I. Introduction and Prerequisites

This is a distance learning class conducted via the internet using Laulima, University of Hawai‘i’s web-based course management system. SmartWork, the textbook companion website can be accessed from Laulima. A web-based course such as this one requires that you have computer literacy skills. Please refer to Section V of this syllabus for information on basic computer skills required to take this class. **Prerequisites:** ENG 22 with at least a C or English placement of ENG 100.

II. Learning Resources and Materials


**Library:** Consult a librarian when you have questions about how to access research material. The librarian can introduce you to different methods of finding information related to your topic.
III. Catalog Description

PSY 100 focuses on basic concepts and principles of psychology in the areas of individual differences, motivation, emotion, perception, learning, methodology, tests and measurement, history, abnormal, physiology, and applied psychology. This course emphasizes lectures, multimedia presentations, discussions, and experimentation.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes

At the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

(a) Describe the nature of psychology as a discipline, explaining why psychology is a science, and listing the primary objectives of psychology: describing, understanding, predicting, and controlling behavior and mental processes.
(b) Identify the concepts, language, and major theories of the discipline to account for psychological phenomena.
(c) Compare and contrast the major perspectives of psychology: behavioral, neuroscience, cognitive, evolutionary, humanistic, psychodynamic, and socio-cultural.
(d) Identify overarching themes and persistent questions in psychology.
(e) Describe the basic methodology of the science of psychology, explaining different research methods used by psychologists.
(f) Use critical thinking and reasoning effectively, identifying and evaluating the source, context, and credibility of information, evaluating popular media reports regarding psychological research.
(g) State how psychological principles can be used to explain social issues and inform public policy and recognize that socio-cultural contexts may influence the application of psychological principles in solving social problems.
(h) Apply psychological concepts, theories, and research findings as these relate to everyday life.
(i) Explain the necessity for ethical behavior in all aspects of the science and practice of psychology.
(j) Communicate effectively, by listening accurately, and actively and articulating ideas thoughtfully and purposefully.
(k) Demonstrate the ability to collaborate effectively.

V. Course Tasks and Assessment

How students demonstrate they have met the learning outcomes listed above (and earn points toward their grade in psychology 100):

Because this course is conducted via the internet, our class communication, assignments, and testing will all be online. You’ll be using various Laulima tools, including a message board, and online quizzes and exams. In addition, you will need to complete homework assignments in SmartWork. For instructions to register for SmartWork, see Section VII of this Syllabus.

You are responsible for keeping up in this class: your diligence in logging in regularly to the class site, and engaging in a timely fashion, is essential to your success. No late work is accepted in this class without written verification of medical or legal circumstances. Please ask your instructor and/or your classmates if you are unclear on a particular topic.
**Tasks:**
15 Chapter Quizzes (20 points each): 300 pts
Exam #1: 100
Exam #2: 100
Exam #3: 100
Exam #4: 100
15 SmartWork Assignments (10 points each): 150
15 Message Board Posts (10 points each): 150
Total possible points 1,000

**GRADES**
850-1,000 points = A; 750-849 points = B; 650-749 points = C; 550-649 points = D; < 549 = F.

**Quizzes:**
All quizzes are multiple-choice. Quizzes are open book and must be completed online in the given time period (40 minutes). You have three chances to take each chapter quiz. Each quiz has 20 questions. Your highest quiz score will be recorded into the grade book. Please see below for due dates. If you are having problems with the quizzes, please contact the instructor as soon as possible!

**Exams:**
All exams are multiple-choice. Each exam has 50 questions worth two points each. They are closed book and must be taken at a proctored UH testing center by the specified end date with a valid picture ID. If you are in the State of Hawai‘i, all of the UH testing centers will be prepared to proctor your exams. If you are out of State, please contact the instructor. Please see below for dates.

**Message Boards:**
You will be required to post messages to the online message board. Each week, there will be a new topic on which you need to comment and/or reflect. Your posts should be well thought out, and you must explain your point of view. Simply saying, “I agree with the previous post” will not be sufficient. There will not be any right or wrong answers, and therefore it is your effort and ability to follow directions that is being graded. Posts must be written using standard English grammar and punctuation. In addition, if you wish to quote your textbook, you must use quotation marks and cite your source.

