

Edison State Community College

Psychology-121S-801FS

Introduction to Psychology

COURSE SYLLABUS

Location: Online
Dates: Fall Semester (August 24 - December 12, 2026)
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Credit Hours: 3.0

Online Course Information

This course is facilitated. I take an active role by logging into the course on a regular basis to give feedback, post reminders, and monitor progress.

As a general rule, I will be online Monday - Friday. If there is a day/time I will not be available during the week, I will post this information under the ANNOUNCEMENTS tab.

Online courses are convenient; however, this convenience requires a great deal of self-discipline! The course is asynchronous, which means it does not meet on specific days and times. There are due dates, but how you structure your time between those due dates is up to you. This is where the self-discipline comes in.

Technology Requirements

To access this course, the following technology is suggested:

- An internet browser like Google Chrome, Safari, or Mozilla Firefox (Microsoft Edge is not recommended, as it does not interact well with Blackboard's software)
- Microsoft Office 2013 or more recent (Office 365 should work, too)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader

What's PSY 121 All About?

PSY 121 is an introduction to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes, with an emphasis on neuroscience and behavior (focusing on the brain and nervous system), sensation and perception, learning and memory, thinking, lifespan development (especially childhood), personality, social psychology, emotions, stress, and mental disorders.

Required Materials

The following textbook is required:

- Wade, Tavris, Sommers, and Shin (2022) *Invitation to Psychology*, 8th Edition (Pearson Education, Inc.)
- The textbook is available at <https://edisonohio.ecampus.com> in a print rental or ebook format. *Revel is not needed!*

All other needed materials (besides the textbook) are on Blackboard.

Course Organization

Unit Number and Topic	Chapters Included
Unit I- Introduction and Personality	Ch. 1- What Is Psychology? Ch. 12- Theories of Personality
Unit II- The Neuroscience of Psychology	Ch. 2- The Brain and Nervous System Ch. 3- Sensation and Perception
Unit III- Basic Mental Processes	Ch. 5- Learning Ch. 6- Memory
Unit IV- Cognition and Emotion	Ch. 7- Thinking, Language, and Intelligence Ch. 9- Emotion, Stress, and Health
Unit V- Development and Social Psychology	Ch. 10- Development Over the Life Span Ch. 11- Social Psychology
Unit VI- Psychological Disorders	Ch. 4- Consciousness and Sleep (Section on Psychoactive Drug use in Ch. 4, pp. 132 - 137, and Addictive Disorders from Ch. 13, pp. 438 - 442) Ch. 13- Psychological Disorders

How Will I Be Graded?

Required Course Work

Introductory Post-	5 points
Course Introduction Quiz-	20 points
12 Chapter Quizzes @ 25 points each =	300 points
6 Unit Assignments @ 30 points each =	180 points
6 Discussion Board Forums @ 15 points each=	90 points
12 Review Assignments @ 10 points each =	120 points
Total pts. possible (without bonus points) =	715 points

Grading Scale

Points Earned	Grade
644 - 715 pts.	A
572 - 643 pts.	B
501 - 571 pts.	C
429 - 500 pts.	D
< 429 pts.	F

Policies Regarding Make-Up Work

Technology can be unreliable! Electricity goes out, Wi-Fi fails, etc. Because of this, you're allowed one (1) late Quiz, Review Assignment, Unit Assignment, or Discussion Board post this semester with no penalty, *provided that the reason for the lateness is a technological issue, and you contact me and explain the situation*. But don't make the mistake of using this one free pass to procrastinate. Use it only for a genuine online emergency.

Except for the conditions above, Review Assignments, Discussion Board posts, and work due during the last week of the semester cannot be submitted late!

Additional Policies and Information

Plagiarism

Please see the "Plagiarism Policy" document in the PRE-MODULE INFORMATION folder.

Assessment Details

Complete instructions regarding the formatting and submission of individual assessments can be found in the FIRST ASSESSMENTS folder and UNIT modules.

