

Fall 2021

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| Meeting days: Tuesday/Thursday | Instructor: Breanna (Bree) Schiff, Adjunct Professor |
| Meeting times: 8:30 am - 9:25 am | Phone: N/A |
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| Final Exam: Tuesday, December 14, 7:30 am - 10:00 am | Office location and hours: Culbertson, email to make appt |

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.

Foundational Explorations Mission Statement

PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world’s diverse societies and culture.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A first-year introduction to issues and various theories in psychology which allow you to reflect on your 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 for first-year freshmen (those graduating from high school the spring prior to attending PLNU), as well as transfer students with fewer than 24 transferable units. All other transfer students are required to take PSY 1003, General Psychology. Letter Graded.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PSY1001 & 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

You 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 strengths and blocks to successful college and life experience
- Detect tools to bring resources to 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

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

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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 ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are

requested to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (DRC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The DRC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the DRC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The DRC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that DRC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

The faculty members strongly believe that you should be exposed to all elements of PSY 1001. 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, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, 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 1001 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 listening to music detracts from the classroom environment. *In PSY 1001 students are not permitted to use their laptop computers or cell phones 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 PSY1001 grade, and each subsequent violation will result in a 3% reduction in a student's overall PSY 1001 grade.

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.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments submitted after their due date incur a 5%-point deduction. All assignments are due by final exam.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

Peck, S. (1978). *The Road Less Traveled*. NY: Simon and Schuster.

Frankl, V. (1959). *Man's Search for Meaning*. MA: Beacon Press.

Additional required readings will be available on Canvas.

COURSE CREDIT HOUR INFORMATION

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 3 unit class delivered over 15 weeks. It is anticipated that students will spend a minimum of 37.5 participation hours per credit hour on their coursework. For this course, students will spend an estimated 112.5 total hours meeting the course learning outcomes. The time estimations are provided in the Canvas modules.

ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING

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| <u>Your final grade will be composed of the following:</u> | | <u>Sample grade scale:</u> | |
| ● Small Groups | 45 points | A = 93 - 100% | C = 73 - 76.99% |
| ● Paper #1 | 15 points | A- = 90 - 92.99% | C- = 70 - 72.99% |
| ● Paper #2 | 15 points | B+ = 87 - 89.99% | D+ = 67 - 69.99% |
| ● Paper #3 | 15 points | B = 83 - 86.99% | D = 63 - 66.99% |
| ● Exam #1 | 45 points | B- = 80 - 82.99% | D- = 60 - 62.99% |
| ● Exam #2 | 45 points | C+ = 77 - 79.99% | F = 0 - 59.99% |
| ● Exam #3 | 45 points | | |
| ● Exam #4 (Final) | 45 points | | |
| ● Autobiography | 90 points | | |
| TOTAL: | 360 points | | |

Small Group (45 points):

Attendance: Allowed 2 absences (then deducted 5 points per absence of 3 or more)

Small Group Participation = 24 points (8 letters to Small Group Leader, 3 points each)

Effort/Attitude as Participant in Group = 11 points (5 points for self-evaluation, 6 points for leader evaluation survey)

“Transition to College” Activities = 10 points (5 points for use of planner, 5 points for joining a PLNU club/group)

Grade given by small group leader to section professor in last week of classes

Papers (15 points each, 45 points total):

4 pages, double spaced

See Canvas for prompts and rubrics

Exams (45 points each, 180 points total):

30 multiple choice questions = 1 point each

Essay prompt = 15 points

Study Guide will be given before exam

Autobiography (90 points):

Spelling & Grammar = 10 points

Telling the story: Effort/Coverage = 30 points, Creativity = 15 points

Interpreting the story: Effort/Coverage = 20 points, Insight = 15 points

See Canvas for full prompt

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

| SECTION | WEEK OF | CLASS ASSIGNMENT | PAPER DUE |
|------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 8/31/21 | NO CLASS – Monday Schedule | |
| Intro | 9/2/21 | Syllabus & Class Introduction | |
| World View | 9/7/21 | Peck: pp. 185-208 | |
| | 9/9/21 | Peck: pp. 208-225 | |
| | 9/14/21 | Peck: pp. 225-232 | |
| | 9/16/21 | Restoration Therapy Theory | |
| | 9/21/21 | Restoration Therapy Theory | Paper #1 |
| | 9/23/21 | Exam 1 | |
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| Discipline | 9/28/21 | Peck: pp. 11-32 | |
| | 9/30/21 | Peck: pp. 32-50 | |
| | 10/5/21 | Peck: pp. 51-69 | |
| | 10/7/21 | Peck: pp. 69-77 | |
| | 10/12/21 | Dead Poets Society | |
| | 10/14/21 | Dead Poets Society | |
| | 10/19/21 | Review | Paper #2 |
| | 10/21/21 | Exam 2 | |
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| Love | 10/26/21 | Peck: pp. 81-111 | |
| | 10/28/21 | Peck: pp. 111-139 | |
| | 11/2/21 | Peck: pp. 140-160 | |
| | 11/4/21 | Peck: pp. 160-182; 312-315 | |
| | 11/9/21 | Frankl: pp. 1-50 | |
| | 11/11/21 | Frankl: pp. 50-93 | |
| | 11/16/21 | Attachment Theory | Paper #3 |
| | 11/18/21 | Exam 3 | |
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| Grace | 11/23/21 | Peck: pp. 235-253 | |
| | 11/25/21 | NO CLASS - Thanksgiving | |
| | 11/30/21 | Peck: pp. 253-271 | Autobiography |
| | 12/2/21 | Peck: pp. 271-289 | |
| | 12/7/21 | Peck: pp. 289-311 | |
| | 12/9/21 | Reflection/Closing | |
| | 12/14/21 | Final Exam | |