Texas A&M University Central Texas
PSYC 4320-110 (History of Psychology)
Summer 2019, 10-Week Online Course

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Phone:** (605-214-5627) (Monday-Saturday, call only between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Central Time) Please identify which class you are in when you call or e-mail me. Request (by e-mail) a telephone conversation appointment for best results. If I do not answer when you call, please leave me a voice message to let me know to call you back. I am currently text disabled (so call or e-mail instead).

**Email:** Use the Canvas *Inbox icon (left menu)* within the course to send messages within our online Canvas course classroom. To reach me outside our online course classroom, use our TAMUCT e-mail system (blnowell@tamuct.edu), or as a last resort, use my personal e-mail address (blnowell@gmail.com) if these other means are unavailable.

**Virtual Office Hours:** 8-11 p.m. Central Time (Mondays and Tuesdays). I am also available most days and times through e-mail, or by telephone with an appointment.

**TAMUCT Campus Office Hours:** (none available until 28 June)

**Mode of instruction and course access:** *This course is a 100% online course and uses the TAMUCT Canvas LMS ([https://tamuct.instructure.com/login/ldap](https://tamuct.instructure.com/login/ldap)). You will use your username and password communicated to you separately to logon to this system.*

**Student-instructor interaction:** I usually check e-mail correspondence once a day and reply within a short time. If you send a message using *Inbox* within our Canvas online course classroom and do not hear back from me soon, then please e-mail me at my TAMUCT e-mail address (blnowell@tamuct.edu). I have family and other important community responsibilities every Saturday and Sunday, and so I am most likely to be unavailable to answer e-mails on those days.

**Course Progress Meeting**

Around mid-semester (probably beginning at week 4), please arrange (make an appointment) to meet with me by audio (605-214-5627), distant visually (by WebEx Meeting or FaceTime), or in person at my TAMUCT office (WH-318 R). The first 3.5 weeks during the semester I will be traveling out of state, and so cannot meet with you in person then.

I am available to meet virtually with you any day of the week except Sundays, and at various times of the evening until 11:00 p.m. Central Time.

The purpose of the meeting is for us to discuss your progress in this course and for me to better learn how I can further help you do well in this course. (20 points)
911 Cellular

911 Cellular: This is our new Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University – Central Texas. 911Cellular is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911 Cellular through their myCT email account.

- Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and Description: PSYC 4320-110 (History of Psychology)

Catalog course description: (WI) Analyze historical prescientific psychology in philosophy and physiology through the period of the psychological schools of thought. Prerequisite(s): PSYC 2301 and PHIL 1301 or 2303, and PSYC 3309 and Junior classification, or permission of department chair.

Course Objectives:

1. *Demonstrate factual knowledge of fundamental principles, generalizations, or theories regarding the history of psychology.* Students will read about, identify, research, and write about theoretical concepts underlying each major school of thought in the history of psychology. Students will demonstrate their ability to identify key facts and theories in their Critical Thinking Writing Assignments and will explain selected concepts and support them with the Eminent Person writing assignments.

2. *Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of intellectual/cultural activity in science regarding the development of modern psychology.* Students will read about and independently research about 5 prominent psychological scientists who contributed to the development of modern psychology. Students will use their research to write an Eminent Person paper discussing the life, times, and theoretical contributions of each of the 5 selected psychological scientists. Students will also explain how the individual’s contributions are related to later developments and current research in psychology.

3. *Find and use resources for answering questions or solving problems.* Students will identify resources and conduct research on self-selected topics in their Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignments. Students will identify resources and conduct information research for their 5 Eminent Person papers.

4. *Demonstrate skill in expressing oneself in writing.* Students will read and incorporate the information in the APA style manual in their writing. Students will incorporate the information from their research in their writing. Students will express ideas in writing on the APA style of the Eminent Person papers and the textbook chapter related Critical Thinking Writing Assignments.

5. *Analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view.* Students will research and write independent reflections of course materials, and then discuss these writings with other class members. These reflections will require students to write explanations that include comparing and contrasting theories, analyzing parts of theories, explaining one aspect of whole-person human psychology from two or more perspectives, and evaluating which theory provides the best account of the one aspect of whole-person human psychology.

