



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: PSY105NT – General Psychology

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the scientific study of the mind and human behavior and will introduce students to many of the problems, methods, and findings of modern psychology, as well as provide a historical and Christian worldview perspective for these findings. This introductory course is a three-credit prerequisite for all advanced psychology courses.

Psychology Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs*):

#	PLOs: Students will ...
1	Apply basic research methods, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.
2	Demonstrate critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and a scientific approach to applying psychological principles to personal, social, ethical, religious, and organizational issues informed by a biblical worldview.
3	Develop insight into their own and others' behavior and mental processes and apply effective strategies for self-management, self-improvement, and self-care, as well as apply psychological principles to individual, interpersonal, group, and societal issues.
4	Identify and apply basic knowledge of major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology, and evaluate them from a Christian worldview.
5	Analyze empirical evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and recognize their role and responsibility as a member of society.
6	Communicate effectively in a professional and diverse global environment.
7	Demonstrate digital literacy throughout their program.

***Every psychology course must include assessments of some, but not all of the PLOs. The highlighted ones are assessed in this course.**

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*	PLO(s)~
1	Recognize how the brain influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior and how your biological makeup influences who you are.	1	3
2	Explain intra-individual behavioral processes like learning, cognition, and intelligence and inter-individual processes like attitudes and norms.	2	2
3	Explain the concept of personality development in normal and abnormal manifestations.	2	2,3
4	Research important information in professional journals and how to summarize it appropriately.	3	1
5	Summarize some issues regarding the integration of psychology and theology and begin the development of a comprehensive Christian worldview.	4	2,4

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

~Indicates which PLO(s) are aligned with the CLO.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

Students will use their text alongside other integrated texts or articles to develop a deeper understanding of the foundations of psychology while integrating a meaningful biblical worldview in the discussion forum. The discussions will be robust with expectations of digging deeper into your faith as a student and understanding how contemporary issues in psychology may not align to a biblical truth and you will dig deep into how to stand in your faith while supporting the learnings in this course.

Required to Purchase Media:

Stangor, Charles and Sue Frantz. *Introduction to Psychology*, Version 4.0. Flatworld. 2023. ISBN-13: 978-1-4533-9952-1 (Digital)

Integrating Faith and Psychology: Twelve Psychologists Tell Their Stories. Christian Association for Psychological Studies Books. 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0830838851 (Print)

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Weekly Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Quizzes (7) – 25 pts. each	175
Weekly Essays (8) – 50-75 pts. each	525
Final	100
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Ch. 1
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 1
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: Crash Course Psychology Preview
5. Video: Intro to Psychology

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1: Ch. 1 Quiz
2. Assignment 1-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 1 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Ch. 2
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 2
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: Psychological Research

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1: Ch. 2 Quiz
2. Assignment 2-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 2 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Ch. 3
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 3
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: The Chemical Mind
5. Video: Meet Your Master

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1: Ch. 3 Quiz
2. Assignment 3-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 3 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Ch. 4
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 4
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: Sensations and Perception
5. Video: Perceiving is Believing

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1: Ch. 4 Quiz
2. Assignment 4-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 4 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Chs. 5 and 7
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 7
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: Consciousness
5. Video: To Sleep, Perchance to Dream

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Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1: Chs. 5 and 7 Quiz
2. Assignment 5-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 5 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Chs. 8 and 9
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 9
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: How we make memories
5. Video: Remembering and Forgetting
6. Video: Cognition

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1: Chs. 8 and 9 Quiz
2. Assignment 6-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 6 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Chs. 10 and 12
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 10
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: The Power of Motivation
5. Video: Measuring Personality

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1: Chs. 10 and 12 Quiz
2. Assignment 7-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 7 Discussion – See instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. Stangor and Frantz, Chs. 13 and 14
2. *Integrating Faith and Psychology*, Ch. 12
3. Slides for readings (optional)
4. Video: Psychological Disorders
5. Video: Getting Help

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1: Final
2. Assignment 8-2: Essay – See instructions in the course
3. Week 8 Discussion – See instructions in the course