

PSY 101 (section 40) – Introductory Psychology Fall 2025

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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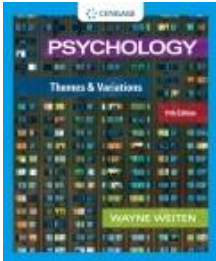
Student hours/appointments: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 11-11:45am in my office or Zoom. Additional meeting options will be available each week. You can make appointments at <https://calendly.com/deankr/student-mtg-hours>. In-person drop-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority. If you cannot meet during these times, email me to discuss other possibilities.

Ask me about: anything related to our class, real world applications of psychology, majoring or minoring in psychology, getting involved in psychology research, graduate school and psych-based careers, being a first-generation college student, cats, cooking, horror movies, etc.

COURSE BASICS

Meeting Time and Place: We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in 114 Lake Michigan Hall (LMH) from 10-10:50am. Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) workshops meet:

- Mondays 6-6:50pm in AuSable Hall (ASH) 1314 – section 41
- Tuesdays 6-6:50pm in AuSable Hall (ASH) 1143 – section 42



Textbook: Our course will be using *Psychology: Themes and Variations* (11th edition) by Wayne Weiten (published by Cengage in 2022). This textbook is REQUIRED. Note: The Laker Store offers an EBook version through the GVSU Save program. See instructions on Blackboard or email for accessing your Ebook. You may also find cheaper options and print options through third-party outlets but will need to OPT-OUT of the GVSU Save program by Friday, Sept. 5th.

Course Overview: What are the best strategies for reducing stress? Or boosting happiness? Is it really so bad to cram the night before an exam? How do your relationships affect your health? Why do young children have difficulty sharing? What treatment methods are effective for depression, and why? Why is the idea of “learning styles” incorrect? The field of psychology studies all these questions, and more. This course will introduce you to the theories, research methodologies, and applications of psychology, and help you appreciate the importance of psychological phenomenon in your own life. We’ll cover a wide range of topics and take a variety of perspectives to better understand the nuances and complexities of human behavior.

Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to...

- Identify major psychological theories and concepts and use psychological terminology correctly.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the scientific process in Psychology.
- Critically evaluate the findings of psychological research.

- Recognize examples of how psychological concepts are applied to daily life.

Technology Requirements: Access to Blackboard (BB) Learning Management System is required, since BB houses all course materials, course announcements, and grades. Students are also expected to have regular access to a computer or tablet and a reliable internet connection. You can find more information about [on-campus computer labs here](#). You can find more information about [checking out laptops from the library here](#). Both links are also posted on BB.

Class Format: Class sessions will involve lecture and discussion as well as active learning strategies. Class sessions and the textbook supplement each other – both cover material that may not be covered in the other format. Students are strongly encouraged to attend class regularly and stay up to date with the assigned reading. Please note that class sessions will NOT be recorded, and full notes are NOT available from Dr. Dean. If you miss class, please contact your classmates for notes.

Expectations and Active Engagement: To understand the material covered in ANY course, active engagement is necessary. To help you succeed in this course, I have taken special care in designing it and am committed to facilitating your learning throughout the semester. My hope is that you are also intentional and effortful in your engagement with the course.

You can expect your professor to...

- Present interesting information clearly and in an organized fashion.
- Facilitate your efforts to learn the material. For example, Blackboard contains in-depth assignment instructions and various supplemental resources. Your professor is also available via email and during office hours/appointments to answer questions.
- Be responsive to questions and concerns. This includes posting announcements regularly, responding to emails promptly, and providing feedback and grades promptly. Consistent communication is essential to a smooth semester!
- Facilitate a safe, respectful, and curiosity-driven learning environment. When basic needs – physical safety, psychological stability – are met, it is easier to focus attention on our self-improvement goals, like our academic studies. Please reach out if you need assistance.

Your professor expects you to...

Basic expectations:

- 1) Read the syllabus and consult it throughout the semester.
- 2) Read assigned readings completely and in a timely manner.
- 3) Complete all assignments/exams on time.
- 4) Regularly attend class sessions.
- 5) Take notes during classes and when reading/studying.
- 6) Study regularly throughout the week.
- 7) Communicate your questions and concerns.
- 8) Be respectful and curious.

Beyond the basics:

- 1) Complete readings before class.
- 2) Meet with your professor to discuss your understanding of the material.
- 3) Review concepts that you missed on assignments, exams, etc.
- 4) Answer questions on the study guide in depth.
- 5) Utilize effective and immersive study strategies.

