



# CLARENDON COLLEGE

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**Course Syllabus  
Fall 2024 Online  
PSYC2301 General Psychology  
(3 credit hours)**

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**Availability:**

My office hours are **CLARENDON: MW 8-9am, MW 10-11am, MW 12-1, F 8-9,10-11am T9-11 (Central Time)**. If these times are not convenient for you, please let me know. I will be happy to accommodate your schedule, if possible. I provide you with these times to make it easier to communicate with me, and not to limit our contact.

**Schedule Appointment:**  
**Scan QR Code**



**Main method with issues that can be answered within 24 hours**

**OpenLMS Messenger:** Send me a private message through the **Participants** feature located on the **Course Dashboard**. Once I respond, you will see it listed in the **Messages** block located on the **Course Dashboard** as well as your **My Courses** page. You can open it and reply if appropriate.

**Methods if you have a time-sensitive issue**

If you have a time-sensitive issue, during the day between 8:00 am and 3:30, you may call me at 806-874-4829. Please be mindful of the time. I can also be reached via email at [lauraine.paul@clarendoncollege.edu](mailto:lauraine.paul@clarendoncollege.edu)

**For emergencies**, please send a message to my Clarendon College email. If the network is down, please send an email to my personal email address [lauraine@email.phoenix.edu](mailto:lauraine@email.phoenix.edu)

**Online Course website:**



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This online course uses OpenLMS as its online course management program. All instructions, tutorials, exams, and assignments are provided at the course website. All assignments will be submitted there. Due dates for all assignments are listed on the "Course Schedule" at the end of the syllabus.

Most communication between you and your instructor and fellow classmates will be handled in Moodle through the "Messages" feature and discussion forums. You will be able to log into the course website once you have officially registered for the course and once you have been added to the course website. The course website will become available by the first day of the semester. If you register late, you will generally have access to the course within 24 hours after you register. In order to be successful in completing this 3-credit-hour course, you should plan to spend between **6-9 hours per week** on the course.

The information explaining how to log into your course website can be obtained by going to [Clarendon College's](#) home page and clicking the **Online Classes** button. If you have any difficulty logging in, email our help desk at: [administrator@clarendoncollege.edu](mailto:administrator@clarendoncollege.edu)

## **Required Enrollment Verification Activity**

Students who fail to complete the Syllabus Agreement EVA (Enrollment Verification Activity) by the official census date may not be able to continue in the course. This could result in an F for the course and forfeiture of Financial Aid. The census date for this term is on the Academic Calendar at the Inside CC link on Clarendon College's home page. The Syllabus Agreement EVA is in your course's Class Orientation section.

## **Required Instructional Materials:**

Spielman, R. M., Jenkins, W.J., Lovett, M. D. (2020). Psychology (2ed). Houston, TX: OpenStax Rice University.

### **Open Education Resource:**

Students will use OpenStax textbook which is a FREE electronic textbook which never expires. If students prefer a hard copy of the text, they can purchase it for \$38.50 from our bookstore.

The following steps will bring you to the online material:

1. Go to <https://openstax.org/>
2. Click the "subjects" link at the top of the page
3. Click the Subject of the book you would like to view Social Science
4. Click on the book cover **Psychology**



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5. Once there, you can choose to view the entire textbook as a .pdf or on the web. You can also download the .pdf to your own computer.

## **Course Description:**

*General Psychology is a survey of major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.*

## **Statement of Purpose:**

*This course satisfies the Behavioral Sciences requirement of the core curriculum. It also partially satisfies the requirements for Psychology majors and is fully transferable to a senior college or University.*

## **Methods of Instruction:**

This course is an online course which means instruction uses OpenLMS as the online component. In order to be successful in completing this 3-credit hour course, you should plan to spend between 6-9 hours per week on the course.

## **Core Objectives:**

- **Critical thinking skills** –to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communication skills** –to include effective written, oral, and visual communication
- **Empirical and quantitative skills**–to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social responsibility** – to include intercultural competency, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.
2. Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.
3. Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.
4. Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.
5. Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.
6. Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

## **Grading Policies:**

The final grade in this course will be determined by the following:

- Activity (25) 25%
- Discussion (21) 25%
- Tests (4) 20%
- Projects (4) 20%
- Participation 10%

## **Grading Scale**

The final semester grades will be figured as set in the current catalog:



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Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percentage	90-100	80-89	70-79	60-69	59>

Your official final grade will be made available through your Student Portal at Clarendon College's website.

## **Personal Policies**

### **Due Dates, Attendance, and Make-up policy:**

Regular weekly attendance is mandatory in all online courses. Specific activities will be identified on the course schedule that must be completed for students to be considered "in attendance." Attendance will be posted to the Student Portal.

