



Introduction to Psychology 121S-805FS

COURSE SYLLABUS

Location: Online

Dates: August 24th 2026-December 12th, 2026

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Credit Hours: 3.0

Contact Hours: Anytime, email, text or call. Please Identify yourself in text messages and on voicemails, so I know who you are. If you need to call please do so during normal business hours 8 am-8pm. If you do not get a response via email, PLEASE text or call me. My email is not always reliable.

Final Grades: Dec 13th, 2026

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.

Type of Class: This is an online class. Based on the calculations in the Student Catalog, students must plan 9 hours per week towards this class. See more about this in the Catalog.

What Materials Will I Need?

The following textbook is required:

Wade, Tavis, Sommers, and Shin (2021) Invitation to Psychology, 8th Edition (Pearson Education, Inc.)

If you have trouble getting the book, please reach out to the school. I do not have a copy to provide for the class. I will, however, post PowerPoints with the summary of the chapter. You should be able to complete course work with PowerPoint. Amazon also has copies of the book if the school does not.

Assignments must be submitted as a Word document and Google documents can be saved as Word documents. The links to documents will NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please do not submit links to Google documents in the Blackboard assignment box. I cannot open them. PLEASE do NOT send me a google doc link or any sort of link. Copy and paste your assignment in the submission box in blackboard- DO NOT PASTE THE GOOGLE DOC LINK THERE, it will not open. This will result in a zero for the assignment. Also do not email me assignments, again this will result in a zero for that assignment.

You also may type your assignment in the submission box in blackboard.

IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO DO THIS REACH OUT NOW. DO NOT WAIT till the end of the semester and then tell me you do not know how to submit assignments.

What's On Blackboard?

All needed materials (besides the textbook) are on Blackboard. This is an online course, if you do not understand how to use Blackboard or how to submit assignments, PLEASE let me know as soon as possible. I am available every day of the week via the phone, text or email. Normal business hours 8am-8pm. Be sure to pay attention to all dates listed in the syllabus start, midterm and end dates.

Most materials are arranged by Chapter and will be posted weekly include:

- The chapter PowerPoint presentations
- The drop box to submit the Unit Assignment electronically
- Updates and announcements

All-important course information is posted on Blackboard, so check it frequently. You will submit your assignments through blackboard. Emailed assignments will not be accepted. If you do not know how to submit through blackboard do not wait till mid semester to reach out.

Attendance will be recorded daily in case an advisor or administrator inquiries about you. I will check to see that you are logging in at least once a week to go over assignments and readings.

I will excuse a student's absence if he/she can provide some kind of written verification (doctor's note, court summons, work time sheet, etc.) for the absence. Vacations are not considered to be excused absences.

Students who miss 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 non-attending students from a course.

How Will I Be Graded?

Essay questions will be posted weekly for each Chapter worth 35 points each. Expect a question for each chapter, as this is a online only class.

Discussion questions will be worth 20pts, if I add one to the chapter.

The final will be worth 80 points, which is a large part of your grade.

Tests and quizzes will be pointed and scored as needed. If I feel you are all not getting a good grasp on the topic, I will quiz or test. I will provide enough time to study, and I will post in advance the date of the quiz. I will not pop quiz you.

Purpose:

- To ensure the student recognizes, recalls, and understands the major course concepts

Chapter Assignments:

Purpose:

- To determine if the student understands the topic well enough to explain and describe it to others.
- To help the student apply course concepts to his/her own life and experiences
- To encourage the student to review the material just learned
- To allow the student to benefit from the knowledge of others and help instruct others

Working ahead: As you will see, I do not always post assignments ahead of time on blackboard. I do this not to punish anyone, but rather I want you to absorb as much as the chapter/unit as possible and have the opportunity to ask questions when the pop up. However, I have been a college student as well, and I understand some of you have jobs,

families and unexpected events. If you need to work ahead a few chapters PLEASE EMAIL, text or call me. I will work something out with you. I am very flexible and understanding so do not feel intimidated to reach out. I want you all to have success in this class.

Course calendar:

Weekly Course Schedule

August 24 – December 12, 2026

August 24 — First Day of Classes

- ☐ **Week 1: August 24–30**
What Is Psychology?
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 2: August 31–September 6**
The Brain and Nervous System
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 3: September 7–13**
Sensation and Perception
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 4: September 14–20**
Consciousness and Sleep
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 5: September 21–27**
Learning
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 6: September 28–October 4**
Memory
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 7: October 5–11**
Thinking and Intelligence
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 8: October 12–18**
Major Theories of Motivation
Check module and complete all assignments.

- ☐ **Week 9: October 19–25**
Emotion, Stress, and Health
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 10: October 26–November 1**
Development Across the Lifespan
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 11: November 2–8**
Social Psychology
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 12: November 9–15**
Theories of Personality
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 13: November 16–22**
Psychological Disorders
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 14: November 23–29- Thanksgiving break so work ahead if you wish!**
Approaches to Treatment and Therapy
Check module and complete all assignments.
- ☐ **Week 15: November 30–December 6**
Course Review and Final Preparation
Review previous modules and prepare for the final.
- ☐ **Final Week: December 7–12**
Final Exam / Final Assignment
Complete and submit all final course requirements.

December 12 — Last Day of Class

Total 280 Pts for Essay Chapter Questions

40 Pts for Discussion Boards

80 Pts for Final

Total of 400 Pts for the class

Grading Scale

90%-100% (486 - 540 pts.) A

70%-79% (378 - 431 pts.) C

80%-89% (432 - 485 pts.) B

60%-69% (324 - 377 pts.) D

<60% (<324 pts.) F

Policies Regarding Make-Up Work/ Late work

Contact me directly if you have missing assignments or quizzes. I will allow some late assignments, with a deduction of points. Remember you are all adults and will be treated as such. Waiting until the last minute to contact me of an emergency or not completing your work in a timely manner, will not be acceptable. Plan ahead and look pay attention to announcements as things might change due to weather and other events.

