

Edison State Community College

Psychology 121 - Introduction to Psychology

COURSE SYLLABUS

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

Online Hours

This course is completely online, which means that all of the course materials will be available through Blackboard. I will be available for questions through email, as I typically check emails multiple times each week.

If you encounter a problem and I do not immediately respond, *please do not panic!* I will work with you to address any problems that may arise.

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 and emotion (with an emphasis on stress), personality, lifespan development (especially childhood), social psychology, and mental disorders (including psychoactive drug use and abuse.)

What Textbook Will I Need?

The following textbook is required:

- Wade, Tavis, Sommers, & Shin (2022) *Invitation to Psychology*, 8th Edition (Pearson Education, Inc.)

The textbook is available in a softbound or ebook version.

How Will I Be Graded?

Required work for this course includes a mixture of Quizzes, Review Assignments, and Discussion Board postings/responses, as follows:

Introduction Post =	15 points
Course Introduction Quiz =	25 points
12 Chapter Quizzes (25 points each) =	300 points
12 Discussion Posts (20 points each) =	240 points
12 Discussion Responses (10 points each) =	120 points
12 Review Assignments (20 points each) =	240 points
Total pts. possible (without extra credit) = 940 points	

There are two (2) extra credit assignments that will be available during this semester. One will be due at the midterm, and the other will be at the end of the semester.

Grading Scale

90%-100% (846 – 940 pts.) A	70%-79% (658 - 751 pts.) C	<60% (<563 pts.) F
80%-89% (752 - 845 pts.) B	60%-69% (564 - 657 pts.) D	

Complete descriptions and instructions regarding the above work can be found in the [Rubric for Discussions](#) and the [Assignment Expectations](#) folders in Blackboard.

Policies Regarding Make-up Work

We all know that electronics and life can be unpredictable. Electricity goes out, servers go down, emails get caught in spam folders, family emergency, etc. Because of this, you are allowed **ONE(1)** late Quiz, Review Assignment, or Discussion Board post this semester with no penalty, ***provided that you IMMEDIATELY contact me and explain the situation.*** Note that any extensions are at the discretion of the instructor.

Policy Regarding Plagiarism

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/them, as follows:

- First violation- The student will receive a score of “0” for that assignment.
- Second violation- The student will receive a “0” for the assignment and receive an Academic Dishonesty Report, which will go into the student’s permanent record.

Utilizing AI for assignments does not constitute original thought/work. Any assignment found to be utilizing AI will be given an automatic 0.

Technical Support

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)
 - email to support@edisonohio.edu
 - 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/service-support/student-resources>.

Course Calendar

In reading this course calendar, please notice:

- All work is due by **11:59 PM** on the due date
- The dates on the course calendar provide the final dates and times that work is due; however, you will experience *less stress* and *more success* if you submit the work in advance of these final deadlines.

Wk.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk. #1 8/24 - 8/30	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Introductory Discussion Post Due 11:59pm
Wk. #2 8/31 - 9/6	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Course Introduction Quiz -Chap. 1 Discussion Post -Chap. 1 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #3 9/7- 9/13	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 1 Discussion Responses Due 11:59PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 1 Quiz -Chap. 2 Discussion Post -Chap. 2 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM

Wk.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk. #4 9/14 - 9/20	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 2 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chapter 2 Quiz -Chapter 3 Discussion Post -Chap. 3 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #5 9/21 - 9/27	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 3 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 3 Quiz -Chap. 4 Discussion Post -Chapter 4 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #6 9/28 - 10/4	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 4 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 4 Quiz -Chap. 5 Discussion Post -Chap. 5 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #7 10/5 - 10/11	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 5 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 5 Quiz -Chap. 6 Discussion Post -Chap. 6 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM

Wk.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk. #8 10/12-10/18	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 6 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u> First Extra Credit Assignment Due 11:59 PM	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 6 Quiz -Chap. 7 Discussion Post -Chap. 7 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #9 10/19-10/25	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 7 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 7 Quiz -Chap. 8/9 Discussion Post -Chap. 8/9 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #10 10/26-11/1	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 8/9 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 8/9 Quiz -Chap. 10 Discussion Post -Chap. 10 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #11 11/2-11/8	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 10 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 10 Quiz -Chap. 11 Discussion Post -Chap. 11 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM

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Wk. #12 11/9 - 11/15	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 11 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 11 Quiz -Chap. 12 Discussion Post -Chap. 12 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #13 11/16- 11/22	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 12 Discussion Responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> -Chap. 12 Quiz -Chap. 13/14 Discussion Post -Chap. 13/14 Review Assignment Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #14 11/23- 11/29	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u> Chap. 13/14 Discussion Board responses Due 11:59 PM	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> Chap. 13 Quiz Due 11:59 PM
Wk. #15 11/30- 12/6	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u> Second Extra Credit Assignment Due 11:59 PM	<u>Sun.</u>

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Wk. #16	<u>Mon.</u>	<u>Tues.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Thurs.</u>	<u>Fri.</u>	<i>ENJOY YOUR WINTER BREAK!</i>	
12/7 - 12/12			<i>REVIEW</i>	<i>YOUR</i>	<i>GRADES</i>		

