

PSY 2012 General Psychology
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**This class is Dual Enrolled through Gulf Coast Community College.

Course Name: PSY 2012 General Psychology: 3 credit hours. Prerequisites: None. College level reading is highly recommended.

Catalog Description: PSY 2012 is a study of the general field of psychology. The course is designed to provide an understanding of human behavior by studying the adaptation of the individual to his/her physical and social environment.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Categorize the various approaches, fields, and subfields of psychology along with their major concepts and important figures in these domains.
2. Identify preeminent theories, principles, and research findings, and give examples of psychology's integrative perspectives and concepts by applying them to everyday life.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of psychological theories regarding the relationship between physiology, cognition, and emotion.
4. Explain how humans become self-aware, how we learn to interact with others, how we influence others, and how they influence us.
5. Classify the strategies with which psychologists study human behavior and how this knowledge is used to explain, predict, and influence behavior.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION		
TEXTBOOK - THIS OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE IS PROVIDED BY THE INSTRUCTOR		
TITLE & EDITION	AUTHORS	PUBLISHER
Psychology 2e, 2020	Rose M. Spielman, William J. Jenkins, Marilyn D. Lovett	Openstax Creative Commons Attribution License 4.0

Attendance - Regular class attendance and participation are significant factors that help to promote success in college. In face-to-face courses, students are required to be in class at the beginning of each class session, as attendance will be taken at this time. If a student arrives late, it is his/her responsibility to inform the instructor after class of his/her presence. Failure to do so may result in the student being marked as "Absent." Attendance in an online/hybrid CANVAS class is defined as submission of complete written assignments prior to their posted deadline.

Withdrawals - Students may withdraw themselves from any course until the published withdrawal deadline for that term in the Gulf Coast State College catalog. Students wishing to withdraw from a course and receive a "W" must complete a withdrawal form and submit this to the Office of Enrollment Services prior to the scheduled withdrawal date as published on the college calendar.

Social Sciences instructors do not withdraw students from their individual courses under any circumstances. If you feel you have a unique situation that warrants removal from all of your courses for a term after the withdrawal deadline has passed, you may contact the Vice President of Student Affairs to discuss your situation.

Consequences of Withdrawals - Two withdrawals are permitted per credit course. After that, a grade will be assigned. Please be concerned about withdrawals. When admitting students into certain programs, universities may calculate withdrawals as grades. It is your responsibility to verify the effects of enrollment and/or withdrawal upon your financial assistance (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.).

GRADING POLICY

- The grading scale is 90-100 = A, 80-89 = B, 70-79 = C, 60-69 = D, and 59 and below = F.
- Your grade will be comprised of the following categories: **Tests 60%, Formative Assignments/Assessments 20%, and a cumulative Final Exam 20%.**
- There will be a comprehensive unit test for all units covered.
- Each unit test will be scored based on the number of questions. For example, a unit test with 40 questions is worth 40 points. A unit test shall have no more than 50 questions.
- Grades will be given at the end of 18 weeks; no 9-week grades. A progress report may be given at the end of 9 weeks.
- There will **not** be a midterm exam for this course.
- The final exam is a comprehensive test and cannot be exempted. There may be one new chapter on the final exam.

Incomplete Grade Policy

Grades of Incomplete in any Social Sciences course can be assigned only to students who have an **emergency arise during the last two weeks** of the course. To receive an Incomplete, students must submit a written request to the instructor **prior to the last face-to-face class meeting**. For online courses, the Incomplete **request must be received no later than the week before** the Final Exam period begins. To receive an Incomplete, students must have completed at least 75% of the course requirements and be passing the course at the time the request for an Incomplete is submitted. The Incomplete option provides 30 days from the date grades are due to make up any missing work; if work is not submitted during this period, the grade will automatically change to an "F" in Lighthouse.