Failure to complete these assignments can result in forfeiture of Financial Aid and failure of the class.

Due dates will be given in plenty of time allowing students to work ahead. If you participate in school that may conflict with due dates, you must arrange it before the day of absence. **NO LATE assignments will be accepted.**

### **My personal attendance policy:**

For this course, I will submit an **attendance report on Tuesday and on the census date.** Students can be placed on academic probation or lose financial aid for chronic non-attendance or failure to progress through the course assignments. Students who are following the online attendance policy are marked "present."

### **Participation**

Students are required to participate in class. Participation includes the student's preparation for class, inquiry about the material, discussion, collaborative learning, active listening, completion of assignments, and communication with the instructor.

## **College Policies**

### **Academic Integrity Policy:**

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense.

Academic dishonesty violations include, but are not limited to:



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(1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given; (3) observing the work of another during an examination or providing answers to another during the course of an examination; (4) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment; (5) entering an office, classroom, laboratory, or building to obtain unfair advantage; (6) taking an examination for another person; (7) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (8) altering grade records; (9) using any unauthorized form of an electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; and/or, (10) plagiarism. (Plagiarism is defined as the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person's work without proper credit. This includes turning in a paper purchased or acquired from any source, written by someone other than the student claiming credit, or stolen from another student.

Students are responsible for reporting known acts of academic dishonesty to a faculty member, the program coordinator, the associate Vice President, and/or Vice President. Any student with knowledge of a violation who fails to report it shall him/herself be in violation and shall be considered to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Additionally, any student who reports him/herself in violation of this code before it is likely that another might consider this possibility will be understood as repentant and acting in good faith. Though the confession will not excuse the student for the violation, the confession will be considered, and the violation should not result in suspension from school except in the most extreme cases.

While academic integrity and honesty are the responsibility of the individual student, each individual faculty member, teaching assistant, and/or laboratory instructor is responsible for classroom management and for maintaining ethical behavior within the classroom and/or laboratory. Faculty who discovers or suspect a violation should discuss the matter with the suspected violator(s) and attempt to resolve the case at that point. In cases of convincing evidence, the faculty member should take appropriate action. The faculty member and student should complete a Counseling Sheet regarding the violation. (The Counseling Sheet should contain at a minimum the date and time of the violation, the course, the instructor's name, the student's name, an explanation of the infraction or facts of the case, and the resolution to the incident.) This form should be signed by the student, faculty member, program coordinator, and the Vice President of Students. The Vice President of Students will maintain a file on all violations. If a faculty member prefers to report the case directly to the Vice President of Students, it remains his/her prerogative to do so. Additionally, if the faculty member and the accused student cannot reach a resolution or if the faculty member believes that suspension from school is the only fair sanction, the case should immediately be reported by the faculty member, in writing, to the Vice President of Students. If the Vice President of Students observes any trends in student behavior which involve more than one violation or act of academic dishonesty, the Vice President is responsible for notifying all faculty members involved, for contacting the student(s) involved, and after consultation with the faculty member(s) involved for taking the appropriate action. The Vice President of Students is responsible for the timely notification (normally within two



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weeks) to all parties of an action taken. Students wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision involving academic integrity or acts of academic dishonesty may do so through the Student Appeals and Grievance Procedure.

## **Withdrawing from (Dropping) the Course:**

If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a "W" on your transcript instead. (The last day to drop a course is available on the Academic Calendar, located at the Student link on the Clarendon College website.) Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that you must initiate. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive whatever grade you have earned. Whether to drop a class or not requires a lot of thought. According to Texas state law a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, starting with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop 6 courses throughout their undergraduate career. After the 6<sup>th</sup> dropped class, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

## **Withdrawal from College:**

When a student must withdraw from school before the end of the semester, they should obtain a withdrawal form from the Office of Student Services. Students may also withdraw from the college by sending a written request for such action to the Registrar's Office. The request must include the student's signature, the student's current address, social security number and course information details. Students who withdraw after the census date for the semester and on or before the end of the 12th week of a long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar will be assigned a grade of "W."

## **American with Disabilities Act Statement:**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any student who feels that he or she may need any special assistance or accommodation because of an impairment or disabling condition should contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at 806-874-4837 [janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu](mailto:janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu) or visit the Clarendon campus at Clarendon College. It is the policy of Clarendon College to provide reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services. <https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/accommodations>



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## **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Clarendon College, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, based on race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status. It is the policy of Clarendon College not to discriminate based on gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. Harassment of a student in class, i.e., a pattern of behavior directed against a particular student with the intent of humiliating or intimidating that student will not be tolerated. The mere expression of one's ideas is not harassment and is fully protected by academic freedom, but personal harassment of individual students is not permitted.

