PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)

PSY 118  Interpersonal Psychology  3/3
This course introduces the basic principles of psychology as they relate to personal and professional development. Emphasis is placed on personality traits, communication/leadership styles, effective problem solving, and cultural diversity as they apply to personal and work environments. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of these principles of psychology as they apply to personal and professional development.
Prerequisite: None
Corequisite: None

PSY 150  General Psychology  3/3
This course provides an overview of the scientific study of human behavior. Topics include history, methodology, biopsychology, sensation, perception, learning, motivation, cognition, abnormal behavior, personality theory, social psychology, and other relevant topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of the science of psychology.
Prerequisite: None
Corequisite: None
Transferable

PSY 231  Forensic Psychology  3/3
This course introduces students to concepts which unite psychology and the legal system. Topics include defining competency, insanity, involuntary commitment, as well as introducing forensic assessment techniques, such as interviewing process, specialized assessments, and collecting collateral information. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge in areas of forensic psychology: risk assessment, criminal competencies, insanity, psychopathology, and mentally disordered offenders.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None
Transferable

PSY 237  Social Psychology  3/3
This course introduces the study of individual behavior within social contexts. Topics include affiliation, attitude formation and change, conformity, altruism, aggression, attribution, interpersonal attraction, and group behavior. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles of social influences on behavior.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150 or SOC 210;
Corequisite: None
Transferable

PSY 241  Developmental Psychology  3/3
This course is a study of human growth and development. Emphasis is placed on major theories and perspectives as they relate to the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of development from conception to death. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of development across the life span.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None
Transferable

PSY 255  Intro to Exceptionality  3/3
This course introduces the psychology of the exceptional person. Topics include theoretical perspectives, terminology, and interventions pertaining to various handicapping conditions as well as the resulting psychosocial adjustments. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the potentials and limitations of the exceptional person.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None

PSY 263  Educational Psychology  3/3
This course examines the application of psychological theories and principles to the educational process and setting. Topics include learning and cognitive theories, achievement motivation, teaching and learning styles, teacher and learner roles, assessment, and developmental issues. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the application of psychological theory to educational practice.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None
Transferable

PSY 265  Behavioral Modification  3/3
This course is an applied study of factors influencing human behavior and strategies for behavioral change. Emphasis is placed on cognitive-behavioral theory, behavioral assessment, practical applications of conditioning techniques, and maintenance of adaptive behavior patterns. Upon completion, students should be able to implement basic learning principles to effect behavioral changes in self and others.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None

PSY 281  Abnormal Psychology  3/3
This course provides an examination of the various psychological disorders, as well as theoretical, clinical, and experimental perspectives of the study of psychopathology. Emphasis is placed on terminology, classification, etiology, assessment, and treatment of the major disorders. Upon completion, students should be able to distinguish between normal and abnormal behavior patterns as well as demonstrate knowledge of etiology, symptoms, and therapeutic techniques.
Prerequisite: Take PSY 150;
Corequisite: None
Transferable