

UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTION

2007-2009

PSY 101: General Psychology - lecture (3 hrs)

Principles, theories and methods evolving from the scientific analysis of behavior. This or PSY102 is a prerequisite to all other courses.

Notes: Not open to those who have earned credit in PSY102

PSY 103: General Psychology - lab (1 hr)

Laboratory demonstrations and experiments illustrating selected concepts..

PSY 177/178/179: Special Topics (1/2/3 hrs)

An exploration and study of topics not covered in other departmental offerings. Students may elect more than once, provided different topics are studied.

Prerequisite: PSY101 or PSY102 and department permission

PSY 203: Self-Analysis and Control (3 hrs)

Behavioral principles and techniques that can be applied to behavioral self-analysis and self-management. Student-initiated self-improvement projects encouraged.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 205: Quantitative methods in Psychology (3 hrs)

Basic concepts and methods used in the analysis of psychological data. Methods of describing and drawing inferences from sets of data.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and one of: MATH104, MATH105, MATH110, MATH118, MATH120, MATH170, (with a grade "C" or better for all math courses).College-Level Math Placement (53 or higher), MATH placement Level 4

PSY 207: Psychology of Adjustment (3 hrs)

Systematic presentation of issues, concepts, principles and theories of human adjustment.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 225: Psychology of Religion (3 hrs)

The application of psychological theory, principles and method to the study of religious behavior. The relationships between religion and personality, health/pathology, social behavior and intense emotional experience.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 240: Psychology of Sex (3 hrs)

Survey of the psychological research concerned with human sexuality from a psychological point of view with an emphasis on research findings.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 242: Psychology of Women (3 hrs)

Theories and empirical research concerning personality development in females. Examination of the origins of the behavior of women.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

Cross-Listed: This course is cross-listed with WGST242

PSY 277/278/279: Special Topics (1/2/3 hrs)

An exploration and study of topics not covered in other departmental offerings. Students may elect more than once, provided different topics are studied.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and department permission

PSY 301: Introductory Experimental Psychology (3 hrs)

Design, control and measurement techniques employed in the scientific investigation of behavior; e.g., motivation, emotion, perception and learning.

Prerequisite: PSY205

PSY 304: Psychology of Learning (3 hrs)

Includes learning theories and empirical research as developed by Pavlov, Thorndike, Guthrie, Tolman, Hull, Skinner, Mowrer and others, plus select contemporary topics.

Prerequisite: PSY301

PSY 309: Social Psychology (3 hrs)

The order and regularity underlying processes of human interaction. Motives and attitudes, social norms and roles, the socialization process, personality and group membership. The effect of group membership upon individual behavior.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

Notes: Not open to those with credit in SOCL308.

PSY 321: Child Psychology (3 hrs)

The development of human behavior from conception to adolescence. Analysis of developmental processes involved in cognition, socialization, emotion and personality, relying on research and theory; emphasis on developmental trends. Not open to students in early elementary education curriculum.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 322: Psychology of Adolescence (3 hrs)

An opportunity to formulate, examine and understand a comprehensive, balanced picture of the physical, mental, emotional, social, and ideological developments and adjustments during adolescence.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 323: Psychology of Human Aging (3 hrs)

Aging individuals in the context of their life span; the special problems of the aged in modern American society. Intellectual functioning, socialization and personality, environmental effects, and the problems of isolation and institutionalization.

Prerequisite: PSY101 or PSY102; junior or senior standing or second bachelor's only

PSY 340: Psychological Perspectives on Prejudice and Discrimination (3 hrs)

The psychological processes underlying the phenomena of prejudice and discrimination. A review of materials on personality and development relevant to the practice of discrimination and to the experience of prejudice on the part of both minority and majority group individuals.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and sophomore standing

PSY 350: Environmental Psychology (3 hrs)

The psychological effects of various environmental settings and configurations on human behavior. Select qualities of architectural spaces, urban environments and natural settings.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 351: Industrial Psychology (3 hr)

Applications of psychological methods and principles to industrial problems.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and junior or senior standing

PSY 356: Motivation and Emotion (3 hrs)

Review and analysis of theory and research in the areas of motivation and emotion.

Prerequisite: PSY301

PSY 357: Sensation and Perception (3 hrs)

Analysis of the psychological literature relating to sensory and perceptual experience.