## **Grievance/Appeals**

If you have a dispute concerning your grade or policies in this class, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to discuss the matter. Should things remain unresolved, please follow the procedures described in the Clarendon College Student Handbook or College Policy Manual.

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Student Rights and Responsibilities are listed on the College website at:

<http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Student%20Services/StudentRightsResponsibilities.pdf>

The role of Clarendon College is to encourage individuals of all ages to develop their skills and talents based on their abilities and interests, so that collectively they may contribute to the growth and development of this democracy. College policies, procedures, and regulations are formulated to promote an appropriate teaching and learning environment where each student has the freedom to learn and where the constitutional rights of others are protected.

The concept of rights and freedom, no matter how basic or widely accepted, carries with it corresponding responsibilities. Students, as well as other members of the college community, enjoy the same constitutional and civil rights guaranteed to all citizens; at the same time, they are subject to the laws of the nation, the State of Texas, and the local community. All members of the college community have a strong responsibility to protect and maintain an academic climate in which the freedom to learn can be enjoyed by all. To this end, certain basic regulations and policies have been developed to govern the behavior of students as members of the college community.

Violations of student conduct regulations will be handled through the Office of the Vice President of Student Services. Violations of federal, state, and/or local laws make a student subject to civil or criminal action in addition to disciplinary action by the College. Each student is responsible for knowing the policies and regulations of the College.

## **Freedom of Expression**

The rights of free speech and peaceable assembly are fundamental to the democratic process. The College supports the rights of students of the college community to express their views and opinions on actions or ideas, to associate freely with others, and to assemble peacefully.





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Whether expressing themselves as individuals or in organized groups, college community members are expected to behave responsibly, according to law, and respect the College's basic educational goals. Accordingly, the College insists that free expression not violate the rights of others. Disruption of the educational process and functions of the College, or violation of law, would constitute such a violation.

Students wishing to assemble must complete an official request with the Vice-President of Student Services. The institution reserves the right to determine the time and location of such assemblies to ensure that the educational process is not disrupted. The use of amplified equipment is prohibited in student assembly and speech. The institution will not tolerate hate speech, defined as "...the lewd and obscene, the profane, the libelous, and the insulting or 'fighting' words – those which by their very utterance inflict injury or tend to incite and immediate breach of the peace." (Chaplinsky vs State of New Hampshire, 315 U.S. 568, 1942)

## **Freedom of Access**

Within its resources, Clarendon College shall be open to all applicants qualified according to current admission requirements. Clarendon College does not discriminate based on race, creed, color, national origin, mental or physical disabilities, age, or sex in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This includes admissions, employment, financial aid, and educational services, programs, and activities.

## **Freedom of Association**

Students are free to associate to promote their common interests. They have the right to seek, through official procedures, and establish organizations of their choosing so long as such are not in conflict with the educational purposes of the College. Students have the right to affiliate with officially recognized campus organizations of their choice, within the requirements of those organizations relative to membership.

## **Academic Rights of Students**

The College provides a quality education program in keeping with its financial resources; students have protection through campus-designed procedures against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. Student performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students are responsible for completing their academic program, being familiar with all requirements of the College Catalog, and for maintaining their grade point average for degree requirements.

## **Student Records**

Student records are maintained in confidence and in compliance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission retention schedule. Student records are used to promote instruction, career development, guidance, and educational progress. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, as amended, the student has access to specific information contained in his or her official records as specified by that act. Student records may be released to other persons, agencies, or institutions with a demonstrated interest in the student only if a written release has been signed by the student. College staff shall have access to student records when there is a demonstrated educational interest in them.

## **Student Participation in Institutional Decision-Making**

The primary route of Clarendon College students in decision-making is through participation in the Student Government Association (SGA). Students also may be invited to serve on one of the various institutional committees. Student opinions of food services, student housing, student activities, etc., are gathered from a number of surveys. All student input, whether it be through organized clubs, committees, or questionnaires, is given serious consideration as suggestions for change in and improvement of the College.





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## **Student Responsibilities**

The Board of Regents of Clarendon College expects employees, students, visitors, and guests of the College to accept the following responsibilities:

- (1) Compliance with and support of duly constituted civil authority,
- (2) Respect for the rights of others and cooperation to ensure that such rights are maintained, whether one agrees with the views of those exercising such rights.
- (3) Cooperation to ensure that the will of the majority is implemented after due consideration, but not to include the suppression of the minority,
- (4) To exercise disagreement responsibly and within a framework compatible with the orderly resolution of differences.
- (5) Knowledge of and active support of college regulations.
- (6) A person who is required to register under the Code of Criminal Procedures 62.152 must register not later than the seventh day after the date on which the person begins to attend school to the Director of Student Life as well as any other local law enforcement agencies as required by Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

