



# Psychology (PSYC)

## Courses

### **PSYC 111. Introduction to Psychology. 3 Credits.**

A survey of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring.

### **PSYC 200. Ethics and Philosophy of Science. 3 Credits.**

An exploration of ethical principles and philosophical considerations in science, including a focus on information and media literacy. Topics include the basics of deductive and inductive reasoning, ethical issues in research, philosophical limits of the scientific method, foundations of empiricism and sources of bias in social and natural sciences. Students will acquire skills needed to understand, interpret and discuss controversial issues.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

### **PSYC 210. Intimate Partner Violence. 3 Credits.**

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is an area of research within social psychology that examines extreme aggressive actions that occur within the context of a romantic relationship. Topics include the nature of IPV, its many precursors, the effect it has on children, the response of criminal justice and healthcare systems, how and when it occurs, and some suggestions for interventions.

**Typically Offered:** Summer; Spring, odd years.

### **PSYC 240. Cognition and Brain Science. 4 Credits.**

This lab science course is an exploration of cognitive processes. Topics covered will include: research methods in cognition and brain science, stages and nature of memory, motivation and emotion, language, and problem solving.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

### **PSYC 250. Developmental Psychology. 3 Credits.**

A survey of the psychology of human life span development.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

### **PSYC 310. Behavior Modification. 3 Credits.**

Introduction to basic principles and techniques of behavior modification. Emphasis is placed on the use of behavior modification techniques in self-management, education, child rearing, and helping professions. Cross-referenced with SPED 310

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

**Same As:** PSYC 310/SPED 310.

### **PSYC 330. Understanding Statistics. 3 Credits.**

This course is an introduction to descriptive, inferential, and correlated statistics. Emphasis is placed on determining when to use each type of test and how to read and discuss statistical analyses. Cross-referenced with COMM 330, POLS 330, and SOC 330.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Prerequisite:** MATH 103 or MATH 104.

**Same As:** COMM/POLS/PSYC/SOC 330.

### **PSYC 340. Research Methods. 3 Credits.**

An exploration of social research processes and analyses. Fundamentals and specific application of the most common data gathering and measurement techniques are addressed.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**Prerequisites:** ENGL 110, ENGL 120 or ENGL 125, and COMM 330/POLS 330/PSYC 330/SOC 330.

**Same As:** COMM/POLS/PSYC/SOC 340.

### **PSYC 350. Social Psychology. 3 Credits.**

A study of the effects of social influence and physical environment on human behavior. Examines how people affect each other and how they are affected by social situations. Among the topics covered are social cognition, attitudes, social interaction, attraction, aggression, prejudice, conformity, and gender roles.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

**Same As:** PSYC 350/SOC 350.

### **PSYC 360. Group Dynamics. 3 Credits.**

An examination of human interaction within groups. Small group processes are practiced. Theories of interpersonal relations, team building, leadership, and conflict management are discussed. Students will observe group dynamics by interacting within small groups and by developing group presentations. Cross-referenced with COMM 360 and SOC 360.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Same As:** COMM 360/PSYC 360/SOC 360.

### **PSYC 370. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Credits.**

A survey of the classification, symptoms, etiology, and treatment of psychological disorders.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.



**PSYC 380. Human Sexuality. 3 Credits.**

A study of the role and meaning of human sexuality in relations to oneself as well as in all interrelationships with other people. Course work includes a study of anatomy and physiology of the reproductive system, human sexual response, process and role of identity, sexual value systems, contraception, and the importance of sexuality in preparation for family living. Cross-referenced with BIOL 380.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring.

**Same As:** BIOL 380/PSYC 380.

**PSYC 394. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.**

Directed reading, study, and/or activities in selected topics.

**Typically Offered:** On sufficient demand.

**Repeatable:** Up to 12 Credits.

**PSYC 399. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.**

Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to extend student learning.

**Typically Offered:** On sufficient demand.

**Repeatable:** Up to 4 Credits.

**PSYC 450. Personality Theories. 3 Credits.**

An examination of major psychological theories related to personality. Special attention is given to the interrelated subparts of personality development, personality dynamics, complex personality processes, and evaluation.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

**PSYC 470. Counseling Theory and Practice. 3 Credits.**

A study of counseling principles and practices in educational, industrial, and community settings. Philosophy, objectives, and organization are stressed.

**Typically Offered:** Spring.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

**PSYC 480. Health Psychology. 3 Credits.**

This course is an exploration of the subdiscipline of health psychology. We will explore topics of health including causal and mediating psychosocial factors, diseases and disorders, as well as social determinants of health (e.g., health disparities influenced by race, sex, socioeconomic status, etc.).

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 111.

**PSYC 491. Capstone. 1 Credit.**

This course provides a culminating experience for students majoring in Psychology or Human Services. The course will include an applied learning activity which draws upon concepts from multiple courses in the majors.

**Typically Offered:** Fall.

**Same As:** PSYC 491/SOC 491.

**Grading:** S/U only.

**PSYC 494. Undergraduate Research. 3-12 Credits.**

The course is designed to integrate subject matter from major coursework and other disciplines into a project that leads to the creation of an original body of knowledge.

**Typically Offered:** On sufficient demand.

**Repeatable:** Up to 12 Credits.

**PSYC 497. Internship. 3-12 Credits.**

An opportunity for students to apply classroom learning to an on-the-job work experience. Internship must be related to the student's major or minor course of study and may be in any geographic location. Credit is granted in the range of three to twelve hours per semester and may be repeated up to a maximum of 12 credit hours. Application and approval through Career Services.

**Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Prerequisites:** Junior Standing or Senior Standing and cum GPA of 2.50 or higher.

**Grading:** S/U only.

**Repeatable:** Up to 12 Credits.

**PSYC 499. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits.**

Courses not offered in the regular catalog that provide an opportunity to extend student learning.

**Typically Offered:** On sufficient demand.

**Repeatable:** Up to 12 Credits.