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# COURSES

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## PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)

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**PSY 118 Interpersonal Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 150 General Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 231 Forensic Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 237 Social Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 241 Developmental Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 255 Intro to Exceptionality 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 263 Educational Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 265 Behavioral Modification 3.0 UNITS**  
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.

**PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology 3.0 UNITS**  
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.