Weekly Course Calendar

Week #1

Mon., August 24-
Wed., August 26-
Fri., August 28-

Log into the course website and begin reviewing the information
Introductory Post and Course Introduction Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Read Ch. 1 & 12 in the textbook and watch PowerPoint videos

Week #2

Mon., August 31-
Wed., Sept. 2-
Fri., Sept. 4-

Ch. 1 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Unit I Discussion Board Initial Post due at 11:59 PM
Unit I Discussion Board Responses due at 11:59 PM

Week #3

Mon., Sept. 7-
Tuesday, Sept. 8-
Wed., Sept. 9-
Fri., Sept. 11-
Sunday, Sept. 13-

Labor Day-- No work due!
Ch. 1 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 12 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 12 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Unit I Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #4

Mon., Sept. 14-
Wed., Sept. 16-
Fri., Sept. 18-

Read Ch. 2 & 3 in the textbook and watch PowerPoint videos
Ch. 2 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 2 Quiz due at 11:59 PM

Week #5

Mon., Sept. 21-
Wed., Sept. 23-
Fri., Sept. 25-

Ch. 3 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Unit II Discussion Board Initial Post due at 11:59 PM
Unit II Discussion Board Responses due at 11:59 PM

Week #6

Mon., Sept. 28-
Wed., Sept. 30-
Fri., Oct. 2-

Ch. 3 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Unit II Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Read Ch. 5 & 6 in the textbook and watch PowerPoint videos

Week #7

Mon., Oct. 5-
Wed., Oct. 7-
Fri., Oct. 9-

Ch. 5 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 5 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 6 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #8

Mon., Oct. 12-
Wed., Oct. 14-
Fri., Oct. 16-
Sunday, Oct. 18-

Unit III Discussion Board Initial Post due at 11:59 PM
Unit III Discussion Board Responses due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 6 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Unit III Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #9

Mon., Oct. 19-
Wed., Oct. 21-
Fri., Oct. 23-

Read Ch. 7 & 9 in the textbook and watch PowerPoint videos
Ch. 7 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 7 Quiz due at 11:59 PM

Week #10

Mon., Oct. 26-
Wed., Oct. 28-
Fri., Oct. 30-

Ch. 9 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
A.I. Assignment (Maria's Decision) due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 9 Quiz due at 11:59 PM

Week #11

Mon., Nov. 2-
Wed., Nov. 4-
Fri., Nov. 6-

Unit IV Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Read Ch. 10 & 11 in the textbook and watch PowerPoint videos
Ch. 10 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #12

Mon., Nov. 9-
Wed., Nov. 11-
Fri., Nov. 13-
Sunday, Nov. 15-

Unit V Discussion Board Initial Post due at 11:59 PM
Veterans' Day-- no work due! Thank a veteran for his/her service!
Unit V Discussion Board Responses due at 11:59 PM
Extra Credit Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #13

Mon., Nov. 16-
Wed., Nov. 18-
Fri., Nov. 20-
Sunday, Nov. 22-

Ch. 10 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 11 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 11 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Unit V Assignment due at 11:59 PM

Week #14

Mon., Nov. 23-

Wed., Nov. 25-
Thurs., Nov. 26-

Read Ch. 4 (psychoactive drug section only) & 13 in the textbook,
and watch PowerPoint videos
Ch. 4 Review Assignment due at 11:59
No work due! Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

Week #15

Mon., Nov. 30-
Wed., Dec. 2-
Fri., Nov. 4-

Ch. 4 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 13 Review Assignment due at 11:59 PM
Unit VI Discussion Board Initial Post due at 11:59 PM

Week #16

Mon., Dec. 7-
Wed., Dec. 9-
Thursday, Dec. 10-

Unit VI Discussion Board Responses due at 11:59 PM
Ch. 13 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Unit VI Assignment due at 11:59 PM.
No work accepted after this date.