**Extra Credit Posttest:**
For each chapter, there is a two-point extra credit Posttest located in the Quizzes and Exams section of the course. Your posttest grade will count as extra credit toward your final score. You are able to take each chapter posttest an unlimited number of times before the deadline for that chapter if you want the extra practice or if you are not satisfied with your posttest score.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not wait until the last day to do your work because all kinds of problems can happen. This is online course reality. If you experience problems at the last minute and miss course work, your grade will be recorded as a zero.
Due Dates

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VI. Computer/Laulima Expectations

**Reliable, high-speed broadband internet access is required.**
All of your work will be submitted online. Your grade is based entirely on your online performance, so besides reliable internet access, you will need the basic computer skills listed below. If you are not ready for an online course environment, please consider switching to a face-to-face class.

**Computer Skills:** Computer literacy is required. You should be able to do the following on a computer:
- Type assignments
- Use email
- Navigate a website
- Post to a message board

**Laulima Tools**
You are required to use selected Laulima tools for this class. If you need help, go to Laulima Help (in the toolbar at left) for tutorials and instructions.

VII. Registering for SmartWork

**If you purchased the access code with the textbook from the bookstore:**
1. Log into Laulima ([https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal](https://laulima.hawaii.edu/portal))
2. Find our PSY-100 [WIN.60193.SP14 or WIN.60665.SP14] tab. If it is not located as one of the tabs at the top of the page, click on the My Active Sites tab and look for our course.
3. Once you login, click the link to register into SmartWork. To register you will need an Enrollment Key (below), a valid email address, and a Registration Code (packaged with your text) from W. W. Norton.
4. The Enrollment Key is: **PSYCHSCI45621**
5. The Registration Code is packaged with your textbook and should have eight characters.
7. Select “Create an account”.
8. Fill out all fields and click “Create my new Account”.
9. You will receive a confirmation email from no-reply@wwnorton.com to confirm your account.
10. Click “Courses” and select your instructor’s course selection from the list provided.
11. Enter the Enrollment Key (**PSYCHSCI45621**) and your Registration Code. Click “Join this course”.
12. Don’t forget to record your username and password or future reference.

**If you wish to purchase the access code and eBook directly from the publisher go to:**
If you have already registered for our course and just logged back into Laulima and are reentering our course:

1. Always start by clicking on the Start Here button.
2. Under Returning User, please enter in your Username and password.
3. The screen will now read: “Thank you for logging into a premium content area. This window will automatically close after 5 seconds. If it does not, please close this window to go back to your course.” Allow the window to close (or close it yourself), and return to our Laulima course. Now the premium resources links in our course (i.e., the eBook and everything in the Chapters folder in Resources) will work. If you attempt to click on these links before logging in through the Start Here button, they will not work.

For more information about the details of our course, please consult Course Information in the Discussions and Message Boards section of our Laulima course.

VIII. Additional Information

It is your responsibility to complete the readings, quizzes, posts, and exams on time. Late withdrawal forms will not be signed without written verification of extenuating circumstances.

Academic Dishonesty
Cheating and plagiarism are academic dishonesty. They are not tolerated in this class. It is offensive to the educational system and it offends me personally. Cheating on any of the exams or a plagiarized assignment will receive an automatic zero for that assignment, and may result in a failing grade for the course. If you are unclear what plagiarism is, go to the following site to learn more:

UH Policy on e-mail communication
The electronic communications policy adopted in 2005 establishes the University of Hawai‘i Internet service as an official medium for communication among students, faculty, and staff. Every member of the system has a hawaii.edu address, and the associated username and password provide access to essential Web announcements and e-mail. You are hereby informed of the need to log regularly in to UH e-mail and Web services for announcements and personal mail. Failing to do so will mean missing critical information from academic and program advisors, instructors, registration, and business office staff, classmates, student organizations, and others.

Accommodation
Disability Statement: If you have a disability and have not voluntarily disclosed the nature of your disability and support that you need, you are invited to contact the Disability Support Services Office.