

**Online Course Information Form**

**Course Number:** PSYC2003

**Course Title:** General Psychology

**Course Description:**

This course consists of examination of human thought and behavior from a scientific point of view. It provides a survey of the field of psychology, looks at recent research, and emphasizes critical thinking. It relates the content studied to students' everyday lives, thus bridging the gap between psychological theory and practical application.

**Instructor:** Jenny Sanders or Kim Coker

**Instructor Bio:** Jenny Sanders has a B.S. in Psychology and a M.Ed. in Agency Counseling from SAU Magnolia. She has worked at SAU Tech since 2006 as a counselor and academic advisor.

Kim Coker is Director of Communications and Public Relations at SAU Tech and has B.S. from Southern Arkansas University.

**Prerequisite:** Eligible for, have completed, or currently enrolled in Composition I

**Textbook Title:** Psychology - Ninth Edition - by David Myers - Worth Publishing

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students will trace psychology's roots, and describe the important characteristics of the scientific approach and how it promotes critical thinking.
2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of both nature and nurture on the developing person, and understand information relating to genetic and environmental determinants of intelligence.
3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of language structure and development, and the relationship between learning, thought and language.
4. Students will develop an understanding of health psychology, be able to identify its key concerns, and be able to present effective health-maintenance strategies.
5. Students will understand both historical and contemporary views of personality.
6. Students will understand and identify psychological disorders and their treatment.

**Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor:**

Students should access the online learning guides, complete course assignments and web-page reviews, participate in the discussion forum and e-mail, and complete on-line assessments. Students are encouraged to email the instructor weekly. The instructor will participate in the Discussion forum.

**Methods of Testing:** Blackboard on-line exams

**Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.):**

Students are encouraged to contact the instructor weekly. The final examination is to be taken at an approved proctored site.

**Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.)**

This class is very thorough and time extensive. Students must possess good time management skills and be independent, self-motivated learners. Students must possess the ability to think critically and apply the basic tenets of psychology to practical situations. Good writing and grammar skills are also a necessity.