Psychology

PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology Fall & Spring Semesters; 3
The basic principles and concepts in psychology including the principles of motivation, learning, and perception. Designed to introduce college students to history, development, and present scope of psychology with additional emphasis on non-Western psychological approaches. A prerequisite for all other courses in psychology.

PSYC 210 Developmental Psychology Fall & Spring Semesters; 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. Developmental Psychology is the study of human development from conception till death. The study of life-span development is accomplished by examining the stages of infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The course covers the cognitive, moral, physical, social, and emotional changes that are typical at each stage of development.

PSYC 235 Health Psychology and Human Sexuality
Spring Semester, 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. An introductory study of the application of theories of psychology and behavioral sciences in various health areas including normal sexual functions and dysfunctions. Health knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and disease prevention will also be included.

PSYC 240 Stress Management Spring Semester, odd years; 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. A study of the positive and negative aspects of stress, its control and utilization for building and improving the personality pattern.

PSYC 260 Systems and History of Psychology Spring Semester, even years; 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. The developing concepts and philosophies in the field of psychology from ancient times to the present.

PSYC 285 Adolescent Psychology Spring Semester; 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. A study of the psychological dynamics underlying the attempted resolution of problems specific to adolescents in modern society.

PSYC 294 Topics in Psychology Fall & Spring Semesters; 1-4
Prerequisite: Approval of the department chair. A study of an area of psychology not listed as a regular course. Based on student needs and faculty consent.

PSYC 295 Independent Study in Psychology Offered as needed; 1-3
Study on an independent basis in collaboration with the instructor on a topic in psychology on the lower division level.

PSYC 305 Social Psychology Fall Semester; 4
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. A study of the psychological foundations of social attitudes and behavior, prejudice, individual adjustments, interaction, groups, and social situations. Study, analysis, and evaluation of the psychological factors involved in the individual’s perception, judgments, and involvement in society. The measurement and change of human attitudes. Study of group composition, conformity, and dynamics. Recommended for education, religion, and business majors also.

PSYC 315 Organization and Work Spring Semester, even years; 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. A study, analysis, and evaluation of psychological techniques employed by business, industry, institution, and government in the selection, placement, and evaluation of personnel.

PSYC 320 Forensic Psychology 3
Prerequisite: PSYC 105. Forensic psychology is the study of psychological principles as it applies to the criminal justice system. The course covers such topics as criminal investigations, police work, eyewitness identification, the court system, corrections, jury selection, and criminal profiling. The content of this course provides an excellent background for students majoring in or pursuing careers in social work, counseling, clinical psychology, political science, law enforcement and criminology.
PSYC 330 Psychology and the Law 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* A critical examination of the relationship between the legal system and psychological theory, research and practice. Topics include: civil government, rights of mental patients, standards of legal competence, psychological testimony, predictions of violent behavior, the insanity defense, child custody disputes, and ethical issues in psychology and the law.

PSYC 355 Learning and Motivation Fall Semester; 3  
*Prerequisites: PSYC 105.* An examination of the major approaches to learning theory and their applications for psychology. Various motivational systems and theories used to predict and understand human behavior will also be covered.

PSYC 360 Abnormal Psychology Fall Semester; 3  
*Prerequisites: PSYC 105 and/or permission of instructor.* A study of deviant human behavior and methods of dealing with consequent problems.

PSYC 367 Psychology of Learning Offered through External Degree only; 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* Survey of fundamental psychological principles related to methods of learning and teaching and to the understanding and development of the individual learning.

PSYC 370 Physiological Psychology Spring Semester, odd years; 3  
*Prerequisites: PSYC 105.* An analysis of the relationships between bodily processes and behavior including the effects of drugs, nutrition, hormone imbalance, and brain damage on behavior. An understanding of the physical structures affecting perception and behavior.

PSYC 380 Correctional Psychology 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* Correctional Psychology explores the major psychological themes of rehabilitation and punishment of the offender. The management of criminals through the courts and correctional systems will also be studied. Prisoner classification and assessment, prison violence, functions of the correctional psychologist and security officers will also be discussed.

