

Course Syllabus
PSYC1300 Learning Framework
Brazosport College
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Course Description

The course is designed to introduce students to psychological theories of learning, cognition and motivation to serve as a conceptual basis for college-level student academic strategies. Activities are designed to help the student promote and apply newly learned study strategies and skills.

Required skill level: College-level reading and writing

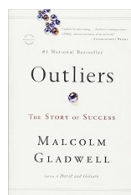
Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will determine their mindset about learning and how the awareness of such can maintain their motivation (drive).
2. Students will explore alternative skills that will allow them to change their negative self-defeating and ineffective counter-productive habits.
3. Students will be made aware of the opportunities to interact with classmates, instructors, and other college personnel (example via Scavenger Hunt, Library Instruction & Academic Support Services).
4. Students will develop and pursue useful goals.
5. Students will demonstrate organization of time and study materials.
6. Students will describe how to store and retrieve information from their memory.
7. Students will demonstrate effective reading and note-taking strategies that enhance retention and comprehension.
8. Students will distinguish effective test-taking strategies to be used before, during, and after taking a test.
9. Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills when approaching decisions and tasks.
10. Students will demonstrate written and oral communication that is appropriate to content and that effectively conveys meaning and logic.
11. Students will gather research, analyze data, and apply knowledge to future college and career pathways.
12. Students will use technology throughout the course

Required Texts

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcom Gladwell

ISBN # 97800-316-01793-0



The textbooks are available at the Brazosport College bookstore, on campus or online at <http://www.brazosport.edu/bookstore>. A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college bookstore. The same textbook is/may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer. Students can use older editions at their own discretion.

Course Components

Writing Assignments (50%)

Assignments will require students to conduct research, analyze required readings, and apply course content. In general, writing assignments should be 500 words at minimum with grammatically correct sentences, proper introductions, transitions, and conclusions. Essays must be submitted to the *Virtual Campus Dropbox* in either .docx or .pdf file format by the posted deadline. Students can submit essays up to 48 hours after the posted deadline with a 30% penalty.

General Coursework (30%)

General coursework will include presentations, discussions, quizzes, and special assignments that are not of essay nature. If a student is absent, they may be unable to earn credit for coursework that is completed in class during their absence.

Exams (20%)

There are two exams in the course, a midterm and a final exam. Both exams will be multiple choice and taken online through Virtual Campus.

Writing Expectations

Assignments that do not meet the minimum expectations of college level writing in terms of grammar, punctuation and formatting are subject to penalization or rejection. If a student's work is rejected based on quality of writing, they will have one week from the grade posting to have their document assessed by the Brazosport College writing center and resubmit their revised assignment with a 30% penalty. From that point forward, the student must have every assignment assessed by a member of the writing center prior to submission. If a student submits an assignment late that is rejected based on writing quality, the student will not be eligible to receive credit for the assignment.

Academic Honesty

Brazosport College assumes that students eligible to perform on the college level are familiar with the ordinary rules governing proper conduct including academic honesty. The principle of academic honesty is that all work presented by you is yours alone. Academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion shall be treated appropriately. Please refer to the Brazosport College Student Guide for more information. This is available online at <http://www.brazosport.edu>.

Academic dishonesty violates both the policies of this course and the Student Code of Conduct. In this class, any occurrence of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Student Services for prompt adjudication, and may at a minimum, result in zero credit for the assignment with the possibility of an automatic F for the final grade if deemed appropriate by the instructor. Sanctions may be imposed beyond your grade in this course by the Dean of Student Services.

Final Letter Grades

A	89.5 - 100%	Excellent
B	79.5 – 89.49%	Very Good
C	69.5 – 79.49%	Average
D	59.5 – 69.49%	Poor
F	0 – 59.49%	Failure; no credit

Course Absence and Withdrawal Policy

The instructor will take attendance at the beginning of each class. Students that are not present for attendance will be considered absent. The instructor will file for an administrative withdrawal after a student has been marked absent twice.