Prerequisite: PSY301

PSY 358: Cognitive Processes (3 hrs)

A review of the theoretical and empirical developments concerned with cognitive processes, such as concept formation, memory and retrieval from memory, language acquisition, thought, problem solving, imagination, and creativity.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 360: Abnormal Psychology (3 hrs)

Modern theories of the origin of mental disorders and personality disturbances, nature and mechanism of the various forms of abnormal behavior, prevention and treatment, social significance of aberrations.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 361: Psychotherapy (3 hrs)

Survey of therapeutic systems and research on psychotherapy.

Prerequisite: PSY360

PSY 362: The Psychology of Stress and Relaxation (3 hrs)

An introduction to the theoretical aspects of stress, stress reactions, stress assessment, and stress management and prevention.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 365: Behavior Modification (3 hrs)

For students in psychology, special education, social work, nursing and related fields.

Techniques for coping with problem behaviors. Training in practical observation and recording procedures, program evaluation designs, and behavior change principles.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 366: Health Psychology/ Behavioral Medicine (3 hr)

The application of behavioral-science theory, principles, and techniques to understanding of health and illness, and to prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and health care delivery.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 377/378/379: Special Topics (1/2/3hrs)

An exploration and study of topics not covered in other departmental offerings. Students may elect more than once, provided different topics are studied.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and department permission

PSY 387: Cooperative Education in Psychology (3 hrs)

Four months of full-time employment at an individual employer chosen to provide practical experience in the student's major field. The program consists of two work experiences (PSY387/487) alternating with full-time attendance at the University.

Prerequisite: two 300-level psychology courses and department permission

PSY 388: Psychology in the Field Setting (2 hrs)

A practical work experience in a supervised mental health setting that integrates scholarly and practical aspects of psychology. Approximately three hours of fieldwork each week and completion of a journal of goals and experiences.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102, concurrent enrollment in a three-hour psychology class and/or department permission

PSY 397/398/399: Individual Reading in Psychology (1/2/3 hr)

Supervised reading on psychological problems.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and prior department approval of a planned reading program

PSY 445: Consumer Psychology (2 hrs)

A survey of psychological principles, theories and methodology relating to consumer behavior.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102

PSY 448: Seminar in Psychology (2 hr)

A synthesis of various approaches to the study of psychology. Development, presentation, and critical appraisal of individual student projects.

Notes: Open to seniors with a psychology major or minor.

PSY 451: Dynamics Personality (3 hrs)

Physiological, psychological and cultural determinants of human personality; analysis of select theories of human personality.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102; junior or senior standing or second bachelor's only

PSY 453: History and Systems in Psychology (3 hr)

Historical development of modern psychological theories; contemporary systems, including functionalism, behaviorism, phenomenology, psychoanalysis and dynamic psychologies.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and PSY301; junior or senior standing or second bachelor's only

PSY 457: Physiological Psychology (3 hr)

Analysis of the relationships among brain functions, physiological processes and behavior. Open to junior and senior science majors with department permission.

Prerequisite: PSY301; recommended: BIOL105 or ZOOL140

PSY 458: Comparative Animal Behavior (3 hrs)

Modern solutions to the innate versus learned behavior controversy; species differences with respect to behavior and behavioral capacities.

Prerequisite: PSY301

PSY 460: Psychology of Film (3 hr)

The psychology of film and audience. Viewer psychology, presentation of psychology, family, violence and sexuality in film.

Prerequisite: junior standing and/or two courses in psychology

PSY 477/478/479: Special Topics (1/2/3 hrs)

An examination of topics in psychology not covered in other department offerings. May be elected more than once, provided different topics are studied.

Prerequisite: PSY101/102 and department permission

PSY 487: Cooperative Education in Psychology (3 hrs)

Four months of full-time employment at an individual employer chosen to provide practical experience in the student's major field. The program consists of two work experiences (PSY387/487) alternating with full-time attendance at the University.

Prerequisite: PSY387 and department permission

PSY 497/498/499: Individual Reading in Psychology (1/2/3 hrs)

Supervised investigation of psychological problems.

Prerequisite: department permission

PSY 551: Psychology of Death and Dying (2 hrs)

Study of attitudes toward, theories about, and empirical data concerning human mortality and suicide and its relevance to life adjustment, aging, religion and other areas.

Prerequisite: PSY101 or PSY102 or equivalent

Notes: This is a graduate course in an undergraduate program.

Course Revisions: This course will have a prerequisite change from PSY101 or PSY102 or equivalent to not having any prerequisites, effective Winter 2009.

PSY 590/591/592: Special Topics (1/2/3 hrs)

An experimental course for subject matter not provided in other department offerings. The content will change from semester to semester. Students may elect this course several times, provided different topics are covered. *Not more than six hours of special topics may be used on a degree program.*

Notes: This is a Graduate course in an Undergraduate program.