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## PSYC-3303-115-Educational Psychology

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### **SPRING 2021**

*January 19 through March 12, 2021*

Online with Synchronous Sessions, Monday 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

### **INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**Office Hours:** *By Appointment Only*

**Mode of instruction and course access:** This is a blended course, meaning this course contains both face-to-face and online components. Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M Central Texas) uses the Canvas Instructor System and can be accessed using your A&M Central Texas username and password at: <https://tamuct.instructure.com>

**Student-instructor interaction:** The normal interaction time for questions emailed via Canvas or tamuct.edu email is 24 hours on weekdays (weekends may be as long as 48 hours). The preferred method of email correspondence is: [sanfrena.britt@tamuct.edu](mailto:sanfrena.britt@tamuct.edu)

### **WARRIOR SHIELD**

#### **Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

Warrior Shield 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 Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

### **COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES**

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Texas A&M University-Central Texas has adopted policies and practices to minimize virus transmission. All members of the university community are expected to adhere to these measures to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses, course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.) and co-curricular programs:

- Self-monitoring—Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction. Students required to quarantine must participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities.
- Face Coverings— Face coverings must be worn inside of buildings and within 50 feet of building entrances on the A&M-Central Texas Campus. This includes lobbies, restrooms, hallways, elevators, classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, break rooms, non-private office spaces, and other shared spaces. Face coverings are also required in outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not maintained. The university will evaluate exceptions to this requirement on a case by case basis. Students can request an exception through the Office of Access and Inclusion in Student Affairs.
  - o If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office of Student Conduct. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.
    - Physical Distancing—Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in the course and course-related activities.
    - Classroom Ingress/Egress—Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded. Do not congregate in hallways and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.

*The university will notify students in the event that the COVID-19 situation necessitates changes to the course schedule or modality.*

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### **Course Overview and description**

An application of psychological theories and principles to teaching and learning. Topics will include theories of human development, learning, and motivation, and how they impact the processes of teaching and learning.

The course will also include the impact of cultural diversity on the learning process and standardized testing. Students seeking teacher certification must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 2301 or approval of the Department Chair.

### **Course Objective**

*Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):*

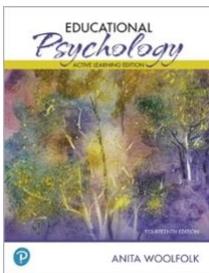
- *SLO 1: Demonstrate factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends).* Content-specific knowledge about the models, research studies, and history of educational
- *SLO 2: Apply course material (to improve thinking, problem-solving, and decisions).* Students should learn to apply principles of educational psychology to their own learning and/or Students should also learn how these principles and theories can apply to current educational practice (such as standardized testing procedures).
- *SLO 3: Develop specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.* Students should gain understanding regarding the impact of cultural diversity on the learning process.

## Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)

### Student Mastery:

1. Students will use critical thinking to evaluate interpersonal perspectives of education and the learning process
2. Students will research various stages of human development and the cognitive process and use social statistics to analyze similarities and differences among various groups.
3. Students will build comprehensive dialogs with their peers through class projects, PowerPoint presentations a writing assignment on education and psychology.
4. Students will develop online dialogs through weekly discussion questions and interactions utilizing Canvas as a virtual classroom setting.

## Required Reading and Textbook(s)



Woolfolk, A. (2014). Educational Psychology (14th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson. (ISBN-13: 978-0-13-520650-8)

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements: (include point values for each- not just a percentage)

- Reading assignments and weekly online discussions: Readings from the textbooks are listed in the course schedule below. Please complete the weekly readings before you attempt to take a quiz or reply to a discussion posting. Additional readings will be assigned during class. Please treat these as you would textbook chapters.
- Weekly Journals: A total of five journals, worth 10 points each, are due by the end of the course to create an area to discuss your thoughts about online conversations. Only you and I will see your submissions, they are completely private. Your journals must contain reflections of information you learned during my lectures on the topics of the preceding weeks and how your opinion of these topics pertain to the text. You must be specific and include complete concepts from each topic you choose.
- Discussion postings: There will be six discussion postings due (30 pts each). You will be required to submit your initial post to the discussion question provided by me that week and then respond to **TWO** of your classmates' posts.
- Initial, Primary Response (10 pts)—due Fridays at Noon
  1. Students are expected to read the assigned materials *prior* to responding to threaded discussions, typically at the beginning of each week (Sun/Mon/Tues). You should review the Course Calendar and see readings assigned for that week. Please devote the first part of the week to reading and understanding the assigned topic. Note taking and outlining is recommended. You should then be ready toward the middle (Wed/Thurs) of the week to post your initial response. The discussion question will be available on Sunday.
  2. The *initial response* must reflect familiarity with the text from your book and must also answer the question completely. Responses must have substance beyond agreement with a statement or the mere expression of opinions. Students must support responses with references to the assigned reading. Under no circumstances should a student block quote from the textbook or online sources.

3. Additional Secondary Response (10 points each/totaling 20points)—due by Sunday at Noon.
4. After initial responses, you must make *secondary responses to classmates' posts*. The secondary response must entail a substantive comparison or contrast to the post to which the response is given.
5. This secondary response must also support the readings. Your response is primarily to enrich the conversation using your classmates' responses to substantiate my original post. Simply stating that you agree with someone is unacceptable. You must provide reasons for this agreement. Also remember that your primary task is not to agree but to analyze response to the topic with constructive and critical thinking.
6. After posting three discussions for the week, you have complied with the requirements of the course. However, you may continue to post responses to other students.
  - This type of interaction should foster a critical evaluation and understanding of concepts. In conjunction with classroom discussions, this type of activity will provide a forum for the expression of ongoing ideas among students.
  - Points are awarded to students based on the quality and content of their participation in these threaded discussions. Quality participation pertains to students responding in relevant, meaningful ways based upon the assigned readings for that week.