Again....Communication is the key here and I will gladly work with you.

Class Policies:

1. Please participate! Class discussions and questions are usually the easiest and the most effective way to enhance learning. However, please be courteous of other students by avoiding private conversations and speaking out of turn.- Not for my online students. But when participating in discussions, please remember your manners and that you are an adult.

2. Cheating of any sort is a serious violation of academic honesty. Any student caught plagiarizing an assignment will have disciplinary action taken against him/her, which may involve any or all of the following: re-submitting the assignment, with the late penalty receiving a "0" for the assignment receiving an Academic Dishonesty Report, which goes into the student's permanent record Please submit your assignment to SafeAssign to get a report before turning it into me. If you do not, I will not grade it. Prefer not to have more than 20% on these reports. If you cite properly, you should not have any issues.

What Should I Do To Pass PSY 121?

"Even when you don't feel certain of your abilities, it's important to put on an attitude of discipline and assurance, because more often than not, your attitude will be the very thing that will help you achieve your academic goals no matter what they are."

The above quote came from a student assignment, and since I can't possibly improve on her wording, I decided to include it here. Too many students come to college believing that academic success has to do with intelligence or a natural ability to learn. But the reality is

much simpler! Based on my years of instructing, here is my simple, five-step strategy for academic success: Come to class, Pay attention and take notes, Study, Submit all required work, Follow instructions!

Week 1-14 We will read each chapter or view PowerPoint, and essay a essay question for the previous chapter. For instance, on week one you will read chapter one, on week 2 you will read chapter 2 and answer the essay question for chapter on, and so on. Follow directions on Blackboard as assignments might be subject to change. I have put everything in modules so it will be easy to find and complete.

Final: You will have a final assignment due, it will be a 2-3 full paged paper with citations if applicable. I will post this around week 11-12 to allow you to get enough information to complete it before the final grading period ends .

Resources:

ACCOMMODATIONS /ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES POLICY

Edison State Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you believe you may need 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 Accessibility and Disability Support Services by emailing disabilities@edisonohio.edu or by calling 937.778.7850. Accessibility and Disability Support Services is located on the Piqua Campus in Room 160.

ADVISING SERVICES

Edison State's career pathway advisors are your partners in success. A career pathway 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 pathway 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 plan tailored to your lifestyle and work schedule.
- Prepare you to navigate your first semester at Edison State.

You can find your career pathway advisor and faculty advisor information, including their email address, by logging into MyESCC and clicking on Student Planning. Go to Plan and Schedule and click on the Advising tab. You may also call 937-778-7850 to connect via phone call.

BOOKSTORE SERVICES

eCampus is Edison State's official bookstore and is located on the Edison State webpage, under "Resources," "Bookstore," or at <https://edisonohio.ecampus.com>. You can also access eCampus from the ESCC home page, under "Campus Services." Through eCampus, you can rent or buy books, access course materials, or purchase ESCC merchandise.

CAREER AND JOB SERVICES

Our Career and Job Services advisors are dedicated to helping students and alumni advance their professional development as they make career decisions, develop job search strategies, pursue experiential opportunities and secure employment. Career and Job Services also provides career assessments, career information, resume and cover letter help, job postings and resources, tips for interviewing and more. Visit <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Career-and-Job-Services/> for more information.

COMPUTERS

If you are working on campus, computers with internet access are available in the internet café. The Library and Tutoring Center has computers and printers available for your use.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

Health and Wellness Services are available on the Edison State Piqua campus. The program is dedicated to providing resources that promote healthy lifestyle choices for our students, faculty and staff and is managed by the Human Resources department.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Edison State library is not only a comfortable place to study, we 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 are available to help you use these resources and can be found at: <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 dealing with, it's helpful to have someone to talk to. We have established partnerships with many local mental health providers. If you are struggling and need to

speak with someone in person, please reach out to the Edison State Care Team, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/CARE-Team/>. If you are concerned about a student or colleague, please file a CARE Team form <https://www.edisonohio.edu/CARE-Team-Referral-Form/> so that immediate assistance can be given. This link and the CARE Team website can be found under Campus Services on our home page.

STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER AND CHARGER STATION FOOD PANTRIES

Edison State Community College is proud to assist students needing help to obtain basic necessities. The Student Resource Center and Food Pantry is stocked with all kinds of grab-and-go snacks, meal supplies, toiletries, household needs, and community resources. Stop by and check out our Charger Stations in Room 163 at Piqua, in the student lounge at Troy, in the Brooke-Gould Learning Resource Center at Eaton, and in Room 121 (for personal care items) and pantry items in the student lounge at Greenville. If you need additional assistance, please reach out at ResourceCenter@edisonohio.edu.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

For Blackboard Assignment issues, the Instructor should be the first point of contact

For Log-in or other technology issues:

There are several steps you can follow if you have issues logging in to Blackboard or Office.

During business hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts.
- Reach out for help during regular business hours (9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-4 Friday)
 - o email to support@edisonohio.edu
 - o call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT Help Desk

After hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts
- Go to www.edisonohio.edu into the Resources tab and click "IT Help Desk" then click "Chat".

- 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 contact information for the Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/TitleIX/.

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/>

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

For additional help, please click the ASSIST tab on Blackboard or the Edison State Student Resources folder within your course.

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The instructor reserves the right to change the schedule and/or procedures listed above.
The instructor will provide notification in writing and with adequate notice.