A ton of educational research suggests that students should devote around 2-4 hours/week per credit hour they take. PSY101 is a 3-credit course, so this equates to spending around 6-12 hours/week on this course, which includes time spent in class. If you are taking a full course load (e.g., 15 credits), this equates to spending around 45 hours a week on your coursework – basically a full-time job. Each week, you will have assigned reading (~2 hours, which is also study time), 3 class sessions (~2.5 hour), SLA (~1 hour) and some assignments (~.5 hour to complete, not including study time), so please consider how you are spending the remaining time on this course.

Structured Learning Assistance (SLA): This section of PSY101 is part of the Structured Learning Assistance program offered by GVSU's Tutoring Center. The SLA program involves the typical PSY101 lecture course plus a weekly peer-led supplemental workshop. These workshops help students review key concepts in PSY101 and build effective learning and studying strategies. More details about the SLA program and its requirements are included at the end of the syllabus, but also see the Schedule.

GRADING POLICY

Course grades will be based on total points earned from the following sources:

COURSE ACTIVITY		POINT VALUE
Exam #1 & #2	2 exams x 40 pts each	80 pts
Final Exam		60 pts
Lecture	14 class sessions x 2 pts each	24 pts
Attendance/Participation	(2 lowest dropped)	
SLA	13 sessions x 3 pts each	30 pts
Attendance/Participation	(3 lowest dropped)	
Homework Assignments	3 assignments x 12 pts each	36 pts
Topic Engagement Activities	15 assignments x 3 pts each	39 pts
	(2 lowest dropped)	
Enrichment Activities	4 credits x 5 pts each	20 pts
Extra Credit		15 pts

Total of 289 points, not including extra credit

Exams: There will be two exams and a final in this course. Exams #1 and #2 (both 40 points) are not cumulative. For the final exam (60 points), 40 points will come from the material covered since the last exam (non-cumulative portion), and 20 points will come from prior material (the cumulative portion). All exams will include multiple-choice questions.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor within a week of the exam to plan arrangements for a make-up exam. Late exams will be penalized 20% each day unless accommodations apply.

Lecture Attendance/Participation: Students that regularly attend class and who are "present" in class – attentive, taking notes, thinking about the material – are much more likely to succeed. To encourage attendance/participation, students will submit some type of evidence (TBD) they attended a particular class session. Class sessions will be chosen at random without advance notice. Submissions will be graded pass (2 points)/fail (0 points). At the end of the semester two attendance grades will be dropped.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: Attendance assignments are due during the class session. If make-up accommodations are requested and approved, an alternative assignment can be submitted by the agreed upon deadline.

SLA Attendance/Participation: Active engagement in SLA workshops is associated with increases in PSY101 grades. Attendance will be taken during each weekly SLA session. Attendance points are assigned as pass (3 points)/fail (0 points), though points may be deducted if a student misses more than 15 minutes. At the end of the semester 3 SLA attendance grades will be dropped.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: Attendance is taken during the class session. If make-up accommodations are requested and approved, an alternative assignment can be submitted by the agreed upon deadline.

Homework Assignments: Students are required to complete 3 out of a possible 14 homework assignments (available on BB). These assignments involve answering around 4 to 6 short-answer questions that correspond to the textbook chapter and other course materials. You can choose which 3 homework assignments you want to complete. You can also earn extra credit by completing the HWs due earlier in the semester: Students can earn 2 EC points for every HW assignment completed before Exam #2 – so, HWs #1-#9 (max. 6 EC points from this source). Students are ultimately responsible for keeping track of the number of assignments completed. Each assignment is due on the FIRST day the topic is discussed in class (see Schedule below for all deadlines). An optional 4th assignment can be completed to replace the lowest homework assignment score. Students can complete additional assignments, but only the first 3 (or 4) will be graded for points in our course. To receive feedback on additional assignments, students should set up a meeting with the professor.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: The deadline for homework assignments is 11:59pm on the due date. Late assignments will receive 5 points deducted for each day it is late unless accommodations apply.

Topic Engagement Activities: To encourage active engagement throughout the semester, students will complete learning engagement activities (TEAs) for each subject topic. These assess understanding of content covered in class sessions or the textbook. TEAs will be introduced in class and posted on BB. TEAs will be graded as 3 (good understanding; accurate and very thoughtful and detailed), 2 (basic understanding), 1 (limited understanding), or 0 (no understanding or did not turn in). At the end of the semester, the lowest 2 TEA grades will be dropped.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: The deadline for TEAs is 11:59pm on the due date. Deadlines are always the next class session after we finish covering the topic (see Schedule below). Late TEAs will receive 1 point deducted each day unless accommodations apply.

