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Faculty Information



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#### About Your Instructor

My name is Angelica Moreno. I have a Master's of Science in Clinical Psychology. I teach General Psychology for Odessa College as an adjunct instructor. I look forward to having you all in class.

#### Preferred Method of Communication:

If you have any questions or need assistance please email me to the email address above or text/call me to my cell phone listed.

#### Expectations for Engagement for Instructor:

As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will

provide my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;

respond to all messages within 24 hours if received Monday through Thursday, and within 48 hours if received Friday through Sunday; and,

notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of during the time I am unavailable.

As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course

requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.

As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will post grades for discussion postings within one week of the discussion thread closing. provide grades for major assignments within 2 weeks of the due date or at least 3 days before the next major assignment is due, whichever comes first.

#### ↕ Textbook Information and Required Hardware/Software



Textbook(s):

Course Textbook: “ Visualizing Psychology” by Wiley Carpenter. Textbooks are available for purchase through the Odessa College Bookstore. To find out when textbooks are available for purchase, please contact the OC Bookstore at (432) 335-6655.

Hardware:

None needed

Software:

None needed

Websites:

#### ↕ Information About the Course



Course Description:

General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. A wide application of a variety of topics is the focus of this introductory course.

Course Prerequisites:

None

Course Topics:

Chapter 1 Introduction and Research Methods

Chapter 2 Neuroscience and Biological Foundations

Chapter 4 Sensation and Perception

Chapter 5 States of Consciousness

Chapter 6 Learning

Chapter 7 Memory

Chapter 11 Motivation and Emotion

Chapter 12 Personality

Chapter 13 Psychological Disorders

Chapter 14 Therapy

Chapter 15 Social Psychology

↑ Grading



Type of Assignment	Percentage/Points	Learning Objective
Online Discussion	10%	to collaborate with classmates
15 Assignments	15%	understand coursework
Four Exams	35%	mastery of chapter material

Research Paper	25%	to be able to research and investigate a psychological disorder
Final	15%	To gage comprehension of the course
100%		TOTAL

#### Grading Scale:

"A" = 90-100

"B" = 80-89

"C" = 70-79

"D" = 60-69

"F" = 0-59

#### Grading Policy:

Quality work and active participation is expected and not to be negotiated. As a general policy, grades will be taken weekly. Any written assignments or tests will be graded and you can expect feedback on assignments within a week's time.

#### ↑ Student Course Participation



As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will identify alternative computer and internet access in case my primary computer crashes or my internet service is unavailable;

recognize that the college provides free wi-fi and computer labs during regular campus hours to help me with accessing my course; and,

understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my equipment or service is unreliable.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate quickly with the instructor any issue or emergency that will impact my involvement with or performance in the class. This includes, but is not limited to

getting “kicked off” of the system during tests or quizzes;  
having trouble submitting assignments; and  
dealing with a traumatic personal event.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;  
ask questions if I don’t understand; and  
access my course several times during the week to keep up with assignments and announcements.

 Course Policies



#### Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in timely manner.

#### Original Effort

The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course. Efforts will be recognized and graded in terms of individual participation and in terms of ability to collaborate with other students in this course

#### Digital Protocol

Any written assignments will be submitted electronically on Blackboard. The electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on “Blackboard” time. Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments. If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to student with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to be WORD documents (doc or docx).

#### Attendance Policy

Please log on to course three times a week.

## Grade Inquiry Policy

It is the responsibility of the individual taking this course to maintain accurate track of assignment submissions and grades. There will be opportunities during the semester to speak with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor whenever you have any questions. All grades are final.

## General Course Requirements

Attend class and participate.

Contribute and cooperate with civility.

Submit assignments on time. Late work will not be accepted. Medical and/or family circumstances that warrant an extension on assignments need to be presented to the instructor. Extensions will be allowed at the instructor's discretion.

## Incomplete Policy

An 'Incomplete' grade may be given only if:

The student has passed all completed work

If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an "I" will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

[↑ Course Schedule](#)



(Tentative and Subject to Change)

Date	Topic	Assignment	Assignment Submission
Aug 26,27	Review Syllabus	----	-----
Aug 26-31	Chapter1 Introduction and Research Methods	Complete assignment & discussion board	Blackboard
Sept 2	Labor Day	Labor Day	Labor Day
Sept1,3-7	Read Chapter 2: Neuroscience and Biological Foundations	Complete assignment & discussion board	Blackboard

Sept 8-14	Read Chapter 4 Sensation and perception	Complete assignment & discussion board	Blackboard
Sept 15-21	Chapter 1,2,4	Review for test 1 & discussion board	Blackboard
Sept 20	Chapter 1-4	Test due today (opens on 18th)	Blackboard
Sept 22-28	Read Chapter 5: States of Consciousness	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Sept 29-Oct 5	Read Chapter 6: Learning	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Oct 6-Oct 12	Read Chapter 7: Memory	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Oct 13-19	TBA	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Oct 18	Chapters 5-7	Test 2 due (opens on Oct 16)	Blackboard
Oct 20-26	TBA	Complete assignment and Discussion board	Blackboard
Oct 27- Nov 2	TBA	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Nov 3-Nov 9	Read Chapter 11: Motivation and Emotion	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Nov 10-16	Read Chapter 12: Personality	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Nov 15	Chapters 9-12	TEST 3 Due	Blackboard

