PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

Courses

PSYC 001. General Psychology. 0 or 3 Credits.
Introduction to the entire field, emphasizing the behavior of the normal adult human being.

PSYC 015. Improv Memory, Motiv & Cog Skills. 3 Credits.
Theory and research on learning and memory, motivation, and cognitive skills. Emphasis on the application of principles to everyday life. Prerequisite: PSYC 001 or Instructor permission.

PSYC 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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PSYC 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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PSYC 104. Learning, Cognition & Behavior. 3 Credits.
Behavioral and cognitive principles underlying learning, memory, and action inside and outside the laboratory. Includes conditioning, motivation, biological constraints, and mechanism of remembering and forgetting. Pre/co-requisite: PSYC 001.

PSYC 109. Psychology Research Methods I. 0 or 3 Credits.
Basic course in principles of research methodology, including design, statistical procedures, and reporting. Prepares students to understand and evaluate psychological research in a variety of areas of psychology. Prerequisite: PSYC 001.

PSYC 110. Psychology Research Methods II. 0 or 4 Credits.
More advanced methodology course for majors in psychology. Prepares students to conduct and report research in psychology, with special attention to experimental procedures in learning and cognition. Laboratory experiences. Prerequisite: PSYC 109.

PSYC 111. Psychology of Decision Making. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the study of individual and group decisions. Focus on “how,” “how best,” and “how reasonably” to decide. Attention to tricks and traps in the process. Prerequisite: PSYC 001. Summer only.

PSYC 119. History of Psychology. 3 Credits.
Review of major theoretical and empirical developments in psychology, including schools of psychology that have influenced contemporary models of psychology. Prerequisite: PSYC 001; Junior or Senior standing.

PSYC 121. Biopsychology. 3 Credits.
Biological bases of behavior: classical and contemporary issues, including introduction to nervous system, behavioral effects of drugs, chemical bases of behavioral disorders. Prerequisite: PSYC 001 or BIOL 001.

PSYC 130. Social Psychology. 3 Credits.
An introduction to concepts and methods used to study the behavior of individuals in various social situations. Prerequisite: PSYC 001.

PSYC 152. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Credits.
Describing and defining abnormal behavior; models of etiology; research evidence for biological and social models; methods of intervention and prevention. Prerequisite: PSYC 001.

PSYC 161. Developmental Psych: Childhood. 3 Credits.
Survey of research and theories on child development from conception to adolescence emphasizing experimental analyses of early social and cognitive development. Prerequisite: PSYC 001.

PSYC 163. Psychology Mass Communication. 3 Credits.
Survey of theory and research concerning mass media effects in children’s socialization, information diffusion, and in shaping values, behaviors regarding health, politics, consumer choices, and environment. Prerequisite: PSYC 001 or Instructor permission.

PSYC 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Intermediate courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

PSYC 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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PSYC 197. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.
Individual research under staff direction. Prerequisite: Department permission.

PSYC 198. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.
Individual research under staff direction. Prerequisite: Department permission.

PSYC 205. Learning. 3 Credits.
Analysis of theory and research on the basic learning process and behavior. Prerequisite: PSYC 109.

PSYC 206. Motivation. 3 Credits.
Theory and research on motives, including hunger, fear, sex drive, and addiction, their influence on behavior, relationship to other psychological processes, and biological correlates. Prerequisite: PSYC 109.

PSYC 207. Cognition. 3 Credits.
Research and theories on the major areas within cognition: perception, attention, pattern recognition, memory, knowledge representations, mnemonic strategies, problem-solving and neurocognition. Prerequisite: PSYC 109.

PSYC 215. Cognition & Aging. 3 Credits.
Changes in both sensory and cognitive aspects of aging, including changes in vision, hearing, perception, learning, and memory. Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor.

PSYC 220. Animal Behavior. 3 Credits.
Behavior of animals under controlled experimental conditions and in their natural environments. Consideration of evolution, development, function, and control of behavior. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or BCOR 102.

PSYC 221. Physiological Psychology I. 0 or 4 Credits.
Structure and function of mammalian nervous system, emphasizing neurological correlates of sensory experience and perception. Individual laboratory experience. Prerequisites: PSYC 109; PSYC 121 or NSCI 110.
PSYC 222. Sel Topics Behavioral Neurosci. 3 Credits.
Selected topics examining the role of the central nervous system in determining behavior, including innate behaviors, arousal, motivation, learning, and memory. Prerequisite: PSYC 121 or PSYC 221.

PSYC 223. Psychopharmacology. 3 Credits.
Effects of drugs (both medical and recreation) on behavior. Topics such as drug effects on learning, memory, motivation, perception, emotions, and aggression. Prerequisites: PSYC 109; PSYC 121 or PSYC 222.

PSYC 224. Hormones and Behavior. 3 Credits.
A study of the involvement of hormones in cognition, emotion, the stress response, circadian and homeostatic mechanisms that affect mental state, psychopathology, and reproductive behavior. Pre/co-requisites: PSYC 121 and PSYC 109, or permission from the Instructor.

PSYC 230. Advanced Social Psychology. 3 Credits.
Advanced survey of current research on the behavior of individuals in social situations. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 130.

