North Central Kansas Technical College

General Psychology Fall 2018-Online

SS-100 General Psychology Syllabus

Instructor and Class Information

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Course Information

Course Number  SS-100
Course Title  General Psychology
Course Description
This course is a survey of the introduction to the social science of psychology. It introduces basic concepts, theories, and founders of psychology, research methods, and contributions to the understanding of human behavior. Chapters studied throughout the course include the nervous system, perception, motivation, learning and memory, social behavior, personality, developmental, and clinical psychology.

Total Credits  3
Total Hours  45

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type  Credits/Hours
Classroom Presentation
Independent Study

Textbooks
Learner Supplies

Notebook or Paper. Required.

Course Competencies
1. Identify historical foundations and current trends in psychology. (Research Paper)
   Status Active
2. Distinguish methods of research in psychology. (Quiz)
   Status Active
3. Identify the biological basis of behavior including physiology of the brain. (Journal)
   Status Active
4. Distinguish principles and theories of learning and cognition. (Research Paper)
   Status Active
5. Recognize theories and applications of motivation and emotion. (Research Paper)
   Status Active
6. Demonstrate an understanding of human life span development. (Research Paper)
   Status Active
7. Identify the major theories of personality. (Research Paper)
   Status Active
8. Recognize categories of psychological disorders and treatments. (Quiz - Group Activity)
   Status Active
9. Recognize the major theories and findings in social psychology. (Research Paper)
   Status Active

Course Grading Information
Classes for General Psychology are based off a point system conducive for each specific section of this class. All of them follow the NCKTC academic grading scale.

Instructor Grading Information
Class Requirements:
Weekly Quizzes
Weekly Questions
One Portfolio Assignment
NCK Tech Mission Statement
North Central Kansas Technical College delivers applied, innovative and personalized education to empower learners, enrich lives, develop skilled professionals and strengthen economic systems.

Vision Statement
North Central Kansas Technical College is dedicated to being a leader in workforce development by maximizing value for students, employers and communities through educational excellence.

Core Values
Achieving EXCELLENCE with INTEGRITY through
DEDICATION
  INNOVATION
  COLLABORATION
  COMMUNICATION

NCK Tech Non-Discrimination Policy
NCK Tech is committed to non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, age, ancestry, disability, military status, or veteran status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Further, it is the policy of the college to prohibit harassment (including sexual harassment and sexual violence) of students and employees.

Any person having inquiries concerning the college’s compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act is directed to the Dean of Instructional Services (Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer) or the Dean of Student Services (Title VI, Title VII, & Title IX Compliance Officer) at 1-800-658-4655 or PO Box 507, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420.

NCK Tech Tobacco Use Policy
The use of tobacco products in any form and/or electronic cigarettes is prohibited in, or within ten (10) feet of any building owned, leased, or rented by the College.

NCK Tech Weapons Policy
Individuals who choose to carry concealed handguns are solely responsible to do so in a safe and secure manner in strict conformity with state and federal laws and NCK Tech weapons policy. Individuals must be 21 years of age to carry concealed handguns.
Safety measures outlined in the NCK Tech weapons policy specify that a concealed handgun:
• Must be under the constant control of the carrier.
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carrier’s custody and control and within immediate reach of the individual.
• Must be in a holster that covers the trigger area and secures any external hammer in an un-cocked position
• Must have the safety on, and have no round in the chamber.
Lockers, toolboxes, and/or tool bags are not approved storage devices in accordance with NCK Tech Policy.

Overview for Students with Disabilities

NCK Tech is dedicated to providing equal access and opportunity to all campus programs and services for
students with disabilities. We are committed to providing reasonable accommodations in accordance with
applicable state and federal laws including, but not limited to, Section 504 and 508 of the Federal
Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. We
strive to create a safe, respectful and inclusive environment and promote awareness, knowledge and self-
advocacy.

