

Hagerstown Community College
MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE: PSY 101: General Psychology

3 credits

INSTRUCTOR:

SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring, 2020

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Designed as a foundation course and prerequisite to other psychology courses, general psychology introduces the data, concepts, theories, principles and methods of contemporary psychology while examining the dynamic factors that influence behavior.

Prerequisite: ENG 100 or placement into ENG 101.

TEXTBOOK: *Psychology*, OPENSTAX, Rice University, 2017

<https://openstax.org/details/books/psychology>

free to read online or download

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

- Identify the purposes, components, advantages, disadvantages, and explanatory powers of psychological data and methodology.
- Develop a deeper appreciation of the behavioral principles and applicable biological, physiological and chemical processes that influence human behavior.
- Predict behaviors and mental processes from the perspective of particular psychological principles or theories and cultural contexts.
- Utilize critical thinking skills to evaluate the validity of psychological principles, concepts, theories, methods, and statements dealing with behavior and mental processes.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

- Critically analyze and evaluate issues derived from the Social Sciences utilizing appropriate methodologies.
- Demonstrate how culture, society and diversity shape the role of the individual within society and human relations across cultures.

Total Hours of Coursework:

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

37.5 hours	Class lecture and discussion
32 hours	Reading textbook in preparation for class
30 hours	Studying for exams
3 hours	General Education reading & writing assignment
<u>10 hours</u>	Assignments
112.5 hours	