Enrichment Activities: To acquaint students with the variety of research topics and methodologies in psychology, students will complete 4 credits of enrichment activities (EAs) of their choosing. There are two types of enrichment activities:

Option #1: Participating in PSY research studies: This type of enrichment activity gives you an insider's perspective on how psychologists do research and an opportunity to contribute to the psychological literature you read about in your textbook.

Option #2: Participating in research techniques: This type of enrichment activity advances your understanding of specific methodological techniques used in PSY research; with this enrichment activity option, you are taking a researcher's perspective on psychology.

Please see the syllabus Appendix for details. All PSY101 students at GVSU complete this Enrichment Activity Assignment. In our course, each credit will be worth 5 points, = 20 points total.

Late Work/Make-up Policy: The deadline (see Schedule) was set by the PSY Department and applies to all PSY101 sections. Enrichment activities can be completed throughout the semester, so there are no make-up opportunities and late assignments are not accepted.

Extra Credit Opportunities: Extra credit will be discussed in detail in a separate document on BB. There are specific deadlines for specific EC assignments. There are no make-up opportunities for EC and late assignments are not accepted.

GRADING SCALE

Please note: These are firm cut-offs. I only round up if a grade is > .95% (e.g., 82.96% will be rounded up to an 83%, but an 82.94% would not be rounded up). Yes, this means that it is possible that 1 or 2 more points would mean the difference between an A or an A-, or a D or an F. It is your responsibility to ensure your grade is where you want it to be at the end of the semester.

Grade	% Earned	Grade	% Earned
A	93 and above	C	73 – 76.9
A-	90 – 92.9	C-	70 – 72.9
B+	87 – 89.9	D+	67 – 69.9
B	83 – 86.9	D	60 – 66.9
B-	80 – 82.9	F	59.9 and below
C+	77 – 79.9		

COURSE SCHEDULE

<u>Class Meetings</u>	<u>Topic/Readings</u>	<u>Important Dates</u>
Aug. 25 th (M), 27 th (W)	Welcome & Introduction Read: Chapter 1 and syllabus	Due 8/29 (F): Intro TEA
Sept. 1st (M)		Labor Day – NO CLASS *NO Monday SLA workshop
Aug. 29 th (F), Sept. 3 rd (W), 5 th (F), 8 th (M)	Topic 1: Research Methods Read: Chapter 2	Due 8/29 (F): Homework #1 Due 9/10 (W): Methods TEA
Sept. 10 th (W), 12 th (F), 15 th (M)	Topic 2: Biological Psychology Read: Chapter 3	Due 9/10 (W): Homework #2 Due 9/17 (W): BioPsych TEA
Sept. 17 th (W), 19 th (F)	Topic 3: Sensation & Perception Read: Chapter 4	Due 9/17 (W): Homework #3 Due 9/22 (M): S&P TEA
Sept. 22 nd (M), 24 th (W), 26 th (F)	Topic 4: Consciousness Read: Chapter 5	Due 9/22 (M): Homework #4 Due 9/29 (M): Conscious TEA
September 29th (M)		EXAM #1
Oct. 1 st (W), 3 rd (F), 6 th (M)	Topic 5: Learning Read: Chapter 6	Due 10/1 (W): Homework #5 Due 10/8 (W): Learning TEA
Oct. 8 th (W), 10 th (F), 13 th (M)	Topic 6: Human Memory Read: Chapter 7	Due 10/8 (W): Homework #6 Due 10/15 (W): Memory TEA
Oct. 15 th (W), 17 th (F)	Topic 7: Cognition/Intelligence Read: Chapter 8	Due 10/15 (W): Homework #7 Due 10/22 (W): Cog&Intell TEA