<b><i>Other Important dates to remember:</i></b>	
<i>Last day to Add/Drop</i>	8/29
<b>Labor Day: NO SCHOOL</b>	9/2
<i>Financial Settlement</i>	9/4
<i>Census Day</i>	9/11
<i>Constitution Day</i>	9/17
<b>Columbus and Indigenous People Day: NO SCHOOL</b>	10/14
<i>Midterms</i>	10/30
<i>Last day to Withdraw</i>	11/14
<b>Thanksgiving Break: NO SCHOOL</b>	11/27-11/29
<i>Commencement Ceremony</i>	12/6
<i>Final Exams</i>	12/9-12/11
<i>End of Semester (Grades Posted to Transcript) 2p</i>	12/13



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<b>PSYC2301 General Psychology</b> <i>The course schedule is tentative and subject to change.</i> <i>** Activities used to determine attendance**</i>	
<b>Week 1: 8/26-9/1</b> Introductions	<b>DUE DATES</b>
EVA	8/28
Syllabus Quiz	8/28
Contact Info	8/28
**Autobiography	8/30
Backup Plan	8/30
Proper Message	9/1
Plagiarism Quiz	9/1
<b>Week 2: 9/2-9/8</b> Introduction of Psychology	
<b>NO SCHOOL: Labor Day</b>	<b>9/2</b>
** Psychology Careers Discussion	9/4
Maslow Hierarchy of Needs Activity	9/6
Reflection	9/8
<b>Week 3: 9/9-9/15</b> Research Methods	
Research Study Discussion	9/11
**Conducting Research Activity	9/13
Reflection	9/15
<b>Week 4: 9/16-9/22</b> Biopsychology/Neuroscience	
<b>THEORIST POWERPOINT</b>	<b>9/16</b>
Student Feedback	9/18
Cerebral Cortex Discussion	9/18
**Steroid Use Activity	9/20
Reflection	9/22
<b>Week 5: 9/23-9/29</b> States of Consciousness	
<b>**Sleep Log</b>	<b>9/23</b>
Homicidal Sleepwalking Discussion	9/25
Guided Meditation Activity	9/27
Reflection	9/29



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UNIT 1 TEST	9/29-9/30
<b>Week 6: 9/30-10/6</b> Sensation and Perception	
Synthesis Discussion	10/2
**Gestalt Principles Activity	10/4
Reflection	10/6
<b>Week 7: 10/7-10/13</b> Learning	
Bobo Doll Experiment Discussion	10/9
**Stimulus and Response Activity	10/11
Reflection	10/13
<b>Week 8: 10/14-10/20</b> Intelligence and Language	
<b><i>NO SCHOOL : Columbus and Indigenous People Day</i></b>	<b>10/14</b>
**Theories of Intelligence Discussion	10/16
Divergent/Convergent Activity	10/18
Creativity Test Activity	10/18
Reflection	10/20
<b>Week 9: 10/21-10/27</b> Memory	<b>MIDTERMS</b>
**Eyewitness Testimony Discussion	10/23
Mnemonics Activity	10/25
Reflection	10/27
UNIT 2 TEST	10/27-10/28
<b>Week 10: 10/28-11/3</b> Motivation and Emotion	
**Intrinsic/Extrinsic Motivation Activity	10/30
Body Language Discussion	10/30
Hookup Culture in College	11/1
Reflection	11/3
<b>Week 11: 11/4-11/10</b> Personality	
Myers Briggs Activity	11/6
Personality Test Discussion	11/6



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**Defense Mechanism Activity	11/8
Reflection	11/10
<b>CRITICAL THINKING PAPER</b>	<b>11/11</b>
<b>Week 12: 11/11-11/17</b> Social Psychology	
**Bystander Discussion	11/13
Breaking Social Norms Activity	11/13
Psychology of Evil Discussion	11/15
Reflection	11/17
<b>UNIT 3 TEST</b>	
<b>Week 13: 11/18-11/24</b> Stress, Lifestyle, Health	
**Stress Reduction Discussion	11/20
Happiness Activity	11/22
Reactions to Stress Discussion	11/22
Reflection	11/24
<b>Week 14: 11/25-12/1</b> Psychological Disorders and Treatments	
Personality Disorder	11/26
<b>NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>11/27-11/29</b>
Reflection	12/1
<b>Week 15: 12/3-12/8</b> Therapy and Treatment	
Antidepressant Discussion	12/2
**Listening and Reflection Activity	12/4
Therapist Activity	12/6
Classroom feedback	12/8
<b>FINALS : 12/9-12/11</b>	
**FINAL UNIT 4 TEST	12/7-12/9
Institutional Feedback	12/10