**There are no makeups for discussions** from previous weeks. Please avoid procrastinating on your posts. Post as early as possible. If your post is inadequate, I or someone else may tell you, and you should have time to revise your post for credit before the deadline. If you wait until the last minute to post and your post is inadequate, you may not have time to resubmit your post. *You will not receive credit for deficient posts.*

## **My Responses**

I will grade and respond to discussions progressively, meaning you will receive points for each post up to the total number of points allowable for the week. It is the student's responsibility to read my responses and respond accordingly. Sometimes inaccurate information is presented by students that should be corrected, and the purpose of some of my response is to alert the class to such information. You may ask relevant questions regarding my responses within the discussion to clarify information. However, **my intent is to make sure the concept has been covered adequately not to engage in a debate on the topic.**

## **Netiquette**

All students are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all messages and threaded discussions. Students may wish to refer to the Student Handbook (located under Student Affairs/Student Conduct on the Texas A&M University-Central Texas website) for further information along these lines. Inappropriate or offensive messages or remarks may result in expulsion from the course.

## **Mid-Term Exam**

One mid-term exam will cover readings and discussion posts from the prior weeks. Students will have three hours to complete the exam. *A make-up exam will be made available for students who miss the mid-term and have a documented excuse such as illness or injury (see full policy below).*

## Final paper

The final/only paper is due Monday, **March 1, 2021 at NOON** in Canvas. This paper is a literature review of either qualitative or quantitative research referencing an education or psychology issue. Students will include at least *six* peer-reviewed journal articles according to the American Psychological Association, Seventh Edition formatting guidelines.

Two fundamental manners to fail this assignment are plagiarism and failure to write on a college level befitting an upper level student. Your *Turnitin* percentages should not be above 15% with only insignificant grammatical errors- we will discuss this during our Monday Lectures online).

This paper should be no less than four (4) pages and no longer than seven (7) pages in length; double-spaced; and 12pt. Times New Roman font. Please use APA formatting guidelines for margins and spacing.

## Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

<b>Coursework</b>	<b>Points</b>
Exam (1@ 100pts)	100
Weekly Journals (5 @ 10pts)	50
Discussion postings and Team Experiment (6 @ 30pts)	180
Midterm Exam	100
Literature Review	370
<i>Total:</i>	800

## Posting of Grades

Grades are usually posted within one week of submission. However, late submissions and unforeseen events can cause delay. I will do my best to always communicate with you about your progress.

## COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Please pay close attention to **Canvas** Course Calendar for assignment due dates, changes, and updates.

## Important University Dates

Please watch for updates and important information referencing University events in Warrior Web. These dates change and are very important to us for class cancelations, lectures, and special occasions.

## Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email 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.

## **Online Proctored Testing**

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

## **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](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

## **UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES**

### **Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2Fsubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar’s Office, 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 penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, 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, working with others in an unauthorized manner, 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 referred 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.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html), [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0), [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=0].

### **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, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

### **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 [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [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](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) 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, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors will return at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111 in the Fall 2020. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing [studentsuccess@tamuct.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@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 online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

## **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. 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!

Students may arrange a one-to-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 [WCOOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

## **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) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

**For Fall 2020, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.**

## **OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

## **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/compliance/titleix.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

### **Behavioral Intervention**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\_id=2]. Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

## **INSTRUCTOR POLICIES**

### **Makeup policy**

This is a hyflex course, meaning you will have online assignments and online lecture components for successful learning. You are responsible for managing your time to make sure you complete all assignments on time.

**There are no makeups for discussion posts or quizzes.** Students may make-up the mid-term exam if illness or an injury occurs. Other excuses must be approved through a meeting with me and all excuses must be documented. If the mid-term is missed due to illness, injury or something out of the student's control three contingencies must occur:

1. The student must provide documentation (doctor's note, police report, etc.),
2. The student must notify me as soon as possible of intent to take the make-up exam, and
3. The student must prepare to take the makeup exam within 1 week of the excused absence, if possible.

Students who miss the mid-term exam with no excused absence will receive a zero on the exam. If circumstances dictate an inability to complete the course, the course should be dropped and only the student can initiate this action. Otherwise the posted grade must be accepted.

## **Instructor's Personal Statement**

Psychological research is a fundamental component in understanding human behavior and assisting those who suffer dysfunction in mental and emotional processing. Multi-Variate analysis assists with understanding underlying issues that contribute to not only dysfunction, but also to maladjustment to societal norms and underachievement in areas fundamental to economic success, such as education and vocation. Each individual who seeks to address the various differences in how the world is perceived should have the assurance that a label of dysfunction does not identify the totality of successful outcomes and possibilities. Research assists in preparing society to adjust and to explore various initiatives and approaches tailored to individuals who need assistance; and should not merely follow a path identified by a systematic diagnosis as the map for successful assimilation.

Therefore, thorough exploration of cognitive processing, detailed psychological assessment, family and community history, and innumerable research connections to similar societal situations offer the elemental foundation for understanding how we learn and what hinders the successful transition of knowledge to wisdom. There must be a bridge built that connects experience with understanding and understanding with application.

Seek to find these connections and offer assistance for those who have not yet found their voice and continue to seek their purpose.

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**Course Summary: Online in canvas**