Nov 17-23	Read Chapter13: Psychological Disorders	Complete assignment and discussion board	Blackboard
Nov 22	RESEARCH PAPER DUE	Submit paper	Blackboard
Nov 23-26	Read Chapter 14-15: Therapy,and Social Psychology	Complete assignments and discussion board	Blackboard
Nov 26 9pm- Nov 30	Closed for Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving break	Thanksgiving break
Dec 3	Chapters13-15	Test 4 Due	Blackboard
Dec 10	Comprehensive Final	Final DUE (opens on 9th)	Blackboard

## Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs)



### Description of Institutional Core Objectives (ICO's)

Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Therefore, with the assistance of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, the Coordinating Board has approved guidelines for a core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas.

Through the application and assessment of objectives within the institution's core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Appropriate Odessa College faculty periodically evaluates all of the courses listed in the descriptions on the following pages of this catalog and keys them to Odessa College's Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs), as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 73)

### Odessa College's Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs):

Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information



Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication

Empirical and Quantitative Skills - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

Personal Responsibility - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

Social Responsibility - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

↑ Course Objectives



Upon completion of this course, students will:

Identify various research methods and their characteristics used in the scientific study of psychology.

Describe the historical influences and early schools of thought that shaped the field of psychology.

Describe some of the prominent perspectives and approaches used in the study of psychology.

Use terminology unique to the study of psychology.

Describe accepted approaches and standards in psychological assessment and evaluation.

Identify factors in physiological and psychological processes involved in human behavior.

↑ Learning Outcomes



Outcome	ICO
1,2,3,4,5,6	Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

1,2,3	Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
1,3,4	Empirical and Quantitative Skills - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
3,4	Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
1,3,5	Personal Responsibility - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
1,3,4	Social Responsibility - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

↑ Odessa College Policies



#### Academic Policies

Note that the OC Student Handbook states (page 32) that “[i]n cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to impose appropriate scholastic penalties. Complaints or appeals of disciplinary sanctions may be filed in accordance with the college due process procedure. Copies of the college due process procedure are available in the office of The Director of Student Life (CC104).”

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a student at Odessa College, please refer to the following: The 411 of OC: Student Handbook 2012-2013; Student Rights & Responsibilities <http://www.odessa.edu/dept/studenthandbook/handbook.pdf>

#### Scholastic Dishonesty

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion.

"Cheating on a test" shall include:

Copying from another student's test paper

Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.

Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.

Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.

The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.

Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.

Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.

"Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.

"Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. (Source: Odessa College Student Handbook 2012-2013, page 29-30)

#### Special Populations/Disability Services/Learning Assistance

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Odessa College affirms that it will provide access to programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with known disabilities as required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), unless doing so poses an undue hardship or fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity. Disabilities may include hearing, mobility or visual impairments as well as hidden disabilities such as chronic medical conditions (arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, lupus, seizure disorders, etc.), learning disabilities or psychiatric or emotional disabilities. A student who comes to Odessa College with diagnosed disabilities which may interfere with learning may receive accommodations when the student requests them and submits proper documentation of the diagnosis. A Request for Accommodations form and guidelines for beginning the request process are available in the OC Help Center or on the Odessa College web site at [www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities.htm](http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities.htm). The college strives to provide a complete and appropriate range of services for students with disabilities such as assistance with testing, registration, information on adaptive and assistive equipment, tutoring, assistance with access and accommodations for the classroom where appropriate. For information regarding services, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services in the OC Help Center located in Room 204 of the Student Union Building or call 432-335-6433. (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 52)

## Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from College

Students wishing to drop a non-developmental course may do so online using WebAdvisor, at the Wrangler Express, or Registrar's Office. A student wishing to drop a developmental course or withdraw from college should obtain a drop or withdrawal form from the Wrangler Express or the Registrar's Office. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors prior to dropping a class. Students may not completely withdraw from the college by use of the Web. Students must drop a class or withdraw from college before the official withdrawal date stated in the class schedule. Students who are part of the Armed Forces Reserves may withdraw with a full refund if the withdrawal is due to their being ordered into active duty. A copy of the student's orders must be presented to the Registrar's Office at the time of the withdrawal. For details, please contact the Office of the Registrar. No longer attending class does not automatically constitute withdrawal from that class, nor does a student's notification to an instructor that the student wishes to be dropped. Failure of a student to complete the drop/withdrawal process will result in a grade of "F." (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 36)

↑ Student Support Services and Technical Support



### Blackboard Support

I can't log into my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm). The SSC can provide you with your Blackboard login name. If you are not sure what your password is, they can reset your password.

I'm having a problem in my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?

For any problem that you have in your online course, always contact your Instructor first. Refer to the Instructor's Contact Information area of the Syllabus for their preferred method of contact and the expected response time.

