

PSYCHOLOGY 101, Section 8
Psychology of Personal Development
Fall 2018

Meeting Time: Mondays & Wednesdays 12:15-1:10pm
Final exam: Wednesday, 12/12 10:30am-1:00pm

Meeting Place: BAC 155

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PLNU Mission
To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Course Description

A first-year introduction to issues and various theories in psychology which allow students to reflect on their personal social, mental, and spiritual development. The course emphasizes various attitudes and skills which contribute to academic success as well as providing a better understanding of the specific religious and social culture of Point Loma Nazarene University. Discussions, lectures, and small group experiences are the major components of this course. Required of first-year freshmen (those graduating from high school the spring prior to attending PLNU), as well as transfer students with fewer than 24 transferrable units. All other transfer students are required to take PSY 103, General Psychology. Letter Graded

The Relationship between PSY 101 and other College Curricula

This course is also one of the components of the General Education Program at Point Loma Nazarene University, under the category of “Developing Cognitive Abilities.” By including this course in a common educational experience for undergraduates, the faculty supports the pursuit of personal awareness and skill development; focusing on the analytical, communicative, and quantitative skills necessary for successful living in modern society.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to...

- Describe self-development to date using psychological tools
- Identify critical thinking and abstract thinking as tools for college success
- Discover social and cultural blocks to successful college and life experience
- Detect tools to resolve social and cultural blocks to successful college and life experience
- Detect alternative ways of thinking
- Develop curiosity about yourself as a stimulus to learning to learn
- Identify Psychology as a resource for learning and solving academic, personal, spiritual, and cultural problems

Textbooks

Peck, S. (1978). The road less traveled. NY: Simon and Schuster.

Palmer, P. (2000). Let your life speak. CA: Jossey-Bass.

Grading

Your final course grade will be composed of the following:

Autobiography	25.0%	90 points
Small Groups	12.5%	45 points
Exam 1	12.5%	45 points
Exam 2	12.5%	45 points
Exam 3	12.5%	45 points
Exam 4 (Final)	12.5%	45 points
Papers (3 x 15 points each)	<u>12.5%</u>	<u>45 points</u>
	100%	360 points

Grade scale:

		A	93-100%	A-	90-92.99%
B+	88-89.99%	B	84-87.99%	B-	80-83.99%
C+	78-79.99%	C	74-77.99%	C-	70-73.99%
D+	66-69.99%	D	60-65.99%	D-	50-59.99%
		F	0-49.99%		

Your autobiography will be graded according to the following:

Spelling, Grammar = 10 points

Telling the story

Effort/Coverage = 30 points

Creativity = 20 points

Interpreting the story

Effort/Coverage = 15 points

Insight = 15 points

All students are expected to meet the standards for this course as set by the instructor. However, students with learning disabilities who may need accommodations should discuss options with the Academic Support Center (ASC) during the first two weeks of class. The ASC will contact professors with suggestions related to classroom needs and accommodations. Approved documentation must be on file in the ASC prior to the start of the semester.

Attendance

The faculty members strongly believe that you should be exposed to all elements of PSY 101. On the other hand we realize that you might have to miss class for an emergency operation, death in the family, or some other calamity. **Therefore, you are allowed 2 absences each from small group and section classes without penalty. For each absence above 2 absences you will lose 5 points from your course grade.** For example, if you missed 2 small groups and 3 classes, you would lose 5 points from your semester grade. If you missed 3 small groups and 4 classes you would lose 15 points from your semester grade. This may not seem like a large amount but it almost always results in a significant lowering of your grade according to the grading policy.

The only excused absence occurs when you miss class due to a college-sponsored activity (approved in writing by the Academic Dean). Excused absences for serious illness (hospitalization) and other calamities

are up to the discretion of the section professor. Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings (**3 classes**), the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent (**6 classes**), the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See Academic Policies in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

Students not present for a test will receive 0 points on the missed test. *If a student cannot take a test due to extreme circumstances beyond their control the professor needs to be notified prior to the examination.* If the professor is unavailable you need to email or voicemail the professor prior to the examination. If you notify the professor prior to the examination you *might* be excused.

Policy on Electronic Devices

In addition to the focus on each student's "story," another aspect of PSY 101 is to introduce freshmen to the college experience. A student's classroom contribution is vital to the academic environment at Point Loma. Classroom contribution is more than just asking thoughtful questions, it also involves respectful attention to what others are saying. This is not only good because what is being said might be on a test, but it is also just a common courtesy. Although it does not need to be said to most college students, texting or playing on one's phone detracts from the classroom environment. *In PSY 101 students are not permitted to use their laptop computers, cell phones, or iPods during class.* We doubt that this will be a problem, but first-time violation of the policy will result in a 1% reduction in a student's overall PSY 101 grade, and each subsequent violation will result in a 3% reduction in a student's overall PSY 101 grade.