NCK Tech acknowledges that traditional methods, programs and services are not always appropriate or
sufficient to accommodate the limitations experienced by some qualified persons with disabilities. When a
student's disability prevents him/her from fulfilling a course requirement through conventional procedures,
consideration will be given to alternatives, keeping in mind that academic standards must be maintained.

Services are provided through Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff located in the Resource Center on
the Beloit Campus and in Student Services at the Hays Campus.

* Darsey Offutt, Director of Learning Resources, may be reached at 1-785-738-9020; doffutt@ncktc.edu; or by
mail at NCK Technical College, 3033 US Hwy 24, Beloit, KS 67420.

* Lexi Pfannenstiel, Student Services Coordinator, may be reached at 1-785-623-6166;
apfannenstiel@ncktc.edu; or by mail at NCK Technical College, 2205 Wheatland Ave., Hays, KS 67601.

Student Responsibilities

Students requesting support services will need to register (“self-disclose” and complete Student Accessibility
Services Intake Form), provide appropriate documentation including how the disability affects academic
performance and suggested accommodations, and communicate with the Director of Learning Resources as
part of interactive process to create an Educational Accommodation Plan that will notify Instructors of
approved accommodations, services and/or auxiliary aids.

Students are encouraged to make timely and appropriate disclosures and requests, at least two weeks in
advance of a course, program, or activity for which an accommodation is requested (or as soon as realistically
possible) to allow adequate time for accommodation services to be set in place.

Accommodations, Academic Support Services, or Auxiliary Aids

Reasonable accommodations including academic support services and auxiliary aids are provided to allow
students with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from our educational programs.
Accommodations will be provided on a case-by-case basis determined by student request, documentation,
take interview, and assessment of individual needs and course requirements.

Reasonable testing accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

* Extended testing time
* Reduced distraction testing environment
* Test reader and/or scribe
* Use of calculator

Academic support services/auxiliary aids may include, but are not limited to:

* Note-taking assistance (second set of notes, power point slides, or other visual aids provided)
* Sign Language Interpreter
* Preferential seating in the classroom
* Large print exams, handouts, signs, etc.
* Telecommunications devices
* Use of Assistive Technology

Accommodations may not fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity, lower academic standards, present undue financial or administrative burden on the college, or pose a threat to others or public safety.

Additionally, some accommodations and services cannot be provided, such as personal devices or assistance with personal services.

Auxiliary aids may be available through a variety of sources available to individual students. The student may make a request in obtaining specialized support services from other resources such as Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), Recordings for the Blind, Kansas Talking Book Service, etc. For example, Vocational Rehabilitation may fund such items as transportation to the institution, tuition, textbooks, hearing aids, and other individually prescribed medical devices.

If at any time throughout the academic year, a student feels that the agreed upon accommodations are not being followed or that alternate accommodations need to be provided, the student should notify Student Accessibility Services (SAS) staff. NCK Tech is committed to student success; however, we do not require students to use accommodations. The decision of when to utilize approved accommodations or services is up to the student. Integration, self-advocacy and individual responsibility are promoted and expected.

**Reasonable Suspicion**

If reasonable suspicion of substance abuse exists regarding an employee or student based on objective criteria (including, but not limited to, behavior, appearance, demeanor, detection of the odor of alcohol or any controlled substance), the employee or student will be requested to consent to drug testing performed by NCK Tech’s contract vendor at the expense of the college.

A. A college administrator (or their designee) shall drive the employee or student to the vendor’s site for drug testing and shall return the employee or student to his/her residence (or arrange for transportation) following the testing.
B. Test results shall be sent directly to the college administrator, with a copy also sent to the employee or student. All test results will be considered confidential, access to the results will be limited to institutional personnel who have a legitimate need-to-know.
C. In the event of a positive test result, the employee or student may request a retest of the sample at the employee or student’s expense. The request must be submitted within 24 hours.
D. Positive results for any illegal drugs, or prescription drugs (either not prescribed for the employee or student, or at levels above the prescribed dosage), or blood alcohol level of 0.04 or greater shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.

