

Course Syllabus

Introductory Psychology (PSY101, Section 003)
Spring 2021, Michigan State University
Tuesday/Thursday, 12:40 - 2:30 PM (Eastern time)
Online-Synchronous (via Zoom webinar)

Instructor

Professor: Dr. Zach Hambrick

Office hours: by request

Zoom webinar invitation (you only need to register once):

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tc9ND2wCQuWrahQw0uMzHw

This is a **synchronous course**, meaning that I will give lectures live via Zoom webinar at our scheduled class time (Tuesday/Thursday, 12:40-2:30 PM, Eastern time). Note, however, that all lectures will be recorded and available to you on D2L. Attendance will **NOT** be taken, so if you do not wish to watch the lectures live, you can watch recorded versions.

Graduate Teaching Assistant: Katie Leahy, leahyka1@msu.edu

Zoom office hours: Tuesday, 11-noon (Eastern time); Thursday, 4-5 (Eastern time)

To join: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/92319621250>

Passcode: psy10103

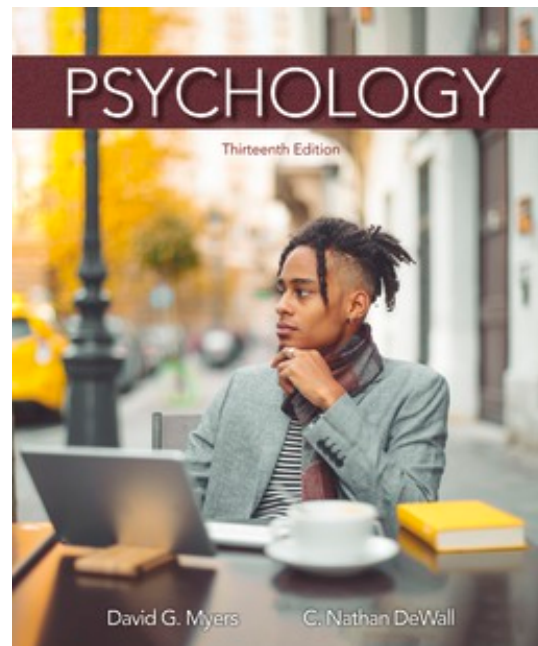
If you have a question about any matter pertaining to the course, first read through this syllabus and see if you can answer your question that way. If you still have a question, please contact Katie (the Graduate Teaching Assistant) at leahyka1@msu.edu. She is your first point of contact for the course.

(See also Zoom webinar invitations on page 7 below in this syllabus, below.)

Text

David G. Myers & G. Nathan DeWall, *Psychology*, 13th Ed.

[This](#) is the textbook for the course. If you have a different textbook (including an earlier edition of Myers & DeWall), return it, and get this book. You may select the loose-leaf version (purchase for \$137.99); the e-book (rent for \$71.99 or purchase for \$180.99); or the paperback version (rent for \$92.99 or purchase for \$265.99).



Course textbook, Myers & DeWall, Psychology, 13th Edition

Courses Goals

The goals of this course are to: (1) educate you about the science of psychology; (2) familiarize you with major research approaches, theoretical issues, and controversies in psychology; and (3) increase your awareness of the practical relevance of research findings from psychology.

Grade

Tests: 63.33% of your grade will be based on your scores on the 2 open book/notes/slides tests given during the semester. Each test will be worth 31.67% of your grade and (a) include 100 multiple-choice questions, and (b) cover lectures **and** reading from the textbook. If you are having trouble with material from the course, please contact the graduate teaching assistant, Katie Leahy, at leahyka1@msu.edu. Each test will open at class time on the test day (12:40 PM) and will remain open for the next 48 hours (2 days). You may take the test **ANY TIME** during this 48-hour period. The time limit for each test is 120 minutes; you must take each test within this period.

Final Exam: 31.67% of your grade will be based on your score on the final exam. The final will be cumulative and open book/notes/slides, meaning that it will cover material from the entire semester, and will include 100 multiple-choice questions. The exam will open beginning at the exam time/date (Wednesday, April 28th, 10 AM) and will remain open for the next 48 hours. As for tests, the time limit for the exam is 120 minutes; you must take the exam within this period.

Test/exam rules: During the tests and exam, you are free to use your book, notes, and the lecture slides. However, you **MAY NOT** consult with anyone else during the test/exam

period. You must answer the questions on your own. Consulting with any other person is considered cheating. You will have 120 minutes to take each test and the exam.

Research Experience: 5% of your grade will be based on your participation in research experiments conducted by faculty and graduate students in the Department of Psychology. You must accumulate 7 hours of participation to receive maximum credit for the research experience component of your grade. You may accumulate an additional 3 hours for 2 extra course points. You will sign up for experiments using an online system called the HPR System (HPR stands for Human Participants in Research). Create an account and sign up here: <https://msu-psychology.sona-systems.com>

You may also wish to watch an online tutorial for creating an account and using the system here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OnT2ZU6QQ>

The SONA/HPR system closes on **Wednesday, April 21st**. This is the last day for participating in SONA studies.