Required Reading and Textbook(s):


Required Readings from A History of Psychology by Ludy T. Benjamin, Jr. will be provided at our Canvas pages (Canvas, left menu, Files link, Ludy Benjamin folder). (some parts of some pages did not scan effectively—just do your best to read those pages anyway) If you want to purchase this textbook it should be inexpensive as it is an older edition (the information that you need to get the correct older edition is posted in the Ludy Benjamin folder

Handouts (Canvas → Files → Handouts → various links)—At least look at each of these. You will find them to be very helpful as you do your writing assignments. Talk with me (605-214-5627) if you want to understand any of the handouts better.

Please purchase or rent our course textbook as soon as possible. You cannot pass this course without the textbook. Also, please do not use a previous or later edition of this textbook, because the textbook content changes with each edition.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Learning and Evaluation Requirements:

Textbook & Supplemental Readings—Class Discussion Writing Assignments (Your Self-Chosen Discussion Topics & 2 Substantive Replies to your classmates’ Self-Chosen Discussion Topics Threads (The total of these ten 40-point assignments is worth 40% of final course grade) [Total 400 points]

End of Semester MFT Exam (4% of final course grade) [Total 40 points]

SONA Research Participation (4% of final course grade) [Total 40 points]

Course Progress Meeting (2% of final course grade) [Total 20 points]

Major Writing Assignments (Eminent Persons in Psychology) (100 points each; Combined Major Writing Assignments are worth 50% of final course grade) [Total 500 points] These will be further explained at each assignment in Canvas.

Dr. Nowell will accept most late assignments. After an assignment deadline has passed, there is a 10% earned-grade reduction per day that an assignment is late. Any missed assignments (except Substantive Replies) can be submitted after being 5 days late (until midnight of the last day of this course), for 50% of the grade points that would have been earned if the assignment were submitted before its deadline.

Please do not submit any writing that you have previously submitted for any course, for any of your writing assignments for this course. A grade of zero will be earned for any writing assignments of this sort.

Total Possible Points for Entire Course: 1000 points

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

A = 90-100% (900-1000 points) (Outstanding Course Scholarship)
B = 80-89.99% (800-899.99 points) (Good Course Scholarship)
C = 70-79.99% (700-799.99 points) (Satisfactory Course Scholarship)
D = 60-69.99% (600-699.99 points) (Marginal Course Scholarship)
F = below 60% (0-599.99 points) (Course Failure)

(In rare/valid instances an Incomplete (I) will be given if the appropriate conditions are met. The missing work must be completed in 30 days or the (I) will automatically become an F).

I do not round grades up to the next grade at the end of the semester. Any requests for “bumping up” grades will not be given a reply.

Posting of Grades:

Writing Assignment Grades will mainly post 72 hours after the due date has passed, or before that time when possible. Final Course Grades will be submitted to the registrar usually within 48 hours after the course end date.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements
This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com].

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address) Password:
Your MyCT password

Canvas Support
Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953. For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Other Technology Support
For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

    Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu
    Phone: (254) 519-5466
    Web Chat: [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student. For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor (Dr. Nowell).

Technology issues are not an excuse for missing a course requirement – make sure your computer is configured correctly and address issues well in advance of assignment and evaluation deadlines.

Instructor’s Personal Statement

It is very important for all psychology majors to learn and refine their understanding of the development (continuity) and holistic attributes (context) of modern psychology. This involves continued learning of and application of high quality critical thinking.

Class Members taking this course will be provided with an engaging, personally relevant, and academically sound introduction to and exploration of the history, development, and current attributes of Modern Psychology.
As your instructor and learning facilitator, I will provide information and feedback in ways that I have found to be effective for internalization and life application. I expect every class member to be respectful of all others in our course.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Drop Policy:

If you discover that you need to drop this course, you must contact or go to the Registrar’s Office and submit a completed Drop Request Form. You can download this form at this URL [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors (I) cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the University Calendar for which the form must be returned, completed and signed. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office and wait 24 hours, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid any potential penalty for absence. Should you miss the deadline or fail to follow the procedure, and you do not appropriately participate in the course, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity:

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student’s work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university’s Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university’s standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

Academic Accommodations:

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university’s programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations, please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our Access & Inclusion web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html].
Note: To ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided, students in this course who have registered with the Office of Access and Inclusion (OAI) and are in need of accommodations should present faculty with documentation of their need (i.e., the letter from the OAI) at least one week prior to the date an exam or assignment is due.

Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students:

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs’ Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the Student Affairs web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution’s Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these requirements and guidelines online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring:

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEdra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access tutor.com through Canvas (left menu link).

The University Writing Center:

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via WCONline at [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu for any assistance needed with scheduling.
The UWC is continuing to expand synchronous online writing tutoring this semester. Using WCOnline, students can work with trained UWC tutors via video and/or text chat from the comfort of their own homes! During the summer 2019 semester, a tutor trained to conduct synchronous online writing tutoring sessions will be available every hour the UWC is open. Please feel free to encourage your students to take advantage of our online services.

**UWC new video which provides a brief introduction to the UWC and its services.**

If you have any questions and/or concerns about synchronous online writing tutoring, feel free to email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students’ ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students’ texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

If you have any other questions about the UWC, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

**The University Library:**

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index).

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**A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas**

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they
were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don’t agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don’t be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the Title IX webpage [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES

Online learning requires class members to be very self-disciplined; be sure you understand and are prepared to comply with all required class assignments and deadlines. For this course, the Weekly Assignments will be posted on the Course Schedule with corresponding due dates listed within the Course Schedule. Graded weekly writing assignments are due no later than by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. of the associated week, except in Week 8 which ends on Friday, so Week 8 assignments are due no later than by Friday, 11:55 p.m.

Dr. Nowell will accept late assignments. After an assignment deadline has passed, there is a 10% earned-grade reduction per day that an assignment is late. Missed assignments can be submitted after being 5 days late (until midnight of the last day of this course), for 50% of the grade points that would have been earned if the assignment were submitted before its deadline.

If a class member experiences a technical problem or last-minute emergency that prevents submitting an assignment by the due date, the student should contact the instructor (Dr. Nowell) immediately and he will then what can be done. All assignments in this course are due by the listed due dates found on the Course Schedule for each specific assignment. Graded weekly writing assignments are due no later than by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. of the associated week, except in Week 8 which ends on Friday, so Week 8 assignments are due no later than by Friday, 11:55 p.m.

It is the class member’s responsibility to read any announcements posted by the instructor (Dr. Nowell) under the Announcements section of the homepage, on the discussion board, or in e-mail. Students are expected to precisely follow all instructions provided by the instructor (Dr. Nowell) for each specific assignment.

Online Attendance

Regular online classroom attendance is expected. Class members should not go more than 2-3 days without logging on to our course to check for new announcements, reminders, and/or assignments.

The following schedule is subject to change at the instructor’s discretion, to facilitate class members’ learning needs/pace. You will be notified of any grade affecting changes prior to the changes.

COURSE SCHEDULE

All graded assignments are due as follows: CTDWA-Threads by Wednesdays--11:55 p.m., CTDWA-Substantive Replies & EPITHOP Assignments by Sundays--11:55 p.m., except for Week 10 graded assignments which are due by Friday, 11:55 p.m.

Schultz & Schultz Textbook (S&S)   Ludy Benjamin Textbook (LB)
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<td>(S&amp;S) C-1</td>
<td>1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics) (S&amp;S, C-1) and (LB, C-1)</td>
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<td>3-9 June</td>
<td>(LB) C-1</td>
<td>Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
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<td>10-16 June</td>
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<td>17-23 June</td>
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<td>Week 4</td>
<td>(S&amp;S) C-6 and C-7</td>
<td>1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics) (S&amp;S, C-6 and C-7) and (LB, C-4 and C-5)</td>
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<td>24-30 June</td>
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| Week 5 | 1-7 July | (S&S) C-8  
(LB) C-6 | 1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
(S&S, C-8) and (LB, C-6)  
Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
2. Research/Write EP #1—Biological or Gestalt  
This Eminent Person in the History of Psychology (EPITHOP) Writing Assignment is to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time) |
| Week 6 | 8-14 July | (S&S) C-9, C-10, and C-11  
(LB) C-8 | 1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
(S&S, C-9, C-10, and C-11) and (LB, C-8)  
Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
2. Research/Write EP #2—Behavioral  
This Eminent Person in the History of Psychology (EPITHOP) Writing Assignment is to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time) |
| Week 7 | 15-21 July | (S&S) C-13 and C-14  
(LB) C-7 | 1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
(S&S, C-13 and C-14) and (LB, C-7)  
Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  
2. Research/Write EP #3—Psychodynamic |
| Week 8  
22-28 July | **(S&S) C-12**  
**(LB) C-9** | **This Eminent Person in the History of Psychology (EPITHOP) Writing Assignment is to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)**  

