

Edison State Community College

Psychology-121S-007FS

Introduction to Psychology

COURSE SYLLABUS

Location: Room 211
Schedule: Noon - 1:30 PM, Tuesday & Thursday
Dates: Fall Semester (August 24 - December 12, 2026)
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Credit Hours: 3.0

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.



What Textbook and Course Materials Will I Need?

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. Most materials are arranged by UNIT. Each UNIT folder contains three **Chapter** folders containing:

- The chapter PowerPoint presentation
- A Review Assignment
- The Chapter Quiz, and the Study Guide for this Quiz

Be sure to print the PowerPoint presentations before we go over the material in class!

All important course information is posted on Blackboard, so check it frequently.

The Importance of Showing Up

The number one reason why students fail my course is poor attendance. Unlike online classes, lecture classes are not set up to allow students to learn on their own. *Please make any work, childcare, or transportation arrangements needed to attend class regularly.*



I will excuse your absence if you can provide some kind of written verification (doctor's note, court summons, work time sheet, etc.) for the absence. Vacations **are not** considered excused absences!

“Ghosting” (disappearing from class without notifying the instructor) is a serious problem! Students who miss class for two (2) or more consecutive sessions without notifying the instructor must accept any consequences of not submitting assessments due during his/her absence. No special exceptions will be made regarding late work, and the instructor is not responsible for getting the student “caught up” on material covered in the lectures during his/her absence.

How Will I Be Graded?

Required Course Work

Course Introduction Quiz=	20 points
12 Chapter Quizzes @ 25 points each =	300 points
4 Unit Assignments @ 30 points each =	120 points
10 Review Assignments @ 10 points each =	100 points (lowest 2 scores dropped)
Total pts. possible (without bonus points) =	540 points



Grading Scale

Points Earned	Grade
486 - 540 pts.	A
432 - 485 pts.	B
378 - 431 pts.	C
324 - 377 pts.	D
< 324 pts.	F

Policies Regarding Assessments

Make-Up Work- Quizzes and Unit Assignments

Students who do not complete the Course Introduction Quiz, Chapter Quizzes, or Unit Assignments on or by the due date will be able to take them within ONE WEEK of the scheduled due date, with a late deduction, as follows:

Course Introduction Quiz- 2 pt. deduction
Chapter Quiz- 3 pt. deduction

Unit Assignment- 5 pt. deduction (unless the student's absence is excused)

Students who are *absent* from class on the day a Unit Assignment is scheduled must complete the Unit Assignment in Edison's Testing Center (located in the Library). The late deduction applies unless the student's absence is excused.

The one exception is the Unit IV Assignment. No late assignments will be accepted, because of the need to submit final course grades on time.

Students who are unprepared to complete the Unit Assignment on the date scheduled may choose to: 1) complete it that day without the notes and other permitted documents, or 2) complete it in the Testing Center, with the 5-pt. late deduction.

Make-Up Work- Review Assignments

Students who are not in attendance the day of a Review Assignment will receive a "0" for that assignment, even with an excused absence. However, the lowest two Review Assignment scores will be dropped before final grades are totaled. This will allow you to miss up to two Review Assignments without it impacting your final grade.

Technology

Technology can be unreliable! Because of this, you're allowed one (1) late Quiz 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.

General Policies

Plagiarism

Cheating of any sort is a serious violation of academic honesty. Any student caught plagiarizing an assessment will have disciplinary action taken against him/her. This may involve receiving an Academic Dishonesty Report, which goes into the student's permanent record.

Electronic devices

Smart phones, laptops, tablets, and any electronic gadgets not yet invented should be **turned off** and **put away** at the beginning of each class. Any phone that rings while the instructor is lecturing will be thrown out the window. In addition, cell phone use by one student may result in a pop quiz for the entire class.

Snacking

You may eat/drink snack foods (no meals, please!) during class as long as you clean up afterwards. Snacks containing chocolate should be shared with the instructor.

“Invitation to Psychology”
by Wade, Tavris, Sommers, & Shin, 8th Edition
Textbook Readings

Unit	Chapter	Required Reading
Unit I- Chapters 1, 2 & 3	1- What Is Psychology?	Read pages 1 - 36 (whole chapter)
	2- The Brain and Nervous System	Read pages 37 - 48; 53 - 73 <i>Skip section on “Mapping the Brain”</i>
	3- Sensation and Perception	Read pages 74 - 78; 80 - 109 <i>Skip sections on “Difference Threshold” and “Signal Detection Theory”</i>
Unit II- Chapters 5, 6 & 7	5- Learning	Read pages 141 - 173 (whole chapter)
	6- Memory	Read pages 174 - 198; 201 - 208 <i>Skip sections on “Childhood Amnesia” and “The Repression Controversy”</i>
	7- Thinking and Intelligence	Read pages 209 - 231; 236 - 239 <i>Skip section on “Animal Minds”</i>
Unit III- Chapters 10, 12 & 11	10- Development Over the Lifespan	Read pages 306 - 345 (whole chapter)
	12- Theories of Personality	Read pages 384 - 389; 390 - 392; 393 - 414 <i>Skip sections on “Other Psychodynamic Approaches” and “Popular Personality Tests”</i>
	11- Social Psychology	Read pages 346 - 352; 354 - 373; 377 - 383 <i>Skip sections on “Persuasion or Brainwashing? The Case of Suicide Bombers” and “Measuring Prejudice”</i>
Unit IV- Chapters 9 & 13	9- Emotion, Stress, and Health	Read pages 273 - 305 (whole chapter)
	13- Psychological Disorders (includes information from Chapter 4)	Read pages 132 - 137 in Chapter 4 Read pages 415 - 423; 425 - 434; 438 - 442; 445 - 453 in Chapter 13 <i>Skip sections on “Psychological Testing”, “Personality Disorders”, and “Dissociative Identity Disorder”</i>

Course Calendar



(This calendar is a guideline only. Actual class time per chapter may vary.)