IMPORTANT: Make sure that you are on the **Department of Psychology** HPR website and signed up for the correct section of PSY101 (**we are Section 3**). The Department of Communication Arts and Sciences also has a SONA site. We do not have access to this information and cannot grant participation credit for experiments done under the other site. Also, students under 18 are ineligible for studies on the SONA system. If you are under 18, please contact Audra Jeffrey (jeffre22@msu.edu), the SONA Student Coordinator in Room 100, Psychology Building. Please direct ALL questions about SONA to Ms. Jeffrey (jeffre22@msu.edu). I have no control over SONA, and will not have a record of how many credits you have accumulated until the end of the semester.

Alternate assignment: If you do not wish to participate in experiments, an alternative assignment is writing a 14-page term paper, due on the day of the final exam by midnight. If you elect to write a paper, you must get approval for the topic from Prof. Hambrick. Plagiarism of the term paper (e.g., copying a paper from the Internet) will result in a zero for the assignment (and possibly other consequences). You may increase the length of your paper for extra credit (3 extra course points for 20-page paper). The paper should be 12-point font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. The paper should include a title page and a page with references (these pages do NOT count toward the page length).

The final grade will be based on 100 course points...

	Points
Test 1	31.67
Test 2	31.67
Final	31.67
Research	5.00

Total points 100

Extra credit + 2

Total possible 102

The grading scale will be no more stringent than the following:

> 89.5 = 4.0

84.5 - 89.4 = 3.5

79.5 - 84.4 = 3.0

74.5 - 79.4 = 2.5

69.5 - 74.4 = 2.0

64.5 - 69.4 = 1.5

59.5 - 64.4 = 1.0

< 59.5 = 0.0

SEE THE D2L "RESOURCES" FOLDER FOR AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET FOR CALCULATING YOUR GRADE.

Policy on grade changes: At the end of the semester, if you believe that I made an ERROR in calculating your grade, let me know. I will check your grade and will change it if I have made an ERROR. This is the only circumstance under which I will change a grade. **Under no other circumstance will I change your grade. No exceptions.** Also, please do not e-mail me before the end of the course to ask what your grade is, or to ask whether there will be a curve.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, March 4 th	Test 1 opens at 12:40 PM; closes on March 6 th at 12:40 PM
Tuesday, April 20 th	Test 2 opens at 12:40 PM; closes on April 22 nd at 12:40 PM
Wednesday, April 21 st	SONA/HPR system closes; last day for research participation
Wednesday, April 28 th	* Final exam opens at 10 AM; closes April 30 th at 10 AM

***The final exam is cumulative, meaning that it will cover all material from the course, including lectures and reading.**

Test makeup policy: You have a 48-hour window to take each test. With this in mind, test makeups will be given only under exceptional circumstances, including death in the family or serious illness.

E-mail Policy

Check your e-mail regularly! During the course, we will e-mail you from time to time with announcements and reminders. Please read these e-mails as soon as you receive them, and please check your e-mail regularly.

Academic Honesty

All students are responsible for knowing and following the university policy on academic integrity and plagiarism. Article 2.3.3 of the Academic Freedom Report states, "The student shares with the faculty the responsibility for maintaining the integrity of scholarship, grades, and professional standards." In addition, the College of Social Sciences adheres to the policies on academic honesty specified in General Student Regulation 1.0, Protection of Scholarship and Grades; the all-University Policy on Integrity of Scholarship and Grades; and Ordinance 17.00, Examinations (See Spartan Life: Student Handbook and Resource Guide and/or the MSU website www.msu.edu).

Any student caught cheating or otherwise violating the MSU academic integrity policy may receive the maximum punishment, including a grade of 0.0 in the course. Visit the following websites for more details about MSU's Academic Integrity policies:

<https://ombud.msu.edu/resources-self-help/academic-integrity>

<https://ombud.msu.edu/resources-self-help/academic-integrity/what-is>

When in doubt, students are urged to ask the instructor about the appropriateness of any practice. **Academic honesty is expected in all facets of this course.**

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities should contact the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities to establish reasonable accommodations. For an appointment with a disability specialist, call (517) 884-RCPD (4-7273), or visit [Get Started | MSU - Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities](#).

Limits on Confidentiality

Students should be aware that Michigan State University employees, including instructors, may not be able to maintain confidentiality when it conflicts with their responsibility to report certain issues to protect the health and safety of MSU community members and others. As the instructor, I must report the following information to other University offices (including the Department of Police and Public Safety) if you share it with me:

- Suspected child abuse/neglect, even if this maltreatment happened when you were a child,
- Allegations of sexual assault or sexual harassment when they involve MSU students, faculty, or staff, and
- Credible threats of harm to oneself or to others.

The Office of Institutional Equity will reach out to you via a confidential email, to see if you would like to pursue legal action and to provide you with additional university resources. **You have the right to choose whether or not you would like to use any of these services or even respond to the university's email.** If you would like to talk about these events in a more confidential setting, you are encouraged to make an appointment with the MSU Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) <https://caps.msu.edu/>.

This is an MSU mandate that we (Dr. Hambrick and Katie) are required to follow. **Therefore, you should not disclose experiences of abuse or sexual violence related to MSU unless you are comfortable having this information shared with the Office of Institutional Equity.**

Note: Prof. Hambrick reserves the right to correct any errors in this syllabus.

