



# **INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE**

PSY 201  
General Psychology

Effective Term  
2021 - 2022

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## Part I: Course Information

Effective Term: Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Summer 2022

COURSE PREFIX: PSY 201

COURSE TITLE: General Psychology

CONTACT HOURS: 3.0

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

### **RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:**

Psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes. Every individual who works with people should have knowledge of "why people are the way they are." This knowledge can help you understand others, and it can also help you understand yourself. With a better understanding of yourself and others, you should be able to function at higher levels both at home and at work.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course includes the following topics and concepts in the science of behavior: scientific method, biological bases of behavior, perception, motivation, learning, memory, development, personality, abnormal behavior, therapeutic techniques, and social psychology.

### **PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**

((ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 075 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 081) or (New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 250 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 250) or (COMPANION Reading 075 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 081) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (SAT Critical Reading 480) or (ACT English 19 and ACT Reading 19) or (Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C\* or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC))

**\*Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the DLI Online Student Orientation prior to completing an online course. The DLI Online Student Orientation can be found in WaveNet, under the My Student tab.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

Hockenbury, Sandra E. and Nolan, Sandra A. (2019). Discovering Psychology (8<sup>th</sup> ed.) New York, NY: Worth Publishers. MacMillan Learning.

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### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

None.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.  
MyHGTC and college email access.

### **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:**

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

Students are required to read the textbook assignments. The text will introduce you to key concepts, principles, and methods devised to describe and explain behavior, development, and psychological disorders. Students are also encouraged to take notes. This course is designed to foster interaction, active learning, and the sharing of ideas and information. Therefore, as a student, you are encouraged to participate and to be respectful of other students and the instructor. (Please be respectful when others are presenting, and asking questions. Therefore, do not engage in disruptive behavior and/or talking during class presentations and lectures). This directive is part of the standard of acceptable behavior for this class. Students in violation of this directive may be asked to leave the class for the remainder of the class period, and subsequently referred to the Chief Student Services Officer for further disciplinary action. For a detailed explanation of The Student Code for The South Carolina Technical College System, please refer to the College Catalog (available Online). The faculty and administration of HGTC are committed to enhancing your learning experience at the College through improved methods of instruction and support services.

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

**NETIQUETTE:** is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

**Classroom conduct:** It is the responsibility of faculty to clearly communicate classroom expectations early in the semester. If, after that communication, students are unwilling to comply with expectations and have been notified of the unacceptability of such conduct, faculty should:

- First offense of disruptive behavior -Dismiss student from class "for a period" until discussion concerning acceptable conduct and next steps can occur between faculty and student. Student should not be readmitted to class until such discussion occurs.
- Second offense of disruptive behavior -Dismiss student from class (or request Public Safety assistance for removal) for written referral to Chief Student Services Officer for disciplinary follow up.

**Academic Misconduct: Cheating, plagiarism, collusion, et al.**

- Professor must meet with student to discuss allegation and evidence upon which it is based. The student must be given the opportunity to refute the allegation.
- If academic misconduct is substantiated to the Professor's satisfaction, the Professor notifies the student of the sanction to be imposed, consisting of one of the following:
  - Assign a grade of zero to the test, assignment, etc. involved in the academic misconduct.
  - Assign a failing grade for the course (with consultation on student academic options including the appeal process)
  - Require the student to withdraw from the course
  - Within five (5) working days of the meeting with the student, the Professor must provide a written explanation of the incident and any sanction imposed to the Chief Instructional Office. Please also notify the CSSO, as the CSSO serves as the CIO designee for appeal processing.

\*Horry-Georgetown Technical College Policy: No eating, drinking or smoking is permitted in the classroom.

## **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Identify basic concepts and research findings.
2. Apply psychological principles to daily life.
3. Draw appropriate and objective conclusions about behavior and mental processes from empirical evidence.
4. Learn to think critically about psychological theories and the dynamic nature of cultures and people.

**Students – please refer to the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.**

**GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:**

This course fulfills the following General Education Outcomes through the Motivation Analysis Paper. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- ☒ Communicate effectively;
- ☒ Think critically;
- ☐ Self and professional development.

### **EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL AND INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION (EPIC):**

This course fulfills HGTC's Quality Enhancement Plan for Effective Professional and Interpersonal Communication. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

(Check all that apply.)

- ☒ Utilize appropriate communication formats when conveying professional and interpersonal thoughts and ideas.
- ☒ Apply appropriate language when speaking and writing for their chosen field of study or Industry.
- ☐ Demonstrate appropriate communication techniques when engaging audiences.

## **Part III: Grading and Assessment**

### **EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\***

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

#### **EVALUATION\***

Exams (2 to 5 exams including Final Exam if applicable)	40% to 70%
Quizzes / Assignments	15% to 40%
Papers / Projects / Portfolios / Discussion	15% to 40%
Participation	0% to 10%
	100%

**\*Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.**

## GRADING SYSTEM:

The College adheres to a 10 point grading scale

A = 100 – 90

B = 89- 80

C = 79 – 70

D = 69 – 60

F = 59 and below.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop ([ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

## Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

**For online and hybrid courses**, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

**Any student missing more than two (2) weeks without notification will be withdrawn for excessive absences.**

## Part V: Student Resources



### THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication **coaching** in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring, contact the SSTC at [ssc@hgtc.edu](mailto:ssc@hgtc.edu) or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at [www.penjiapp.com](http://www.penjiapp.com). Email [ssc@hgtc.edu](mailto:ssc@hgtc.edu) or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



### STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC:** General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) including Office 365 support, password resets, and username information.
3. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available in Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
4. **Chat with our staff on TECH Talk**, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552.

Visit the [Tech Central](#) website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option #2.

### STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L

- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

## **DISABILITY SERVICES:**

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#). The Accessibility and Disability staff will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

## **STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:**

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

## **TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:**

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college's Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college's Title IX Coordinator, or designee.

\*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

## **INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:**



**Student and prospective student** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

**Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs**

*Title IX Coordinator*

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**Employee and applicant** inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

**Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources**

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