E. Refusal to provide a specimen for this testing shall be treated as a positive drug test result.

F. Test results or specimens that have been determined to be altered by the employee or student shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.

G. If the employee or student tests positive for an authorized prescription drug which may impair his/her performance or judgment, the employee or student may not be permitted to participate in college activities until he/she provides a doctor’s release.

Right to Modify the Syllabus

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus during the semester. Students will be given advanced notice if a change would occur.

Scholastic Dishonesty

Membership in the NCK Tech learning community imposes upon the student a variety of commitments, obligations, and responsibilities. It is the policy of this college to impose sanctions on students who misrepresent their academic work. Appropriate classroom instructors or other designated persons will select these sanctions consistent with the seriousness of the violation and related considerations.

Examples of scholastic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism: i.e. taking someone else's intellectual work and presenting it as one’s own. Each department set standards of attribution. Faculty will include disciplinary or class-specific definitions in course syllabi.
- Cheating is unacceptable in any form. Examples include consultation of books, library materials, notes or intentional observation of another student's test on paper or a computer screen; accessing another student's answers from an exam to be given or in progress; submission of falsified data; alteration of exams or other academic exercises; and collaboration on projects where collaboration is forbidden.
- Falsification, forgery or alteration of any documents pertaining to assignments and examinations.
- Students who participate in, or assist with, cheating or plagiarism will also be in violation of this policy.

Classroom instructors and/or administrators will assess sanctions for violations of this policy. The seriousness of the violation will dictate the severity of the sanction imposed. Academic sanctions may include but are not limited to any of the following:

1. verbal or written warning
2. lowering of grade for an assignment
3. lowering of term grade

Administrative sanctions may include but are not limited to either of the following

1. suspension from the College
2. dismissal from the College

General Education Outcomes

General education outcomes are academic foundation and life-long learning skills, knowledge, and perspectives identified as requirements for success by the faculty at NCKTC. They include skills such as written and oral communication, humanities, fine arts, math, science, and social science.
Prior to earning an Associates Degree or Program Certificate, you will need to demonstrate that you have achieved the General Education Outcomes by completing all required performance assessments.

By achieving the competencies in this course, you will build some of skills, abilities, and attitudes required by the following general education outcomes:

**Mutual Respect**

The Psychology classes are designed for collaboration rather than competition. That means that each member of the class supports the others in their efforts to succeed. Be sure to come to each class prepared to:

1. Listen with respect.
2. Speak with respect.
3. Contribute actively to the work of your team.

**NCKTC Services for Students with Disabilities**

Students, with either a permanent or temporary disability, who require accommodation for more than one week should request services by contacting the Student Services Office. Students requesting accommodations must present written documentation from a certified professional, which should include a statement identifying the disability as well as recommendations for accommodations. Contact, at least one month in advance, the Dean of Student Services (785) 738-2276 to make requests for accommodations.

**NCKTC Inclement Weather Policy**

School dismissals and cancelations will be announced using the NCKTC RAVE Alert system. Local media will also be notified.

**NCKTC Kansas Core Outcome statement**

The learning outcomes detailed in this syllabus meet, or exceed, the learning outcomes specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Project for this course, as sanctioned by the Kansas Board of Regents.

**NCKTC Policy Regarding Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated while attending North Central Kansas Technical College. The examples of academic dishonesty are plagiarism, cheating, falsification or forgery of any assignment or examinations. Any student who participates in any form of academic dishonesty must accept the consequences of their actions. These consequences may include but are not limited to the following (a) verbal or written warning, (b) lowering of grade for assignment/activity, (c) failure of class assignment or exam.

**Nondiscrimination**

NCK Tech does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin, religion or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. NCK Tech does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices.

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**NCK Tech EPA Standards**

The college will comply with all Federal and State Standards in regard to OSHA and EPA Regulations. In most of the shops and labs, students either handle or produce hazardous waste materials. All faculty have received training on these standards.

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