



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**SSC214: GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY**

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**CREDIT HOURS: 5 CREDITS**

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:**

**INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories, and approaches to the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. Topics include research methods, sensation, human development, learning, perception, motivation, emotions, personality, psychotherapy, social influences, biological functioning of the nervous system, health psychology, etc.

**TEXT:** Spielman, R. M., Jenkins, W., & Lovett, M. D. (2020). Psychology 2e. OpenStax. <https://openstax.org/books/psychology-2e/pages/1-introduction>. Additional readings and resources will be distributed in class.

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- Copy the original sentence pattern, substitution synonyms for key words.
- Neglect to indicate the source of the original material.

**ASSESSMENTS:**

Content

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Exams (4)	400 points
Final Exam	100 points
Thought Paper	50 points
Quizzes (10)	100 points
Total	650 points

**COURSE GRADE:**

A+ = 97%–100%	C+ = 77%–79%
A = 93%–96%	C = 73%–76%
A- = 90%–92%	C- = 70%–72%
B+ = 87%–89%	D+ = 67%–69%
B = 83%–86%	D = 63%–66%
B- = 80%–82%	D- = 60%–62%
	F = Below 60%

## TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

(Subject to change)

Module/Units	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment
<b>Module 1</b>	<u>Introduction and Methods</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 1: Introduction to Psychology</li><li>● Chapter 2: Psychological Research</li></ul>	Quiz 1 Exam 1
<b>Module 2</b>	<u>Biological Foundations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 3: Biopsychology</li><li>● Chapter 5: Sensation and Perception</li></ul>	Quiz 2
<b>Module 3</b>	<u>Human Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 9: Lifespan Development</li></ul>	Quiz 3 Exam 2
<b>Module 4</b>	<u>Learning and Memory</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 8: Memory</li><li>● Chapter 6: Learning</li></ul>	Quiz 5
<b>Module 5</b>	<u>Consciousness and Intelligence</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 4: States of Consciousness</li><li>● Chapter 7: Thinking and Intelligence</li></ul>	Quiz 5 Exam 3
<b>Module 6</b>	<u>Motivation and Emotion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 10: Emotion and Motivation</li></ul>	Quiz 6
<b>Module 7</b>	<u>Personality</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 11: Personality</li></ul>	Quiz 7 Thought Paper
<b>Module 8</b>	<u>Social Psychology</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 12: Social Psychology</li></ul>	Quiz 8 Exam 4
<b>Module 9</b>	<u>Psychological Disorders</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 15: Psychological Disorders</li></ul>	Quiz 9
<b>Module 10</b>	<u>Therapies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chapter 16: Therapy and Treatment</li></ul>	Quiz 10 Final Exam