**Sign up for MFT**  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Only  

1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
   *(S&S, C-12) and (LB, C-9)*  

   Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  

   Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  

2. Research/Write EP #4—Humanistic or I/O  

**This Eminent Person in the History of Psychology (EPITHOP) Writing Assignment is to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)**

| Week 9  
29 July-4 August | **(S&S) C-15**  
**(LB) C-11** | **Take MFT**  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Only  

1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
   *(S&S, C-15) and (LB, C-11)*  

   Your Self-Chosen Topics (from the assigned chapters) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  

   Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)  

2. Research/Write EP #5—Cognitive or SocioCultural  

**This Eminent Person in the History of Psychology (EPITHOP) Writing Assignment is to be posted at our Canvas course page by Sunday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)**

| Week 10  
5-9 August (Friday) | **(LB) C-10** | **Take MFT**  
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday Only  

1. Research/Write/Post (CT Topics)  
   *(LB, C-11)*  

   Your Self-Chosen Topic (from the assigned chapter) Discussion Thread is Due to be posted at our Canvas course page by Wednesday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)
Your Substantive minimum of 2 replies to your classmates Discussion Threads are to be posted at our Canvas course page by Friday, 11:55 p.m. (Central Time)

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Important Summer Semester 2019 Dates & Deadlines

3 June (Monday), Add/Drop/Late Registration begins
10 June (Monday), Last day to drop First 8-week courses with no record
4 July (Thursday), Independence Day (TAMUCT Campus Closed)
5 July (Friday), Deadline to Submit Graduation Application for Ceremony Participation
12 July (Friday), Deadline to Drop 8-Week Classes with a Quit (Q) or Withdraw (W)
12 July (Friday), Student End of Course Survey Opens for 8-Week Courses
26 July (Friday), First 8-Week Courses End
9 August (Friday), Classes End for 10- and Second 5-Week Sessions
9 August (Friday), Last day to file for Degree Conferral (Registrar’s Office)
10 August (Saturday), Commencement Ceremony (TBA)

Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment Instructions

One focus of this course is on your gaining understanding of different paradigms, contexts, and eminent individuals in the history/course of development of our current discipline of “Modern” Human Psychology. The majority of the structure for our course is defined by, the chronological sequence of the development of our very diverse current practices of psychology. This is also the basic sequence of the course textbook, and the sequence of the additional (Ludy Benjamin Chapters) course readings

To help you relate to this course in a very personal way, for the purposes of these Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignments (CTDWAs), you have been assigned to be an unbiased professional psychologist historian who is focused on understanding what has lead up to our current beliefs and practices in the psychology of our times (“Modern Psychology”).

Your tasks for this Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignments (CTDWA), for this week and all for all CTDWAs for the remaining weeks of this course, are:

(1) Carefully/thoughtfully read the assigned textbook chapter or chapters and/or the other assigned readings (i.e. the Ludy Benjamin Chapters), always keeping the whole-person and psychological paradigms perspectives in mind (see Files link—Handouts---Whole-Person handouts and Psychological Paradigms handout).

(2) Decide what you personally believe the 1 most important thing/topic/insight in each of the week’s assigned chapters is, as in each case it relates to the positive and negative aspects of the development of modern psychology and its current applications in real-life in the culture of the United States of America, and other cultures of the world as applicable. (e.g. If a week has two assigned chapters, then you are to choose one major topic from each of those chapters to research and write about. If there are three assigned chapters, then 3 topics, one from each chapter.)
(3) List each of these important things/topics in your own word processing document at the top, and;

(4) In your own word processing document, **thoroughly** describe why/how each of your chosen things is important to understanding the development of modern psychology and its current applications in real-life in the culture of the United States of America, and one or more other cultures of the world.