October 20th (M)		Fall Break – NO CLASS *NO M or TU SLA workshop
Oct. 22 nd (W), 24 th (F)	Topic 8: Motivation/Emotion Read: Chapter 9	Due 10/22 (W): Homework #8 Due 10/27 (M): Mot&Emo TEA
Oct. 27 th (M), 29 th (W), 31 st (F)	Topic 9: Human Development Read: Chapter 10	Due 10/27 (M): Homework #9 Due 10/27 (M): EC Option 1 Due 11/3 (M): Develop TEA
November 3rd (M)		EXAM #2
Nov. 5 th (W), 7 th (F)	Topic 10: Personality Read: Chapter 11	Due 11/5 (W): Homework #10 Due 11/10 (M): Personality TEA
Nov. 10 th (M), 12 th (W), 14 th (F)	Topic 11: Social Psychology Read: Chapter 12	Due 11/10 (M): Homework #11 Due 11/17 (M): SocialPsych TEA
Nov. 17 th (M), 19 th (W)	Topic 12: Stress/Coping/Health Read: Chapter 13	Due 11/17 (M): Homework #12 Due 11/21 (F): Stress TEA
Nov. 21 st (F), 24 th (M), Dec. 1 st (M)	Topic 13: Psychological Disorders Read: Chapter 14	Due 11/21 (F): Homework #13 Due 11/24 (M): EC Option 2 & 3 Due 12/3 (W): Disorders TEA
November 26th (W) & 28th (F)		Happy Thanksgiving! NO CLASS *NO Tuesday SLA workshop
Dec. 3 rd (W), 5 th (F)	Topic 14: Treating PSY Disorders Read: Chapter 15	Due 12/3 (W): Homework #14 Due 12/5 5pm (F): All Enrichment Activities Due 12/8 (M): Treatment TEA
FINAL EXAM: The University has scheduled our final exam for Monday, Dec. 8th from 10-11:50am . The final exam will be in-person, in our usual classroom.		

*This schedule (including assigned readings) is subject to change. Students are responsible for any changes announced in class or on Blackboard.

COURSE POLICIES AND RESOURCES

This course is subject to the GVSU policies listed at <http://www.qvsu.edu/coursepolicies/>.

Withdrawing from a Course: The ultimate deadline for withdrawing from this course (or any course at GVSU) is Friday, November 7th at 5pm.

Accommodations for Late Work: All professors are required to monitor missed deadlines and determine standards and a process by which students can make up missed work. In this class, accommodations – extended/alternative deadlines, waiving late work point deductions – are available for the following “excused” reasons:

- 1) intercollegiate event (e.g., sports travel) or University-sponsored event (e.g., class field trip);
- 2) observance of religious holidays;
- 3) military duty;
- 4) jury duty, or appearance in court or other government hearings;
- 5) birth or adoption of child;
- 6) attendance at an academic and/or professional conference;
- 7) medical or professional appointments (e.g., job interviews, doctor’s appointment);

- 8) student medical conditions (e.g., COVID quarantine, hospitalization) that significantly limit ability to engage with the course material;
- 9) medical conditions of a loved one if the student is serving as a caretaker;
- 10) death of a loved one, funerals or memorial services

This list is not exhaustive. If you believe your reason/experience fits the general rationale behind “excused” (e.g., circumstances beyond your control despite your best efforts to take control), please reach out to discuss it! The following is a list of reasons that are unexcused and NOT eligible for accommodations:

- 1) vacation travel, this includes leaving campus early/arriving back late for long weekends
- 2) forgetting or mixing up deadlines
- 3) improperly submitting the assignment, or submitting an incomplete or inaccessible version
- 4) conflicts due to work schedules (although training appointments for work are considered excused)
- 5) conflicts due to childcare
- 6) incarceration

To **request an accommodation for in-class attendance, TEAs, homework assignments, and exams**, students must 1) contact the professor via email within 48 hours of the deadline to request accommodations. In that email, the student must 2) provide documentation of the excused absence. Personal details are not necessary, but some documented information is needed to show that the accommodation is based on an “excused” reason. If documentation is not available, then we’ll apply the late work policy or utilize the other forms of flexibility included in the course design (like dropping the lowest TEA or completing a 4th HW assignment). In general, if you are unsure whether you are eligible for accommodations, just ask! Sometimes our struggles are not clear-cut. If you need help, please reach out and ask for it and I will do my best to help while also applying the same standards for everyone (to maintain fairness).