PSYC 385 Psychological Testing Spring Semester; 3  
*Prerequisites: PSYC 105 and MATH 110.* The broad range of concepts and principles of psychological testing will be examined with special emphasis on intelligence, personality, and personnel assessment. Some individual experience with testing will be offered.

PSYC 425 Psychology of Criminal Behavior 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* Psychology of criminal behavior is the study of the psychological bases and dynamics of criminal behavior. Topics to be discussed include the antisocial personality, the psychopath and crime, alcoholism and drug abuse, the adolescent offender, female offender, sex offenders, and white-collar crime. The study of criminal behavior also identifies and analyzes the causes, rates, and patterns of crime. Some emphasis will be given to the study of criminal profiling.

PSYC 435 Dynamics of Individual Counseling Fall Semester; 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* A study of the dynamics of operating in the counseling process and the basic principles facilitating the same. An examination of directive and nondirective approaches. Handling typical student, employee, client, or mentally sound patient and parishioner problems is explored by means of role-playing, tape recordings, written reports, etc. Recognition of cases requiring referral, ethics, and relations with the counselee’s family are considered.

PSYC 440 Dynamics of Group Counseling Spring Semester; 3  
*Prerequisites: PSYC 105 and PSYC 435 or permission of the instructor.* A study of the dynamics of groups with special emphasis being placed on patterns of leadership, solidarity, cohesion, conflict, accommodation, and cooperation.

PSYC 450 Forensic Anthropology 3  
*Prerequisite: PSYC 105.* Forensic anthropology provides additional support for law enforcement and medical technicians as they attempt to identify the victims of
crime and analyze crime scenes. Forensic investigations include such techniques as facial reconstruction, blood typing, and analyzing bone fragments. The course will also cover the major categories of trauma—ante mortem, perimortem, and postmortem. Some attention will be given to chemical aspects of decomposition, decay and mummification and degradation of DNA.

**PSYC 465 Theories of Personality Spring Semester; 3**
Prerequisites: PSYC 105 and PSYC 210; Juniors or Seniors only or by permission of the chair. A capstone experience for senior psychology majors that includes a review and synthesis of the concepts, principles and theories of personality. The course seeks to enhance the student’s understanding of human nature. An advanced-level project is required that demonstrates the student’s skills and competencies in the discipline.

**PSYC 471 Experimental Psychology Fall Semester; 4**
Prerequisites: PSYC 105 plus 9 hours of psychology and MATH 110 or permission of the instructor. A step-by-step analysis of the procedures of experimentation with emphasis on experimental design and planning, experimental control, statistical treatments, and report presentation. The completion of an experimental research project is required.

**PSYC 481 Pain and Suffering Across Cultures Offered as needed; 1-2**
See NURS 481 for course description.

**PSYC 482 Caring Across Cultures Offered as needed; 1-2**
See NURS 482 for course description.

**PSYC 491 Seminar in Psychology Fall Semester; 2**
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior status. This course is designed to review the basic psychological issues and topics in order to prepare students for graduate school admission and taking the Graduate Record Examination. The course will assist students to assess and evaluate their interest, values, and personal fit with various professions in psychology. The course is designed to enhance the student’s ability to prepare for a career in psychology. Graduate school admission procedures and requirements are covered. As a part of the review process, students select a special course of study not offered by the department and complete a literature review.

**PSYC 494 Topics in Psychology Offered as needed; 1-4**
Prerequisite: Approval of the department chair. A study of an area of psychology not listed as a regular course. Based on student needs and faculty consent. Selected subjects are cross-listed under HLSC 494, NURS 494, and/or SOCI 494.

**PSYC 495 Independent Study in Psychology Offered as needed; 1-3**
Study on an independent basis in collaboration with the instructor on a topic in psychology at the upper division level.

**PSYC 496 Practicum in Psychology Fall & Spring Semesters, Summer Session; 3**
Prerequisite: Approval of the department chair. This course is designed to give senior psychology majors practical experience in a live, ongoing situation in an accredited institution. Students are required to spend a minimum of 120 hours under professional supervision and are required to participate in the program of the institution and to provide extensive reports of their activities. Students must apply one semester in advance through the department chair.