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## PSY 101: Introductory Psychology OER Curation

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## Overview

### Scope Notes

PSY 101 is a general survey of psychology course. The class covers how psychologists think and act as scientists and how the study of its subject matter may be integrated at the biological, psychological, and social levels of analysis. The course fulfills the Social and Behavioral Sciences Foundation requirement.

### Current textbooks and materials

Some textbooks previously used in PSY 101 courses include:

Gleitman, H., Gross, J., & Reisberg, D. (2010). Psychology (Eighth Edition). New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Kosslyn, S. M. & Rosenberg, R. S. (2006). Psychology in Context (3rd Edition) Allyn & Bacon.

Myers, D. G. (2010). Psychology (9th ed.). New York, NY: Worth.

Passer, M.W., & Smith, R.E. (2008). The Science of Mind and Behavior. New York: Mc Graw Hill.

Weiten, W. (2008). Psychology: Themes and variations (Brief edition, 8th edition). Thomson/Wadsworth.



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## Search Notes

This search focused on general, introductory materials for psychology courses. Our search was based on prior textbooks and earlier editions referenced in syllabi of record. The OER search consulted OpenStax, OER Commons, BCcampus, Open Textbook Library, Merlot, and Rebus for suitable OER options. Individual PSY 101 instructors should reach out for a more individual OER Curation report tailored to their course and the materials they desire to teach.

## Gap Analysis

There are many foundational psychology OER textbooks and materials available. Potential gaps may be discovered by subject matter experts or regarding instructor specific requirements.

## Promising OER Options

### Psychology

- Rose M. Spielman, William J. Jenkins, Marilyn D. Lovett. Psychology, 2nd edition. (OpenStax, 2020).
- Available from [OpenStax](#)
- Online, PDF, printable copy
- CC BY
- This OER textbook is designed to meet scope and sequence requirements for the single-semester introduction to psychology course. The book covers core concepts, grounded in both classic studies and current and emerging research. Psychology 2nd edition incorporates discussions that reflect the diversity within the discipline, and includes updates based on comments from first edition users.

### Introduction to Psychology (Jhangiani)

- Rajiv Jhangiani. Introduction to Psychology I. (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 2014).
- Available from [Pressbooks](#)
- Online
- CC BY
- This resource was designed for students enrolled in PSYC 1100-A75 at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. In addition to the introductory text, there are readings, online activities, video clips, and links to quizzes and forums. The accompanying materials are all CC BY licensed and may be adapted by other instructors. Utilizing this text would require adaptation for GVSU Psychology rather than a clearcut adoption.

### Introduction to Psychology (Cummings and Sanders)

- Jordan A. Cummings and Lee Sanders. Introduction to Psychology.



- Available from [Open Press USAK](#)
- Epub, PDF, MOBI, XML
- CC BY NC SA
- Introductory OER for psychology that combines original content and adaptations from other psychology OER content. This is a strong example of what some PSY 101 instructors can both adopt in their classrooms, or illustrate how they can too adapt existing OER materials for their individual courses.

## Introduction to Psychology (Minnesota)

- Introduction to Psychology (University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing, 2015).
- Available from [Open Textbook Library](#)
- PDF, ebook, online
- CC BY-NC-SA
- This psychology OER is designed to facilitate the learning outcome that students understand behavior and how psychology is based on empirical study. The chapters provide an introduction to psychology, showcasing real world examples, and some chapters provide concept applications in miniature handbooks. The textbook emphasizes empiricism throughout and would be suitable for most introductory psychology courses.

## General Psychology for Honors Students

- Kate Votaw, General Psychology for Honors Students (University of Missouri - St. Louis, 2020).
- Available from [Open Textbook Library](#)
- PDF:
- CC BY-NC-SA
- This textbook surveys the basic concepts, theories, and pivotal findings in psychology. Students will gain an understanding of the contemporary quantitative research methods in psychology. Although the title is focused on Honors students, and that was the author's intended audience, this text would be suitable for any general undergraduate psychology course.

## Stretch Resources / Supplemental Materials

### Introduction to Psychology: The Full Noba Collection

- Robert Biswas-Diener and Ed Diener, Introduction to Psychology: The Full Noba Collection (University of Utah, 2016).
- Available from [Open Textbook Library](#)



- PDF, Online
- CC BY-NC-SA
- This textbook contains 90 learning modules covering topics commonly taught in introductory psychology courses. Due to the licensing, this resource can be modified to better fit individual instructor courses.

## Introduction to Community Psychology

- Leonard A. Jason, Olya Glantsman, Jack F. O'Brien, and Kaitlyn N. Ramian. Introduction to Psychology (Rebus Community, 2019).
- Available from [Rebus](#)
- Epub, MOBI, XML, PDF
- CC BY
- This textbook shows students how to analyze, investigate, and address psychological problems within communities, such as economic inequality, violence, substance abuse, homelessness, poverty and racism. The text provides students with the tools to partner with community members and organizations. Although this text is not a general psychology text, chapters may be applicable for some instructor's goals and aspects of it may be suitable to adapt for community focused learnings within Introductory Psychology.

## Research Methods in Psychology

- Carrie Cuttler, Rajiv S. Jhangiani, and Dana C. Leighton, Research Methods in Psychology - 4th American Edition (Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 2019).
- Available from [Open Textbook Library](#)
- Online, PDF, ebook, XML, hardcopy
- CC BY-NC-SA
- This textbook may be an excellent source for supplemental materials to complement introductory to psychology courses that would like to highlight or discuss research methods. The textbook covers research ethics, different forms of research, and statistics. Additionally, the OER features embedded videos and exercises at the end of each chapter.