Classroom Conduct: We are all capable of conducting ourselves in a civil and respectful manner. In the spirit of academic discourse, you are encouraged to comment, question, and critique ideas from your professor or classmates, but you do so respectfully! Also please be mindful of how your behavior may impact others, and limit distracting behavior (e.g., side conversations in class, eating, using your computer for things other than taking notes). Cell phones should be silenced and put away during class unless the class activities require cell phone use or there is an urgent matter (in which case, let your professor know!). Refrain from eating food during class and packing up early. Let’s maintain the social contract of mutual respect. I will provide reminders and warnings, but persistent issues can result in attendance grade deductions.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: Grand Valley State University strives to provide an inclusive environment across campus that is accessible to all individuals with a diverse range of abilities. If you are encountering difficulties that are interrupting your learning experience please feel free to make those known to me as soon as possible. If you feel that you need accommodations in this course, please contact your professor as well as the Student Accessibility Resources office (SAR) at (616) 331-2490, access@gvsu.edu for assistance as soon as possible. Once your accommodations are approved by SAR, you will need to share your SAR memo and discuss your accommodations with your professor. Furthermore, if you have a disability and think you will need assistance evacuating the classroom and/or building in an emergency, please make your professor aware so that the university

can develop a plan to assist you. See <https://www.gvsu.edu/accessibility/> for resources. All discussions related to disabilities will remain confidential.

Academic Integrity: Most of the time, academic misconduct happens unintentionally, or when a student is under a lot of stress and less attentive to their work. [Please take some time to review GVSU's policy on academic misconduct here.](#) Common examples include:

- copying/pasting your conversation with an AI assistant into your assignment;
- presenting work from another student as your own;
- using non-approved resources during an exam;
- taking information directly from another source without appropriate citations or quotes.

Students can (and are encouraged to) study together, but all academic work should be the sole work of the individual student, unless otherwise stated. Students should also strive to avoid the *appearance* of dishonesty. Behaviors like checking your phone during exam or sharing assignments with another student raise concerns about potential dishonesty. Any violation of academic integrity, even on a small scale, can result in a failing assignment grade or overall grade in the course.

Instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR); you can [learn more about this office and their investigation process here.](#)

AI Use Policy: In this class, we treat AI-based assistance (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot) the same way we treat collaboration with other people: you are welcome to talk about your ideas and work with other people (or AI), however, all work you submit for a grade must be YOUR OWN. You should never include in your assignment anything that was not written directly by you without proper citation (e.g., page # in textbook, quotation marks around quotes, website link if using non-assigned materials). Doing so would result in point deductions or a report of academic misconduct. If you are unsure where the line is between collaborating with AI and copying from AI, consider the following:

**Copying/pasting assignment answers from a classmate's assignment is clearly cheating, right? The same goes for copying/pasting information produced by your AI assistant into your assignment. Instead, use your interaction with the AI assistant as a learning experience, then write your assignment in your own words, reflecting your improved learning. Don't let AI steal your individual voice!

APPENDIX #1:
Enrichment Activities: Learning about Psychological Research

In the Enrichment Activities (EA) portion of the course, students will be given the opportunity to experience psychological research first-hand. Two kinds of enrichment activities are available:

- *Option 1* involves being a participant in research studies conducted by Psychology Department faculty and students.
- *Option 2* involves completing activities that will introduce you to a variety of research techniques used in psychological research.

Students must earn **four** EA credits for this requirement. The credit you earn by completing each EA is a function of the amount of time it takes to complete it. For example, by participating in a brief online study (30 minutes or fewer) you would earn ½ of an EA credit whereas an EA that takes one hour to complete would earn 1 credit. Both types of Enrichment Activities will be available in face to face and online formats. You may complete the EA requirement using any combination of EA types, however, **at least two full credits of EAs must be completed in person.**

Enrichment activities are scheduled and offered through the Sona Study Scheduling System. You will receive an email from Study Scheduling System at the beginning of the semester containing your User ID and an initial password, and a link to the Sona system website at <https://gvsu.sona-systems.com>. If you do not receive an email regarding your account by end of day on Wednesday, September 3rd, please check your spam folder. Should the email still not appear, please contact the Lab Manager, Hannah Todd, at psychlab@gvsu.edu.

SONA Systems maintains a strict policy protecting your privacy and confidentiality. This policy is available for review in the Psychology Office. Additional details regarding the enrichment activities and an FAQ are available online at <https://www.gvsu.edu/psychology/psy-101-participation-in-research-sona-435.htm>

Screening Instrument: Once you receive your User ID and password, you will be able to immediately earn .5 credits by completing an online prescreening questionnaire. This is a short questionnaire used by some researchers to determine your participation eligibility for studies carried out throughout the semester. You must be 18 or older to complete the prescreen survey. You are not required to complete it, but doing so increases the number of studies you will be able to choose from during the semester. You can complete the prescreen at any time from the My Profile tab on the blue bar at the top of the page, however, completing it early (within the first two weeks of class) ensures that you will have access to the widest variety of EA activities within the Sona System.

