**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Contact Information**

**Course**

: PSYC 3309 <<VC 01>> – History and Systems of Psychology

**Campus**

: <<WBUonline >>

**Term/Session**

**:** <<Fall II 2025>>

**Instructor**

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**Office Hours, Building, and Location**

**:** <<M – F 9:00 – 3:00>>

**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**:** <<Asynchronous Online Blackboard>>

**Course Information**

**Catalog Description**

**:**  Contributions made by prominent historical figures to the development of psychological systems and theories.

**Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1301**

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials**

**:** <<**:** Introduction to the

History of Psychology Henley Cengage 8 th 2019 9781337564151>>

*The textbook for this course is part of the* ***Wayland’s Automatic eBook*** *program. You will have access to an eBook and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. The cost of this Automatic eBook will be billed directly to your student account when you register for the course. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If you do not wish to participate in the Automatic eBook program, you will have the first 12 days of class to opt-out of the program (additional details will be outlined in your email instructions). For more information on the Automatic eBook program, visit the Wayland Bookstore* [*Automatic eBook FAQ*](https://bookstore.wbu.edu/site_inclusive.asp) *page.*

**Optional Materials**

**:** << Instructor will post any additional needed items >>

**Course Outcome Competencies**

**:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

* Describe the contributions of the major people in the history of psychology, from classical philosophers to the present
* Analyze major factors that influenced changes in thinking over time
* Explain and apply the basic tenets of the major schools of thought in psychology
* Analyze and discuss the connections between historical developments in psychology and the current state of psychology and explore ways in which psychology will continue to change

**Attendance Requirements**

WBUonline

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**University Policies**

[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity , and reference one of the following in regard to how generative artificial intelligence (GAI) such as ChatGPT may or may not be used in this course:](https://www.wbu.edu/academics/writing-center/Academic%20Integrity%20Statement%20Pol%208.4.1%20Attch%20Oct%2020222.pdf)

1. No use of any generative AI tools permitted.
	1. Students are required to create and produce all work themselves or with assigned group members. Any work submitted that has used an AI generative tool like Chat GPT will be in immediate violation of the academic integrity policies for the course and WBU.
	2. All assignments must be fully created, designed, and prepared by the student(s).
	3. Any work that uses generative AI will be treated as plagiarism.

**Disability Statement**

**:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests (office (806) 291-1057. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Accessibility issues with content in WBUonline courses or in Blackboard should be addressed to the WBU accessibility coordinator, Dr. Rick Hammer, hammerr@wbu.edu or call (806) 292-9150.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

**5 exams (each covers four chapters) – 100 points each = 500 points. Exams are multiple choice. Five exams make it a little easier to study.**

**Exams close at 3:00 PM (Plainview time) Friday on the week indicated**

**7 graded discussion questions – 15 points each (last one is worth 10 points) =100 points. This is also your attendance grade.**

**5 topical essays – 80 points each = 400 points (300-word minimum – details on course website). These will be applications of the various schools of thought. I will give you a scenario and then you will use the school of Psychology to “diagnose” the problem, what caused it and how to treat it! These are due on Friday at 3:00 PM (Plainview time) on the week indicated.**

**Method of determining course grade:**

**900-1000 points A**

**800 – 899 points B**

**700-799 points C**

**600-699 points D**

**< 600 points F**

**The University has a standard grade scale:**

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

**Student Grade Appeals**

**:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

**Tentative Schedule**

Exams and Essays are due on the Friday of the week indicated by 3:00 PM Plainview time zone.

Week 1 Intro

Week 2 – Essay 1

Week 3 – Essay 2 and Test 1

Week 4 – Test 2

Week 5 – Essay 3

Week 6 – Essay 4 and Test 3

Week 7 – Test 4

Week 8 – Essay 5 and Test 5

**Additional Information**

Note to students: Please understand this is a college course. I expect you to be prepared and a self-motivator in this course. I do not open email attachments from students – ever (that really means that I do not open them). Late work is not accepted – you have had plenty of time to get things done but if you wait until the last minute then things may prevent you from completing an item but that is a choice you made. Exams will not be reset as a matter of routine. I realize some of you may find these statements ridiculous and I do as well but you would be amazed at how many people think they have a unique circumstance. The essays will be based on the textbook readings only