(5) Whenever possible (which is probably true for every week), find and include Psychological Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) theories, observations, data, and/or opinions which illustrate, support, and/or oppose what you have written for each of your selected topics.

(6) In your writing, always be guided by the “Proper Paraphrasing” and “Avoiding Plagiarism” handouts (Files link in left menu, Course Handouts folder).

(7) Take advantage, well before the due date of this assignment, of the writing quality feedback/help provided by tutor.com ([free and good feedback at Canvas→Left Menu→tutor.com]) and/or the TAMUCT Writing Center.

(8) In each paragraph of your **Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment** (CTDWA), include proper APA citations in your writing and proper APA full references at the end of your writing for any included information that is not your own opinions, ideas, beliefs, observations, and/or experiences. This includes any information from our course textbooks/readings.

**Your writing about your chosen topics/insights is to be a minimum of 450 words (a higher quality assignment will almost always require more words that this minimum).**

(9) **Include a word count at the bottom** of your Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment (CTDWA) (Please do not include the reference list in that word count.) Random checks of word counts will be made, especially if the instructor is uncertain of the word count. The student will receive a zero if the posted word count is incorrect. Most word processing programs have a tool that automatically tallies the word count.

(10) Save your **Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment** document on your personal computer or flash/jump drive (doc, docx, txt, pdf, rtf formats only); and finally;

(11) To Begin your critical thinking discussion thread, upload/attach your saved Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment (CTDWA), document the week’s Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment on our Canvas course page. **This first part of this weekly assignment is due no later than by 11:55 p.m. (Central Time) each Wednesday and is ½ of the assignment.** It can be submitted later in the week for a reduced grade.

(11) After you have posted your Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment (CTDWA) for the week, read the CTDWA postings by your classmates, and then provide a **Substantive Reply** to at least 2 of your classmates’ discussion threads. Your substantive replies to at least 2 of your classmates’ discussion threads is the other ½ of this Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment (CTDWA). **This second part of this weekly assignment is due no later than by 11:55 p.m. (Central Time) each Sunday and is ½ of the assignment.** It cannot be submitted for its grade points after its due day and time.

**Substantive Replies** to your classmates’ critical thinking discussion threads meet most of the following criteria:

- Thoughtful, insightful ideas or arguments on the topic.
- Invitations for other class members to participate in the critical thinking discussion in specific ways.
- Defense or further clarification of ideas/positions with which you agree.
- Refutation or further clarification of ideas/positions with which you do not agree.
- Links to important Subject Matter Expert information that is closely related to the critical thinking topic being discussed.
- In-text APA format citations of information sources.
Whenever you believe it is appropriate for your Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment and/or your Substantive Replies to your classmates, you are invited and welcome to include your personal observations, experiences, and opinions, supported by data.

For class members that are seeking an "A" each week for their Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment, in addition to ample textbook information, it is a requirement to include supporting information from at least one peer-reviewed psychological journal article as SME information support for their chosen topics/insights. Be sure to use the most pertinent information from the peer reviewed article, if you choose to do this. If you choose to include peer-reviewed material, you can use the following syllabus section’s guidelines to retrieve peer-reviewed articles from the online library at TAMU-CT.

These weekly Critical Thinking Discussion Writing Assignment are graded for quality of information research (SMEs), quality of thinking, and quality of writing (which includes, correct grammar/spelling/writing mechanics/APA formatting, and a good quality coverage of the context of the historical period and cultures involved and the continuity influences of mentors and the continuity influences on mentees/proteges).

Dr. Nowell will accept late assignments. After an assignment deadline has passed, there is a 10% earned-grade reduction per day that an assignment is late. Missed assignments can be submitted after being 5 days late (until midnight of the last day of this course), for 50% of the grade points that would have been earned if the assignment were submitted before its deadline.

Please do not submit any writing that you have previously submitted for any course, for any of your writing assignments for this course. A grade of zero will be earned for any writing assignments of this sort.

How to find Peer Reviewed Psychological Subject Matter Expert (SME) Articles

Psychological journal articles are the best source of Subject Matter Expert (SME) information to use to support what you write in your Reaction Journal Assignments. If you choose to include that sort of SME information in your RJ Assignments, be sure to use the most pertinent information from the peer reviewed article, if you choose to do this. When you choose to include peer-reviewed material, you can use the following guideline to retrieve peer-reviewed articles from the online library at TAMU-CT.

