

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: General Psychology I

Course #: PSY 111

Course Description: A study of human behavior and mental processes through the investigation of such topics as biological roots, human development, memory, psychological research, learning, social psychology. This course is a prerequisite for most psychology courses.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Eng 101 with a C or higher, or concurrent enrollment in Eng 101.

Goals: To provide students a basic understanding of

1. the different fields and philosophies in Psychology
2. the research process
3. the ways we think, learn, and act based on biological, environmental and cognitive factors

Outcomes: By the end of the semester students should:

1. Recognize different theories contributing to the history of psychology.
2. Identify processes of memory.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of descriptive and explanatory research techniques.
4. Identify the functions and structures of the brain and nervous system.
5. Evaluate the influences of biological processes on our behavior.
6. Identify the three major domains of development and the major theoretical perspectives that describe each.
7. Distinguish major learning theories and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of each.
8. Identify major concepts related to social relations.
9. Evaluate applied examples of human cognition and behavior, and correctly identify pertinent psychological theories and concepts.