Week 1	Tues., August 25	Course Introduction Chapter 1 - What is Psychology?
	Thurs., August 27	Chapter 1 - What is Psychology? <i>Chapter 1 Review Assignment</i> Course Introduction Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Week 2	Tues., Sept. 1	Chapter 2- The Brain and Nervous System
	Thurs., Sept. 3	Chapter 2 - The Brain and Nervous System Chapter 1 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 3	Tues., Sept. 8	Chapter 2 - The Brain and Nervous System Chapter 3 - Sensation and Perception <i>Chapter 2 Review Assignment</i>
	Thurs., Sept. 10	Chapter 3 - Sensation and Perception Chapter 2 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 4	Tues., Sept. 15	Chapter 3 - Sensation and Perception <i>Chapter 3 Review Assignment</i>
	Thurs., Sept. 17	Unit I Assignment completed in class Chapter 3 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 5	Tues., Sept. 22	Chapter 5 - Learning
	Thurs., Sept. 24	Chapter 5 - Learning <i>Chapter 5 Review Assignment</i>
Week 6	Tues., Sept. 29	Chapter 6 - Memory
	Thurs., October 1	Chapter 6 - Memory <i>Chapter 6 Review Assignment</i> Chapter 5 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 7	Tues., October 6	Chapter 7 - Thinking and Intelligence
	Thurs., October 8	Chapter 7 - Thinking and Intelligence <i>Chapter 7 Review Assignment</i> Chapter 6 Quiz due by 11:59 PM

Week 8 Midterm	Tues., October 13	Unit II Assignment completed in class Chapter 7 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
	Thurs., October 15	Chapter 10 - Development Over the Lifespan
Week 9	Tues., October 20	Chapter 10 - Development Over the Lifespan
	Thurs., October 22	Chapter 10 - Development Over the Lifespan Chapter 12 - Theories of Personality <i>Chapter 10 Review Assignment</i>
Week 10	Tues., October 27	Chapter 12 - Theories of Personality
	Thurs., October 29	Chapter 12 - Theories of Personality <i>Chapter 12 Review Assignment</i> Chapter 10 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 11	Tues., Nov. 3	Chapter 11 - Social Psychology
	Thurs., Nov. 5	Chapter 11 - Social Psychology Chapter 12 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 12	Tues., Nov. 10	Chapter 11 - Social Psychology <i>Chapter 11 Review Assignment</i>
	Thurs., Nov. 12	Unit III Assignment completed in class Chapter 11 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
Week 13	Tues., Nov. 17	Chapter 9 - Emotion, Stress, and Health
	Thurs., Nov. 19	Chapter 9 - Emotion, Stress, and Health <i>Chapter 9 Review Assignment</i>
Week 14	Tues., Nov. 24	Chapter 13 - Psychological Disorders
	Thurs., Nov. 26	<i>Happy Thanksgiving--- NO CLASS!</i>
Week 15	Tues., Dec. 1	Chapter 13 - Psychological Disorders <i>Chapter 4 Review Assignment</i> Chapter 9 Quiz due by 11:59 PM
	Thurs., Dec. 3	Chapter 13 - Psychological Disorders <i>Chapter 13 Review Assignment</i>
Week 16 Finals	Tues., Dec. 8	Unit IV Assignment Due completed in class
	Thurs., Dec. 10	NO CLASS Chapter 4 & Chapter 13 Quizzes due by 11:59 PM

Additional Resources

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.

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 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. Contact Velina Bogart Room 060, Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM, call 937-778-7840, or email vbogart@edisonohio.edu

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.

Student Resource Center and Pantry

Edison State Community College is proud to assist students needing help to obtain basic necessities. The Student Resource Center and 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 centers in Room 163 at Piqua, in the student lounge at Troy, in the Brooke-Gould Learning Resource Center at Eaton, and in Room 121 at Greenville. If you need additional assistance, please stop by Room 160 in Piqua.

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/>

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of significant inclement weather, it may be necessary for Edison to operate on a delayed schedule or close. All delay/closure announcements will be posted on Edison's home page (www.edisonohio.edu) under "Edison Alerts!" (bottom right side of the home page). This information will also be posted on the Edison Facebook page.

As an Edison student, you are automatically signed up for mobile alerts through your email, but you may add a phone if you choose. Please contact **Campus Safety & Security** at 937-778-7965 for more information.

While I understand that travel can be difficult during the winter months, students are expected to be in attendance if Edison is open. The only excused absences due to inclement weather are those that occur when the whole college is closed and we are all enjoying a "snow day"!

(Special note to CCP students: Edison is sometimes open even when most high schools are closed! Be sure to check your alerts.)

Statement of Agreement
Course Syllabus, Psychology-121S-007FS
Professor Bengough

By signing below, I verify that I have read and understand the above syllabus, and I agree to abide by the course policies described in this syllabus.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

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.