1. University Library Online: Click or use this URL in your browser http://tamuct.libguides.com/index
2. Click: A-Z Databases (left side of page)
3. Choose your database. For example, scroll way down to "P" and choose Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
4. The next step may ask you to login using normal log in credentials, if you are off campus.
5. Type in search topic in top box just under the name of the data base. For example for Module 1, you may type in: Premarital Sex
6. It is VERY IMPORTANT that before you hit search that you check the box that says: Peer Reviewed AND the box that says: Full Text under the section called Limit Results
7. Click Search. This should bring up various peer-reviewed articles for your review.
8. If you don't find any relevant articles, try a different search word.
9. Please keep a copy of the article on your desktop or at least know how to retrieve it again should I ask you to provide the article to me through e-mail when I begin grading.
10. Cite the article in your reference list as you compose your discussion using APA formatting. If you don't already know APA formatting, view the information found to the left in this link about in-text citations (within the body of your discussion) and Reference List: Articles in Periodicals: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Rubric for your Class Discussion Writing Assignments

The following criteria will be considered in evaluating some parts or all parts of each of your Class Discussion Writing Assignments.

1. Accuracy: Are your statements, facts, or ideas correct?

2. Clarity: Is your writing clear and easy to follow? It helps to read your written assignment out loud to yourself. Using this method, you can catch incomplete sentences, grammar errors, typos, and/or lapses in your thought.

3. Depth: Are each of the issues and implications thought out and explored?

4. Originality: What is your thesis (the main point or points of your writing)? When your own views are present, are they well articulated? Use your own words. Do not copy material directly from any readings or other sources without giving the author(s) proper credit by citation in the paragraph and full reference at the end of the paper. If you want to use any author's/persons exact words, put them in quotations and cite the page number or paragraph number from your source material. Remember that you need to express your own opinion(s). Quoted material must not exceed 5%-10% of the body of the written assignment.

5. Supporting Evidence: Support your ideas/opinions/observations with empirical evidence if at all possible. This is a crucial part of any well written APA writing assignment. You may support your ideas with theories, previously conducted research, or other information that you encounter from books, and other sources (journal articles, online psychological SME articles, interviews with someone you know or meet, etc.). You may also use your personal experiences and observations as supporting evidence when appropriate.

6. References: Did you use appropriate references to support the main points of your writing? You may look in the course readings or a textbook and find references listed in the bibliography that might support your writing, then find and read those referenced journal or book articles. Be sure that you have these referenced articles when you use them. That means that you have the articles on hand and that you read them if you use them. Make sure that your references strongly relate to the point that you are making, or support your inferences.

7. Form, composition, spelling, etc: Try to make your writing neat and error free. It helps to run your spell checker and grammar checker before submitting your work and/or have a grammar/spelling competent peer or friend read over your work before submitting it.

8. When you paraphrase, use proper paraphrasing (see the handout on Proper Paraphrasing that I have
provided). Please be sure that any paraphrased material that you include in your writing is also cited and referenced correctly.

9. APA Style: Follow the formatting rules of the American Psychological Association for your writing. Use your APA publication manual. You may also want to visit the APA or any other appropriate website for additional formatting information.

10. I have also posted two additional potentially useful handouts in our course Handouts folder. (Whole Person Diagram, Seven Whole-Person Attributes) These are optional to use for guidance for your research and writing.

Finding Quality SME Sources of Information for a Topic or Person

There are several good avenues to find high quality SME information.

Talk with a Reference Librarian at our TAMUCT library (in person if possible or virtually). Reference Librarians are specially trained and have good professional experience in finding all sorts of SME and other information.

Use Wikipedia only to learn more about your chosen topic or person and to see the many excellent SME primary sources of information at the end of the article about your topic or person. Try several well-thought search terms to find information about your chosen topic or person, because there are most likely various articles in Wikipedia about the topic or person.

A primary source of information is the original source, not information from someone who has read the original source. As best as possible, find and use primary sources of SME information to support your thinking and writing about your chosen topic or person.