Additional Resources and ESCC Support Services

Withdrawal

If you need to withdraw from this class, you must call 778-7940 or visit Registration in Rm. 160. **Not attending class and/or not submitting any work is not an official withdrawal and may result in a failing grade for the course.**

The last day to withdraw for Fall Semester with a full refund is **Monday, September 7, 2026**. The final day to withdraw with a grade of "W" is **Monday, November 2, 2026**.

Students who do not attend class for three (3) consecutive weeks without contacting the instructor may be subject to a Faculty Initiated Withdrawal. This procedure gives Edison faculty the right to withdraw inactive students from a course.

Withdrawal may affect your financial aid package. If you are receiving financial aid, consult the Director of Financial Aid (Student Services, Room 160) before withdrawing from any course.

Accommodations/Disability Services

Edison State Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you believe you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, contact the instructor privately with your self-identification letter. If you do not have a self-identification letter, contact the Office of Disability services by emailing disabilities@edisonohio.edu or by calling 937-778-8600. Disability Services is located on the Piqua Campus in Room 160.

Advising Services

Edison State's career pathways advisors are your partners in success. A career pathways advisor is the first advisor that you will meet with once you have made the decision to further your education.

Together, you and your career pathways advisor will:

- Identify the right academic major to set you on your desired career path.
- Identify the courses you'll need to accomplish your academic goals.
- Help you develop a student educational plan (SEP) tailored to your lifestyle and work schedule.
- Prepare you to navigate your first semester at Edison State.

If you have questions, contact your career pathways advisor. You can find their email at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Advising/> or contact your faculty advisor.

Bookstore Services

The Edison State Bookstore is now online! Visit <https://edisonohio.ecampus.com> for all your educational supplies including textbooks, access codes, technology, and more.

Library Services

The Edison State library is not only a comfortable place to study. We also have an expansive collection of online resources available to help you with your research. Check out the library webpage here: <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Library/>. Libguides and short instructional videos available to help you use these resources can be found here: <https://libguides.edisonohio.edu/> Please contact the library staff with any library questions you may have at library@edisonohio.edu, 937-778-7950, or stop in!

Mental Health Services

College is stressful! Feeling burned out, anxious, frustrated? When challenges arise that you need help to handle, it's helpful to have someone to talk to. We have a website, a chatbox named Tess, and live phone calls to a licensed mental health counselor available.

Technical Support Services

For Blackboard assignment issues, the instructor should be the first point of contact.

For log-in issues or other issues:

There are several steps you can take if you can't log in, but all require you to be signed up for the SSRPM, and several require your student ID. During regular business hours (9 - 5 Monday - Thursday, 9 - 4 Friday), email support@edisonohio.edu or call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT.

After hours either:

1. Log onto the SSRPM and go to "forgot password", enter your security answers, and then click to change your password.
2. Go to www.edisonohio.edu, find the Resources tab, click "IT Help Desk", then click "Chat" to get the password changed.
3. Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help.

Testing Your Faith Act Policy

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registration-records>, located in "Forms" and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>.

Title IX Statement - Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying

It is the policy of the College to maintain a learning environment free from bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence. Title IX federal law protects students, employees, and third parties with a relationship to the college.

All Edison State Community College employees are required to report all knowledge of incidents that violate the Title IX policy to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator immediately. Student and employee confidential consultation is available through the Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services. Title IX Policy and procedure language, as well as contract information for the Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator, and Deputy Title IX Coordinator can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/Title IX/

Tutoring Services

All Edison State students are eligible to receive free tutoring and learning support services through our Tutoring Center. Available services include Edison State tutors, both online and in-person, covering a wide variety of courses including various levels of math and paper reviews, online tutoring through OhioLINK eTutoring, distraction-reduced study rooms, and the use of Tutoring Center resources including subject-specific and general study guides. For more information on tutoring services, visit the Tutoring Center in the Library, email us at tutoringcenter@edisonohio.edu, call 937-778-7959, or visit our webpage at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/>

Information about all college resources can be found on Blackboard under RESOURCES or ASSIST.