Enrichment Activity Deadline

The last day to complete your EA requirement is **Friday, December 5th @ 5:00pm.**

If you have questions regarding any aspect of the Enrichment Activities, please contact the Lab Manager, Hannah Todd, who can be reached in the Psychology Department Office (2224 Au Sable Hall, 616-331-2427) or by sending an email to psychlab@gvsu.edu.

APPENDIX #2: Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) Program Expectations

What is SLA? What are SLA workshops?: Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) is a form of peer-led supplemental instruction that involves collaboration, group learning, and interaction to help students succeed in historically difficult courses. SLA provides students with learning and study strategies like notetaking, test-taking, reading skills, etc. as well as structured review and study time with peers.

What are the benefits of SLA?: While the data changes every semester, students who enroll in an SLA section of a course and attend workshops regularly, typically gain:

- A greater sense of community and belonging
- Higher test and final course grades
- A deeper understanding of course content
- Effective study habits and reading skills
- A positive relationship with a peer tutor/mentor

What should I expect from the SLA workshops?: These involve active engagement and discussion, so attendance AND participation are important. Students should expect to...

- 1) Bring their textbooks/notes to workshops.
- 2) Participate fully and actively.
- 3) Work with other students and/or individually when asked.
- 4) Work only on PSY101 course material during the workshop.
- 5) Address the Peer Facilitator respectfully.
- 6) Treat classmates respectfully.
- 7) Strive for a positive attitude about your learning.

Who is the Peer Facilitator for PSY101?: We are lucky to be working with Arnica Sheaffer this semester! You will see Arnica during our lecture class, and she will be leading the SLA workshops. Arnica and Dr. Dean will work closely throughout the semester to ensure SLA workshops are informative and interesting, and that student needs are addressed. [Here is a message from Arnica:](#)

“Welcome to SLA! I'm really excited to work with all of you this semester. As a senior majoring in Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience, I have a deep passion for psychology. After graduation, I plan to pursue a PhD to achieve my goal of becoming a clinical psychology researcher and a university professor. With that being said, I love facilitating and hope to support you in any way I can this semester. This is my sixth semester as a SLA facilitator for PSY 101, and I look forward to using my college and facilitation experience to help make your transition from high school to college a pleasant one.”

You can connect with Arnica at sheaffea@mail.gvsu.edu, before and after lecture, and during SLA.

Here are some things you can expect from Arnica as your SLA Workshop Peer Facilitator...

- 1) Attend all lecture class sessions (a great way to touch base with her if you have questions).
- 2) Prepare weekly workshops that address difficult course content, engage students in active learning activities, and build important learning and study strategies.
- 3) Answer questions about course material.

- 4) Advise students on resources available from GVSU.

But Arnica is NOT a teaching assistant, and IS NOT responsible for...

- 1) Re-lecturing on material covered during the lecture class sessions.
- 2) Teaching lecture class sessions in the professor's absence.
- 3) Answering questions about grades or course requirements. Instead, consult the syllabus and BB for this, or ask your professor.
- 4) Grading assignment and exams.
- 5) Providing late work/make-up accommodations.

When do SLA workshops meet?: Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) workshops meet AuSable Hall (ASH) 1314 on Mondays 6-6:50pm (section 41) and ASH 1143 on Tuesdays 6-6:50pm (section 42). You should attend the section you are enrolled in, unless you make prior arrangements with Arnica.

Do I have to attend the SLA workshop each week?: Just like you should attend all lecture sessions (unless there is something beyond your control preventing you from doing so), you should attend all SLA workshops. As described above, attendance will be taken at each SLA workshop and worth 3 points. Please keep in mind...

- Three SLA attendance grades are dropped at the end of the semester. In other words, everyone gets 3 “free passes” to miss SLA this semester for any reason (regardless of whether the absence is “excused” or “unexcused”). Of course, you are strongly encouraged to attend ALL the SLA sessions, since they will improve your mastery of the material and your grade. But if life happens and you need to miss SLA, you can do so 3 times before it starts to impact your course grade.
- What if you miss more than 3 SLA workshops? If your absence is considered “excused”, you should contact your professor via email, provide relevant documentation, and request a make-up assignment. If your absence is “unexcused”, then 3 points will be deducted from your SLA attendance grade.
- Attendance for the complete workshop session is required to earn full points.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SLA PROGRAM AND FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR EDUCATION!