Textbooks, Magazines, Newspapers, Wikipedia, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Most Internet Articles, etc. are not primary sources, but can have quality references that are primary sources. They can also have useful information to help you understand and write better about your topic or person. So, do read these secondary sources to learn about your topic or person and to find the referenced quality primary sources of SME information.

If your chosen topic or person is mentioned in our textbooks, there will also most likely be associated SME primary references.

Research Experience Requirement

Research Experience Requirement: Students in selected psychology courses (PSYC 3307, PSYC 3309, PSYC 3330, PSYC 3312, PSYC 4320) are required to engage in research experience activities as part of these courses. The research experience activity includes either (1) writing summaries of peer reviewed empirical psychological research journal articles, or (2) participating in research studies directly related to psychology, or a combination of both.
**Sign Up:** To receive credit for a research experience activity, students must sign up to write psychological research journal-article summaries through the Counseling and Psychology Research Sign-Up System hosted by SONA (https://tamuct.sona-systems.com). It is the students’ responsibility to ensure registration for Sona-Systems. Credits from previous semesters are not permitted to be transferred for current semester use.

Students that have not signed up for SONA will receive an email at their TAMUCT student email account from the SONA System Administrator Melissa Sanchez (ms057@my.tamuct.edu) after they have been registered to access the TAMUCT SONA system.

Students must verify their account requests before being granted access to the system. Once the account is verified, students will be able to sign-up for research experience activities. A tutorial video is provided for using SONA (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1OnT2ZU6QQ).

Students who have problems signing up for SONA or have questions should immediately contact the SONA System Administrator Melissa Sanchez (ms057@my.tamuct.edu).

**Credits:** Students are required to complete 3 research experience credits in this course. The first research credit must be earned before the midterm of the course which is **June 30, 2019.** Credit is allotted for the different forms of research participation as follows, and is determined by the Counseling & Psychology Department or the individual researcher (not the course instructor). Research participation credits are based on estimated participation time.

- **1 credit for each hour (60 minutes) of research participation (in-person or online)**
- **1/2 credit for each 1/2 hour (30 minutes) of research participation (in-person or online)**
- **1 credit for each summary of a peer-reviewed, empirical psychological research journal-article.**

Students who drop a class after having earned research experience credit cannot apply any accumulated credit from that class towards the next time they take the course or towards any other course after the semester SONA credits are earned; however, credits in SONA can be transferred from one course to another in the same semester.

**Penalties:** Any student who has not earned 1 research credit before the halfway point of the course (midterm) will be penalized 1 letter grade on the final course grade. Any student who has not earned all required research credits prior to the opening of the final exam period for the course will be penalized 1 letter grade on the final course grade for every research credit short of the required 3 research credits (e.g., missing 2 credits will result in a 2 letter grade reduction in the final course grade).

**Research Experience Requirement - Research Article Summary**

To receive Research Experience credit for a research article summary, students should select a psychological research article by one of the psychologists from the EPITHOP list provided by Dr. Nowell
After students select a psychological research article, they should read the article and write a brief summary of each of the sections from the article listed below. Participation in this activity should take approximately 1 hour. Each section that includes a summary from the research article as described below will earn 1 point; each section that is not explained as described below will receive 0 points.

Each article summary must earn a score of 60% or more on the rubric to receive credit. No credit will be awarded for summaries that earn less than 60% on the rubric. No credit will be awarded for information that has been plagiarized from another source. All information must be written in the student's own words.

1. The reference for the article includes author, publication year, article title, journal name, volume number, and page numbers written in APA style. Place this at the top of your summary.
2. Thesis statement(s) for research article summary explains the purpose of the research.
3. The major variables in the research are explained.
4. The research questions/hypotheses tested in the study are explained.
5. A brief summary of research summarized in the Introduction section of the article is stated.
6. The participants in the research are described.
7. The study’s procedure and the materials used to measure the variables (i.e., assessments) are described.
8. An explanation of how the results relate to the research questions/hypotheses is stated.
9. The study author’s conclusions regarding the findings of the research are stated.
10. The author’s limitations of the study are described.

Note, the information summarized for each section of the article can be written offline using a word processing program and copied and pasted into the online submission form at SONA-Systems

This document is subject to change at the instructor’s discretion. Students will be notified of any grade affecting changes prior to implementation of changes.