Student Conduct Statement

Students are expected to be aware of and follow the Brazosport College Student Code of Conduct. Students have violated the Code if they “fail to comply with any lawful directions, verbal or written, of any official at BC.” Lawful directions include precautions and requirements taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at Brazosport College. Students who do not follow safety requirements, including the wearing of a mask, may be removed from class by their instructor and referred to the Dean of Student Services.

Campus Closure Statement

Brazosport College is committed to the health and safety of all students, staff, and faculty and adheres to all federal and state guidelines. The College intends to stay open for the duration of the semester, and provide access to classes and support services on campus in the safest way possible. The College will also comply with lawful orders given by applicable authorities, including the Governor of Texas, up to and including campus closure. It is possible that on campus activities may be moved online and/or postpone if such orders are given.

Students with Disabilities

Brazosport College is committed to providing equal education opportunities to every student. BC offers services for individuals with special needs and capabilities including counseling, tutoring, equipment, and software to assist students with special needs. For student to receive any accommodation, documentation must be completed in the Office of Disability Services. Please contact Phil Robertson, Special Populations Counselor at 979-230-3236 for further information.

Title IX Statement

Brazosport College faculty and staff are committed to supporting students and upholding the College District’s non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX and Brazosport College’s policy FFDA (Local), discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression is prohibited. If you experience an incident of discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty or staff member at BC, please understand that they are “Responsible Employees” and must report what you tell them to college officials. You can also contact the Title IX Coordinators directly by using the contact information below. Additional information is found on the Sexual Misconduct webpage at www.brazosport.edu/sexualmisconduct.

Mareille Rolon, HR Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator
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Covid-19 Statement:

At Brazosport College, all of us, including faculty, staff and students, share a common goal this fall semester, to keep our classes running in the safest manner possible and avoid any disruption to your progress in achieving your educational and career goals. To that end, we ask and encourage you to conduct yourself in the following manner while on campus this semester:

- Every day, perform a self-health check prior to coming to campus and stay home if sick.
- To the greatest extent possible, maintain your distance between you and other students, faculty, and staff while on campus.
- Wear a properly fitted face covering over your mouth and nose while indoors on campus. If you do not have a mask, they will be available to you in all classrooms this fall.
- Practice good hygiene, washing your hands regularly and/or using hand sanitizer.
- The most effective way to protect yourself from Covid-19 is through vaccination. The vaccine is readily available and at no cost to you. Vaccine information and availability can be found at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/vaccine/>.
- If at any time this semester you begin to experience Covid symptoms, or if you are exposed to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, please take the following steps:
- Stay home if you're feeling sick and minimize your contact with others.
- Alert the College by completing the Covid-19 Exposure Report Form online at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/report/>. Be sure to provide accurate contact information, including a working phone number that you will answer.
- After submitting the report, you will be promptly contacted by a member of our Rapid Response Team, who will ask you some specific questions about your situation and provide you with guidance moving forward.
- If it is determined that you should not come to class, your instructor will be notified. **Please know that your instructor will consider course adjustments and potential make-up work only if your case has been reported to Brazosport College, and they've been notified by our response team.** Your instructor will work with you to determine how to manage any make-up work.
- The Community Health Network (CHN) Clinic at Brazosport College (located in BC Central B-Wing) is scheduled to be open from 8 AM to 6 PM Tuesday through Thursday during the Fall 2021 semester. While walk-ins are available, your visit will be easier if you pre-register by creating an account at www.mychn.org. In addition to providing health and behavioral services, CHN also provides COVID vaccinations and testing. All insurance is accepted and healthcare is provided on a sliding scale including no cost for those who need it.
- Throughout the semester, please regularly check the College's Covid-19 information page at <https://brazosport.edu/coronavirus/>, where the latest updates and guidelines will be posted. As members of the BC community, all of us share a responsibility to each other to be as safe as possible.