Psychology Course Requirements

PYC 100 Introductory Psychology 3 credits

Introduction to the methods and principles of psychology as science, including the overview of historical foundations, psychobiology, social interaction, development, learning, motivation, perception, sensation, and personality.

PYC 250 Developmental Psychology 3 credits

Study of the purpose and methods of lifespan developmental psychology. This course surveys normal developmental changes in childhood, adolescence, maturity and old age in diverse contexts; analyzes problems in adjustment to life experiences; and examines influences of heredity and environment on the development of the person.

PYC 301 Experimental Psychology 3 credits

Study of the principles of experimental design, methodology, and measurement within the field of psychology through lecture. Laboratory exposure concentrates upon the development through practical experience of research skills and technical competencies in report writing.

PYC 341 Psychology of Personality 3 credits

Survey course of the major theories of personality including psychoanalytic, socio-cultural, behavioristic, and humanistic points of view. Emphasis is on the origin, structure and dynamics of personality.

PYC 342 Abnormal Psychology 3 credits

Comprehensive exploration of causative factors, symptomatology, assessment, and treatment of varieties of psychological disorders. Consideration is given to varied theoretical and applied approaches for analyzing and treating difficulties.

PYC 360 Social Psychology 3 credits

Study of social-psychological theories to understand human thought and behavior as they influence and are influenced by others in actual or implied social and cultural situations. This course explores contemporary studies of attitudes, communication and group influences on perception, emotion, motivation, conformity, cooperation, competition, altruism, aggression, prejudice and attribution.

PYC 361 Social Psychology Lab 1 credit

Two hour lab per week to supplement PYC 360 by demonstrating principles discussed in lecture.

PYC 440 Cross-Cultural Socialization 3 credits

Study of cross-cultural forces involved in the socialization process in diverse contexts. This course draws on research from anthropology, biology and psychology. Students study the effects of cultural and socioeconomic variables on cognitive and affective learning styles.

STA 225 Statistics 3 credits

An interdisciplinary first course which introduces students to the statistical methods available for the examination and analysis of data relevant to communication studies, economics, political science, psychology, sociology and areas of health and human services.