### Additional Blackboard Help Resources:

Service	Assistance Provided	Available
Blackboard Help for Students	Website with a searchable list of topics on how to navigate and use Blackboard for online courses.	Online Click here.
Blackboard On Demand Learning Center for Students	This website provides an	Online Click here.

	extensive list of short tutorial videos for student activities performed in Blackboard.	
Blackboard Collaborate: First Time Users	If you have never used Blackboard Collaborate before, this website provides a system requirements check, configuration instructions, and training and resources area.	Online Click here.
Blackboard Collaborate: Essentials for Participants	This website provides essential information for Participants of Collaborate sessions. Any Collaborate user, whether first-time or experienced, would benefit from reviewing the information here.	Online Click here.

### Student E-mail Support

How do I set up, access, or update my Odessa College Student E-mail account?

Go to this website and follow the directions on the page: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

I can't access my student email! I forgot my password!

Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at

[https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm). They can provide you with assistance in accessing your student email (created by OC) and can also assist with resetting your student email password. Make sure to have your student ID number available!

Your Blackboard login name is associated with your OC created student email account. All Correspondence for this course will be submitted using your Odessa College student email address.

#### Support for Students with Disabilities

How do I contact the Office of Special Populations?

Main Number	432-335-6861
Campus Location	SUB 204N in the Student Union Building
Email	Becky Rivera-Weiss - brivera@odessa.edu
Website	To find out more about services provided by the Special Populations office, please visit: <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm</a>

#### Learning Resources Center (LRC; Library)

How do I contact the Learning Resource Center?

Main Number	432-335-6640
FAQ Service	LibAnswers: <a href="http://libanswers.odessa.edu">http://libanswers.odessa.edu</a>
Contact a Specific OC Librarian	Pat Quintero at 432/335-6350 or <a href="mailto:pquintero@odessa.edu">pquintero@odessa.edu</a> Donna Clark at 432/335-6645 or <a href="mailto:dclark@odessa.edu">dclark@odessa.edu</a> Carolyn Petersen at 432/335-6641 or <a href="mailto:cpetersen@odessa.edu">cpetersen@odessa.edu</a>
LRC Services and Guidelines Website	<a href="https://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/services/index.htm">https://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/services/index.htm</a>

#### Equipment and Services Provided:

The Murry H. Fly Learning Resources Center (LRC) supports the college's curriculum resulting in a primary emphasis on each student's individual study and research needs. The faculty and staff work with

the LRC's Technical Services and Public Services Departments in choosing materials to support all college programs. More than 59,000 books, 50,000 electronic books, 350 current periodicals, 6,700 media holdings, eight newspapers, and 60 databases are available to enhance the educational process.

Equipment/Services Available	Used For	Available
Books, videos, CDs	Research	On Campus and Online
Specialized databases not available online for free	Research	On Campus and Online
Magazines, newspapers, & scholarly journals	Research	On Campus and Online
Computers	Research & word processing	On Campus
Selected textbooks for short-term use	Course work	On Campus
Trained staff	Answer "where do I find?"	On Campus and Online
Tutorials	Tips for research strategies	On Campus and Online
Photocopiers, VHS/DVD players, FAX service	For course work	On Campus
Quiet study areas	For course work	On Campus

#### Student Success Center (SSC) / AVID Center

How do I contact the Student Success Center?

Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be served as soon as possible.

Main Number	432-335-6673
Campus Location	1st floor of the Library
Website with Additional Help and Information	<a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/</a>
Live Online Assistance	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

/ Chat	(If no one is currently available, please put your email and question(s) in the appropriate areas of the form and hit 'send.' Your question(s) will be addressed as soon as an SSC staff member becomes available.)
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#### Equipment and Services Provided:

The purpose of the Odessa College Student Success Center is to provide assistance to students in meeting their academic and career goals. The SSC strives to continually provide new and updated resources that will empower all Odessa College students to succeed at OC and beyond.

Equipment/Services Available	Used For	Available
Tutoring by CRLA & Avid trained tutors	Understanding course work and motivation	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Student Information Seminars (SIS)	Demo email, Blackboard and SSC resources	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Study Skills	Tools needed to succeed	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Basic Technology	To navigate classes, email, etc.	On Campus and Online
Plato Web	Practice for TEAS test and basic math, science, etc.	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Project T.I.E.	Practice for GED/COMPASS	On Campus and Online Click here for more information.
Student Orientation/Tour	Show individual students where their classes will be. SIS presentation	On Campus
M.O.R.E. Mentoring Program	Networking, tips to navigate college life successfully	On Campus Click here for more information.
Smart thinking	Online tutoring service. Connect with an e-structor	Online



	and interact with a live tutor.	Click here for more information.
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## Veterans Support

How do I contact the office for Veteran's Outreach?


Main Number	432-335-6833
Campus Location	204M (Help Center) in the Student Union Building
Email	Gloria Rangel - <a href="mailto:grangel@odessa.edu">grangel@odessa.edu</a>
Website	To find out more about services provided by the Veteran's Outreach office, please visit: <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm</a>

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