/activity, (c) failure of class assignment, exam, and/or course. For further information regarding NCKTC policies regarding scholastic dishonesty see pages 9-10 of the Student Handbook.

Disclaimer:

The instructor has the right to evaluate any unusual circumstances on an individual basis and make decisions about any of the policies as may be appropriate.