Academic Integrity Policy

Honest participation in academic endeavors fosters an environment in which optimal learning can take place and is consistent with the college's mission. Academic misconduct, including cheating or plagiarism, is destructive to the spirit of an educational environment and therefore will not be tolerated. **"Cheating" includes but is not limited to use of any unauthorized assistance in completing coursework. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment.** Also included in the definition of plagiarism is the use of one's own work for different

assignments or different classes and work that has been copy and pasted from another student. Full and clear acknowledgment in one's written work is achieved by using one of the citing systems, such as MLA or APA, to cite sources in text for assertions of fact or ideas not one's own. In addition, any submission within text sources must also include a reference page (also called a bibliography). Sanctions for incidences of academic misconduct include the reporting of the student's name to the VP for Student Affairs. Consequences depend on the severity of the incident and/or its repetition, and may range from receiving an F grade (or zero) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the program or the college.

Attendance:

- **Absences and tardiness are to be avoided if at all possible.**
- You are allowed to miss 1/8th of the length of the course. This is a 90-day course which means you may only miss 11 days. Upon a student's 10th absence for the semester, a meeting will be required to discuss the excessive absences and to ultimately decide whether the student will be able to pass the course. (This decision can be made throughout the course upon my discretion.)
- Only school-approved leave or absences marked as excused will be "excused." Students who experience extreme circumstances resulting in more than the allowed number of absences may seek mitigation by discussing their circumstances during my office hours. Verifiable documentation of the circumstances is required. It is up to my discretion as to what constitutes extreme circumstances.
- I will not process withdrawals. Students who wish to withdraw from the class must withdraw themselves by the date specified in the college calendar. If a student no longer attends class, chooses to not complete assignments, or is asked to leave for disruptive reasons, that student will then take an "F" for the class. The only way to receive a "W" in this course is if the students withdraw themselves within the specified time period.
- Students are responsible for getting notes and missed information from other students in the class or Canvas.
- The instructor cannot repeat lectures for individual students who have been absent.

Withdrawals:

Remember, after midterm, you may be withdrawn with a W or an F if you are failing. **BEFORE YOU DROP OUT OF CLASS, TALK WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR.**

- Students who fail or withdraw from a class twice will be charged the full tuition for the third attempt. You must see a counselor in the Student Union East to discuss your options.
- While it is the policy of GCSC to exclude a grade of "W" from the calculation of the GPA, other colleges and universities may see a "W" as equivalent to an "F" and include it in their calculations of GPA. Avoid excessive withdrawals!

Instructor Office Hours

- Monday-Friday 7:45am to 8:15am and 10:10am to 10:55am.
- I check my email, and Remind, frequently on weekdays from 7:30am to 3:15pm, and until about 4pm.
- I am available in my room at Arnold High School Building 1 Room 162.

Email & Voicemail Response Time

Instructor will check and respond to messages sent to their BDS school email within 48 hours during scheduled workdays, barring illness or emergencies. The instructor may not check email during holidays or weekends. This policy also applies to messages sent via Canvas, as well as voicemails left on a provided phone number. Please use my BDS email DAVISSL2@bay.k12.fl.us if you require an especially prompt reply to your email.

Division Contact Information

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Division Policies Regarding COVID-19

The health and safety of students and faculty are a priority. While on campus and in classrooms, wearing cloth masks or disposable facial coverings is highly recommended and in accordance with current CDC guidelines. Students and faculty must also practice social distancing when possible.

If you are sick with COVID symptoms, please stay home to protect others. Notify your professor of your condition by phone or email. If you test positive for the COVID virus, please inform your instructor(s) to make arrangements for completing course requirements and contact Damian South, Campus Safety & Security, at 873-3582. **Confidentiality will be maintained.** You will receive additional instructions at that time.

This information is subject to change. For the most recent information, please refer to the Gulf Coast State College website regarding COVID-19: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/covid-19-coronavirus.html>.

Student Accessibility Statement

Gulf Coast State College supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with Student Accessibility Resources. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, email sar@gulfcoast.edu or call 850-747-3243.

Academic Calendar: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-calendars/index.html>

*Withdrawal Deadline: Oct 20

*Withdrawal Deadline: "W" grade granted on or prior to withdrawal deadline; "F" grade issued after withdrawal deadline

Final Examinations: Dec 8 - 14

Term Ends: Dec 15

Grades available via Banner: Dec 19