COURSE SCHEDULE**Reading Week**

No class
Review syllabus
on your own time

Week 2

Tuesday, January 19 Prologue
Chapter 1 Part I
Thursday, January 21 Chapter 1 Part II

Week 3

Tuesday, January 26 Chapter 2 Part I
Thursday, January 28 Chapter 2 Part I

Week 4

Tuesday, February 2 Chapter 6 Part I
Thursday, February 4 Chapter 6 Part II

Week 5

Tuesday, February 9 Chapter 3 Part I
Thursday, February 11 Chapter 3 Part II

Week 6

Tuesday, February 16 Chapter 4 Part I
Thursday, February 18 Chapter 4 Part II

Week 7

Tuesday, February 23 Chapter 7 Part I
Thursday, February 25 Chapter 7 Part II

Week 8

Tuesday, March 2 No class: Break day
Thursday, March 4 TEST 1
opens at 12:40 PM

Week 9

Tuesday, March 9 Chapter 8, Part I
Thursday, March 11 Chapter 8, Part II

Week 10

Tuesday, March 16 Chapter 10, Part I
Thursday, March 18 Chapter 10, Part II

Week 11

Tuesday, March 23 Chapter 13, Part I
Thursday, March 25 Chapter 13, Part II
Chapter 14

Week 12

Tuesday, March 30 Chapter 15, Part I
Thursday, April 1 Chapter 15, Part II

Week 13

Tuesday, April 6 Chapter 16, Part I
Thursday, April 8 Chapter 16, Part II

Week 14

Tuesday, April 13 Chapter 5, Part I
Thursday, April 15 Chapter 5, Part II

Week 15

Tuesday, April 20 TEST 2
opens at 12:40 PM
Thursday, April 22 No class: Study day

Week 16

Wednesday, April 28 FINAL EXAM
opens at 10 AM

Zoom Webinar Invitations

Dear PSY101 Student:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: 12:40-2:30 PM (Eastern), Tuesday/Thursday, Spring 2021

Topic: PSY101 Section 003 (Hambrick)

Register in advance for this webinar (this will register you for the entire course; you only need to register once):

https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Tc9ND2wCQuWrahQw0uMzHw

For dial-in...

Or an H.323/SIP room system:

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69.174.57.160 (Canada)

207.226.132.110 (Japan)

Meeting ID: 951 0586 7416

SIP: 95105867416@zoomcrc.com

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For Graduate Teaching Assistant Katie Leahy's office hours:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92319621250>

Meeting ID: 923 1962 1250

Passcode: psy10103

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+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

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Find your local number: <https://msu.zoom.us/u/abRGFsinw>

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Join by Skype for Business

<https://msu.zoom.us/skype/92319621250>

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for the course Zoom webinar? Click here; you only need to register once...

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Is this course synchronous or asynchronous?

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How can I receive help with the course?

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How do I keep track of my SONA/HPR hours?

The SONA system does it for you; you don’t have to keep track of your credits, although you may wish to.

Do I get partial credit for SONA/HPR hours?

Yes, you get credit for ALL hours you accumulate, even if it less than the required number.

If I complete less than the maximum amount of extra credit (say 1 hour of 3 hours), will I get partial extra credit?

Yes. For example, if you complete 1 extra credit hour, you will receive extra credit for THAT 1 hour.

If I accumulate more than 10 SONA/HPR hours, will I receive credit?

No, you will only receive credit for up to 10 hours.

Is the final exam cumulative?

Yes—meaning that it covers all material from semester.

How do I calculate my grade?

See the Excel spreadsheet in the D2L Resources folder.

While taking a test or the exam, can I pause the 120-minute clock?

No. You have 120 minutes to take each test and the exam after opening it.

If I am just below the cutoff for a higher grade at the end of the course, will Prof. Hambrick “bump” up my grade?

NO. The ONLY circumstance under which a grade will be changed is if an error was made in computing it.

What is the format of the tests?

The tests are multiple-choice (with 4 alternatives). There will be 100 questions on each test and on the exam.

Do I get to drop my lowest test grade?

No, all tests count.

Will there be a grade curve?

There may be, but don't count on it! Grades will be determined using a grading scale no more stringent than the one in this syllabus.

Do I need to read the book in addition to studying the lectures?

Yes, on each test, there will be questions that are covered in the book that we did NOT cover in class.

Is attendance taken in this course?

No

What do I do if I miss a lecture?

This is no problem—the lectures will be recorded and available to you on D2L.

When is the last day for participating in experiments?

You may participate in experiments as long as the SONA/HPR system will let you.

Can I use an earlier edition of the textbook for this course (we are using the 13th edition)?

This is a very bad idea, because I will write test questions based on the 13th edition. I strongly encourage you to get the 13th edition of the book.

Will Prof. Hambrick “bump up” my grade if I am right on the border of a higher grade?

No. The ONLY circumstance under which Prof. Hambrick will change your grade is if he made an error in computing it.

Who do I contact if I have a disability and need a special accommodation for the course?

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