PSYC 233. Experience & Creativity. 3 Credits.
Explores psychological processes for developing creative thinking and for enhancing the quality of conscious experience. Emphasizes personal growth as well as theoretical understanding. Prerequisite: Advanced background in at least one relevant field, such as Psychology, Environmental Studies, Studio Art, or education.

PSYC 235. Psychology of Art. 3 Credits.
Exploration of key psychological processes involved in creating and experiencing all forms of art; participants also conduct a research project in an area of interest. Prerequisite: Strong background in Psychology and/or Art.

PSYC 236. Theories of Human Comm. 3 Credits.
Study of the role of perception, human information processing, language, nonverbal codes, meaning, cognition, and interpersonal and sociocultural context in human communication process. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 130.

PSYC 237. Cross-Cultural Communication. 3 Credits.
Study of cultural factors, cognitive processes, communication patterns, and problems in cross-cultural communication; role of communication in development and social change in third world countries. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 130 or PSYC 230; other advanced background in education or a social science.

PSYC 240. Organizational Psychology. 3 Credits.
Study of the psychological impact of macro and micro features of organizations upon leadership, decision making, workforce diversity, group process, conflict, and organizational performances. Prerequisite: PSYC 109, or Instructor permission.

PSYC 241. Org Psy:Glob/Cult/ Loc Force. 3 Credits.
Study of global, cultural, and local dynamics upon organizational culture, leadership, workforce diversity, ethics and justice at work, and conflict resolution. Conduct applied organizational cultural analysis. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or Instructor permission.

PSYC 250. Intro to Clinical Psychology. 3 Credits.
Study of basic principles of interviewing, testing, assessment from life situations, and report writing. Examination of the most common approaches to psychotherapy. Prerequisite: PSYC 109, PSYC 152.

PSYC 251. Behav Disorders of Childhood. 3 Credits.
An overview of theory, research, and practice in developmental psychopathology from infancy through adolescence. The major disorders of social and emotional development reviewed. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 161. PSYC 109 may be taken concurrently.

PSYC 253. Advanced Behavior Modification. 3 Credits.
Application of techniques for the modification of human behavior in a variety of educational and social situations involving the collection and analysis of behavioral data. Prerequisites: PSYC 109, PSYC 152.

PSYC 254. Prim Prevent&Mental Hlth Promo. 3 Credits.
An examination of empirical approaches to prevention of mental and emotional disorders; history of public health methods; sources of support and opposition to prevention efforts. Prerequisite: PSYC 109, PSYC 152.

PSYC 255. Intro to Health Psychology. 3 Credits.
Psychology of the cause, treatment, and prevention of physical illness and disability. Topics include: stress, health behavior, medical compliance, patient-provider relationships, coping with illness. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or advanced standing in Allied Health Sciences.

PSYC 260. Self and Social Cognition. 3 Credits.
An advanced course in social psychology that covers theory and research on the self and social cognition. Pre/co-requisites: PSYC 109 and PSYC 130.

PSYC 261. Cognitive Development. 3 Credits.
Examination of research and theory concerning developmental changes in the human processing of information from infancy to adulthood centered around the work of Piaget. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 161. PSYC 109 may be taken concurrently.

PSYC 262. Social Development. 3 Credits.
Examination of theory and research concerning interpersonal development in humans from infancy through adulthood. Relationships between language, cognition, and social development emphasized. Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 161. 109 may be taken concurrently.

PSYC 264. Psychology of Gender. 3 Credits.
Examines psychological theories, methods, and research about gender. Explores social, situational, individual, and biological explanations of gender similarities and differences and their development. Prerequisite: One Psychology course at the 100 level or above. Cross-listed with: GSWS 260.
PSYC 265. Infant Development. 3 Credits.
Biological, cognitive, and social aspects of infant development in context; opportunities to evaluate and design research and apply knowledge to parenting, prevention, and social policy. 
Prerequisite: PSYC 109, PSYC 161 which may be taken concurrently or comparable.

PSYC 266. Communication & Children. 3 Credits.
Study of the role of communication, especially television, in cognitive and social development from preschool to adolescence. Relationship between television violence and abnormal behavior examined. 
Prerequisite: PSYC 109 or PSYC 161 or PSYC 163.

PSYC 267. Adolescence. 3 Credits.
Analysis of current theory and research in adolescent development. Covers biological, cognitive, and social changes; family, peer, and school influences; and normative and problematic development. Pre/co-requisites: PSYC 109 and PSYC 161.

PSYC 268. Psychology Adult Dev & Aging. 3 Credits.
Psychological development in the final third of the life span emphasizing theory and research concerning social, cognitive, perceptual, and mental health transitions and support interventions. 
Prerequisites: PSYC 001, and HDFS 020 or HDFS 195/HDFS 295 or Instructor permission.

PSYC 269. D1: Cross-Cultrl Psyc: Clin Pers. 3 Credits.
Introduction to issues posed for psychologists in their work with ALANA (African, Latino/a, Native and Asian American) and international populations. Critical appraisal of readings, research and case studies. Prerequisites: PSYC 001, PSYC 109. Cross-listed with: ALANA 269.

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