

PSYCH 211: Introduction to Psychology (Sect01, JLCook, Summer 2009)

Instructions for registering for the REQUIRED online materials

This course uses an online program to provide course material, quizzes, exams, discussion boards, and other support for *Psychology 211: Introduction to Psychology*. The program is called *MyPsychLab*, and it is part of *CourseCompass*. If you have taken other online courses, *CourseCompass* works a lot like *Desire2Learn (D2L)* or *Blackboard*.

This course is not listed among the D2L courses at UWW and you can't access it through D2L.

You'll need to get a **Student Access Kit** (may be labeled as Student Starter Kit) from the University Bookstore (main floor, under Psychology) or by going to this website:

<https://register.pearsoncmg.com/reg/buy/coursebuy.jsp>

At this site, enter the course ID# of **cook41588**.

Either way, please make sure you purchase the access/starter package that goes with **The World of Psychology (6th edition**, by Wood, Wood, & Boyd). The price of the package is approximately \$75-\$85 (depending on whether you get it at the bookstore or online), but it gives you access to an incredible amount of information and helpful course features. Follow the instructions in the package to register online for the course in *CourseCompass*.

The ID code for our course is listed below. Please keep your codes confidential as they can be used only once and by only one student. **Make sure you use THIS course ID code**—other intro psych sections with the same instructor are set up differently and have different ID codes.

Student Access Code: Provided in the Access Kit (from bookstore or online)

Course ID: **cook41588**

The following instructions worked in the past, but please check the instructions provided in the starter package in case changes have been made to the registration process.

Instructions:

1. Go to **www.CourseCompass.com**
Under "Students" click "Register" and follow the on-screen instructions. When you are asked, type your student access code and the course ID (both are given above).
2. Type your contact information, such as name and e-mail address. Your school zip postal code is 53190.
3. Enter information about your academic institution, if asked.
4. Type a personal login name and password; you'll use this unique login name and password each time you access your CourseCompass course.

You've registered! You can now log in to CourseCompass (see next page for directions) and start exploring your online course.

To log in to CourseCompass

1. Go to www.CourseCompass.com
2. Click Log in (under "Students").
3. Type in the personal login name and password you just created, and this will open your customized CourseCompass page.
4. When the CourseCompass page appears, click "Intro Psych ONLINE (Summer 2009)" under "Courses you are taking." You are now in our course!

The home page in our course is "Announcements" where important messages will be posted. From here you can:

1. View new announcements from me and from the publisher. Several announcements are already posted there for you.
2. Find the announcement called **Welcome to the MyPsychLab course for Wood, Wood and Boyd's The World of Psychology, Sixth Edition!** and click "here" to download the special plug-ins you need to run the course. **MAKE SURE YOU GET THE PLUG-INS** set up properly on the computer you'll be using because they are necessary for you to be able to access the required on-line quizzes and exams.
3. Click menu items on the left of the Announcements page to navigate other areas in the course (see below).

Menu Items:

- [Announcements](#) Get announcements and **download software plug-ins**.
- [Course Information](#) The **course syllabus, instructor powerpoint slides, study aids**, and other course information is posted here.
- [Staff Information](#) Information about your professor is posted here.
- [Assignments](#) **This is the most critical area:** select **chapter quizzes** to take (study first!); your **exams** will also be posted here.
- [Discussion Board](#) Read and participate in student discussions of textbook material and other topics here to earn Discussion Board points.
- [Dropbox](#) Submit written assignments here.
- [Communications](#) Find discussion boards, an email system, and more.
- [My Grades](#) Click here to check your quiz & exam scores, DB/activity points.
- [Chapter Contents](#) Select chapters from the e-textbook to view special features; also access the *Grade Aid* study guide, tutor center, and more.
- [E-book](#) The entire textbook is available online here.
- [Multimedia Library](#) A complete listing of all the multimedia items for each chapter, organized by media type (biography, explore, practice, simulate, watch) and chapter.
- [Writing Resources](#) Includes tips on writing about psychology, including *Research Navigator.com* which is a useful tool for finding information for research papers (for any class, not just this one).
- [E-themes](#) Includes recent articles from the *New York Times* on various psychology topics.
- [External Links](#) Explore other sites you might find helpful.

To get started, try these steps:

- Register in CourseCompass (use the instructions on page 1 above).
- Download the plug-ins (see above).
- **Explore the online course in CourseCompass to make sure the features and plug-ins work with your computer.**
- Get the paper version of your textbook from Textbook Rental (at our University Bookstore). Study Chapter 1 in your textbook, then open the electronic version of the textbook (access by clicking the "e-book" or "chapter contents" buttons) to explore additional links and activities. Remember to study the Instructor's powerpoint slides and the Publisher's powerpoint slides; all are posted under "Chapter Contents."
- After you have studied Chapter 1, go to "Assignments" and try "Chapter 1 Quiz A." You need to get 80% correct (16 out of 20) to pass the quiz. If you don't pass, please study for several more hours and then try Quiz B, etc. There are actually 5 quizzes posted for Chapter 1 (Quizzes A through E) in case you have problems accessing or using the quizzes the first time or two.
- Jump in on a discussion board when you are ready.
- **Contact me if you have any problems, questions, or are confused.** Don't wait too long—you don't want to miss the quiz or exam deadlines!
- Also, **read the course syllabus carefully** for other deadlines, rules, requirements, and important information. A copy of the syllabus is attached to this email, and you can also find it by clicking on "Course Information" in CourseCompass.
- **Don't cheat!** You must take all of the quizzes and exams by yourself, without help from anyone else. Read all of the rules and notices about cheating in the course syllabus.

If you do not have good computer access at home, you can use our lab computers in the Psychology Computer Lab (in Winther 4002; open during normal business hours weekdays). Bring a pair of headphones so you can hear the audio features of the course. You can also use campus computers in the Anderson Computer Lab.

With CourseCompass/MyPsychLab, you can study and quiz yourself according to your own schedule. Just make sure you complete the quizzes for each Unit by the posted deadlines (always on Thursdays at 10pm central time) because that's when your access to quizzes ends. Exams will be posted online from **8 am central time on Fridays until 10 pm central on Saturdays**. You must take exams sometime while they are posted. Check the syllabus for dates for quiz expiration and exam postings.

I hope you enjoy the convenience and flexibility of these online materials. If you have questions, you can email me at cookj@uww.edu, or call my office at 472-1530 (email is best).

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