Small Group Grade

On the next page you will see the composition of your small group grade. During week 6 you will be given a mid-term grade by your small group leader. This grade will be given to your section professor for your review. This is not your final small group grade but a preliminary check to ensure that you are completing all assignments required of you. Your final small group grade will be given to your section professor the last week of classes.

Please note that we require you to have a daily planner. If you don't already use one, the planner is especially helpful juggling social activities, and tests, etc. as you transition.

We also require that you become involved with a formal social activity on campus as soon as possible. This can include D groups, intramurals, musical groups, a varsity sport, cheer, departmental organizations, and so on.

In addition, you will receive credit for visiting your academic advisor. This is usually done during registration for next semester's courses. However, we encourage you to make a meeting with your academic advisor sooner to introduce yourself and ask any questions that you might have about your academic/life journey.

Final Examination Policy

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the Class Schedules site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

PLNU Copyright Policy

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See Academic Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU Academic Accommodation Policy

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at DRC@pointloma.edu. See Disability Resource Center for additional information.

Semester Schedule

Section	Date	Reading	Assignment
Growth & Religion	Tues 8/28	Syllabus	
	Wed 8/29	StrengthsFinder results	
	Mon 9/3	No class	Labor Day
	Wed 9/5	Peck pp.185-208	
	Mon 9/10	Peck pp. 208-232	
	Wed 9/12	Palmer pp. 1-8	
	Mon 9/17	Palmer pp. 9-36	
	Wed 9/19	Palmer pp. 37-55	Reflection #1 due
	Mon 9/24	Exam 1	
	Discipline	Wed 9/26	Peck pp. 11-32
Mon 10/1		Peck pp. 32-50	
Wed 10/3		Peck pp. 51-69	
Mon 10/8		Peck pp. 69-77	
Wed 10/10		Dead Poets Society	
Mon 10/15		Dead Poets Society	
Wed 10/17		Dead Poets Society	
Mon 10/22		Palmer pp. 56-72	Reflection #2 due
Wed 10/24		Exam 2	
Love		Mon 10/29	Peck pp. 81-111
	Wed 10/31	Peck pp. 111-139	
	Mon 11/5	Peck pp. 140-160	
	Wed 11/7	Peck pp. 160-182; 312-315	
	Mon 11/12	Palmer pp. 73-94	Autobiography due
Grace	Wed 11/14	Exam 3	
	Mon 11/19	Peck pp. 235-253	
	Wed 11/21	No class	Thanksgiving break
	Mon 11/26	Peck pp. 253-271	
	Wed 11/28	Peck pp. 271-289	
	Mon 12/3	Peck pp. 289-311	
	Wed 12/5	Palmer pp. 95-109	Reflection #3 due
	Wed 12/12	Final Exam	

PSY101 SMALL GROUP GRADE SHEET

Freshman's name: _____ Professor: _____

Small Group #: _____ Leader (first & last name): _____

Section #: _____

SMALL GROUP ATTENDANCE

of Small Group Absences: _____ Points

- 0 absences = 0 points
- 1 absences = 0 points
- 2 absences = 0 points
- 3 absences = -5 points
- 4 absences = -10 points
- 5 absences = -15 points
- 6 absences = -20 points
- 7 absences = deenrollment

SMALL GROUP PARTICIPATION

- Eight Letters to Small Group Leader (24 possible points)

$$\begin{array}{r} \# \text{ of letters missed } _____ \text{ multiplied by } 3 = \boxed{} \\ \downarrow \\ 24 - \boxed{} = _____ \text{ Points} \end{array}$$

EFFORT/ATTITUDE AS PARTICIPANT IN GROUP

- *I have done my best to help make my small group a "community of love."* (Freshman circles one.)

- 1: Strongly Disagree
- 2: Disagree
- 3: Neutral
- 4: Agree
- 5: Strongly Agree

_____ Points

- Completed Small Group Leader Evaluation Survey (6 points)

_____ Points

"TRANSITION TO COLLEGE" ACTIVITIES

- Use of "Daily Planner" or Calendar (5 points)
(Freshman shows use of Daily Planner or Calendar to small group leader.)

_____ Points

- Join/Participate in a PLNU club or group (5 points)

_____ Points

- Name of PLNU club or group (including athletics): _____

(45 possible points) **TOTAL POINTS** =