PSYX - Psychology

PSYX 100IS. Intro to Psychology. 4 Credits. (3 Lec, 1 Lab) ES,Su
Introduction to methods and approaches to psychology including exploration of problems in physiological psychology, learning, memory and information processing, abnormal behavior, and social psychology, with selected individual study of other areas related to the student’s interests.

PSYX 110IS. Honors Intro to Psychology. 4 Credits. (3 Lec, 1 Lab) F
PREREQUISITES: Honors Standing. This course introduces students to the scientific method and its use to understand behavior, emotion, and cognition, and build theories and knowledge within key areas of psychological inquiry. A lab component offers hands-on experiences to demonstrate psychological ideas and principles.

PSYX 222. Psychological Statistics. 4 Credits. (3 Lec, 1 Lab) ES,Su
PREREQUISITES: PSYX 100IS and either M 105Q (formerly M 145Q), M121Q, or STAT 216Q. For Psychology majors and minors only. Prerequisites are strictly enforced. Introduction to the design and analysis of psychological research. Topics include logic and philosophy of psychological research, conceptualizing research questions, hypothesis testing, data collection and analysis strategies used by researchers in psychology, and introduction to using statistical software for data analysis.

PSYX 225. Research Design and Analysis. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) ES
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 222: Psychological Statistics. For Psychology majors and minors only. Continuation of PSYX 222. Topics include experimental, quasi-experimental, and non-experimental designs and methodological issues; assessing research questions; reliability and validity of psychological measures; ethics of psychological research; writing research reports; using statistical software for data analysis.

PSYX 230. Developmental Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) ES
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS preferred but not required. Human development across the lifespan using major theories of development including psychoanalytic, psychosocial, learning, and cognitive. Physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and personality development are explored from conception to death.

PSYX 235D. Contemporary Issues in Human Sexuality. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) ES
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS preferred but not required. Issues of diversity and difference in human sexuality will be examined. The development and expression of sexual behavior as a complex sociocultural, biological, psychological, and historic phenomenon will be discussed. Course will examine sexual behavior and identity in both the majority culture and other cultures in the U.S. and world.

PSYX 263CS. The Psychology of Film. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) Su
PREREQUISITE: College Writing (W) and University Seminar (US) CORE. Uses psychological science to understand the persuasive power of media as portrayed in popular films. Evaluates the media’s ability to both reflect and affect behavior. Focus is on contemporary themes such as aggression, drug use, sexuality, and prejudice.

PSYX 270. Fundamental Psychology of Learning. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS recommended but not required. Introduction to scientific principles, theories, and applications of learning, including respondent and operant conditioning, social learning, verbal learning. Other types and approaches to learning will also be discussed.

PSYX 274. Psychological Testing and Assessment. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 225, Principles of psychological testing and assessment as related to intelligence, aptitudes, attitudes, occupations, and personality. Topics include nature and types of psychological tests, test construction, test administration, basic psychometric theory, methods for estimating the reliability and validity of psychological tests, and ethical issues regarding psychological testing and assessment.

PSYX 290R. Undergraduate Research. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; max unlimited) ES
Directed undergraduate research which may culminate in a written work or other creative project. Course will address responsible conduct of research. May be repeated.

PSYX 291. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand
Max 12 cr. PREREQUISITE: None required but some may be determined necessary by each offering department. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one-time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

PSYX 292. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits. (1 Ind; 6 cr max) ES,Su
Max 6 cr. PREREQUISITE: Consent of instructor. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

PSYX 325. Applied Critical Thinking. 3 Credits. (2 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS, and any Quantitative (Q) CORE course. Study of critical thinking skills through an understanding of psychological factors involved. Practical strategies are explored in relation to hypothesis formation and evaluation, decision making, problem solving and creativity, reasoning, and memory. Applications are emphasized.

PSYX 333. Psychology of Aging. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand.
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Surveys different domains in which human behavior is influenced by aging. Topics include the influence of age on cognitive processes (e.g., attention and memory), social processes (e.g., personality and wellbeing), and biological processes (e.g., brain-related changes).

PSYX 335. Psychology of Gender. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Traditional and feminist perspectives on psychological needs and concerns specific to women, including gender stereotyping and beliefs, cognitive differences between the sexes, psychological disorders common to women, women’s sexuality; and cultural and biological roles and norms.

PSYX 340. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) ES
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS recommended but not required. Historical and current perspectives on psychopathology, including neuroscience, behavioral and psychodynamic, and humanistic/existential approaches. Traditional approaches and recent innovations in therapy and diagnosis are considered along with current diagnostic categories, especially DSM.

PSYX 350. Physiological Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Introduction to the biological bases of behavior; brief review of functional neuroanatomy and physiology in relation to such topics as sensation, movement, motivation, emotion, sleep, learning and memory, consciousness, and abnormal behavior.

PSYX 352. Comparative Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F,S,Su
PREREQUISITES: PSYX 225 - Research Design & Analysis II, PSYX 350 - Physiological Psychology is preferred, but not required. This course focuses on the psychological study of animal behavior, including human behavior. Application of previously-learned statistical and methodological techniques to answer questions about animal behavior. Topics covered include communication, learning, aggression, play, and mating behavior.

PSYX 354. Sensation & Perception. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS, PSYX 350 recommended but not required. Basic principles of sensory systems (with emphasis on the visual system), contemporary psychophysical procedures, and principles of perception.

PSYX 358. Drugs and Behavior. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F,S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. This course examines the biological mechanisms drugs have on the body, brain, and behavior at low and high doses with an introduction to theoretical models of abuse and research behind the treatment of addiction. Includes a brief overview of the history of drugs and biological mechanisms necessary in understanding the functions of neurons, synapses, and functional brain regions.

PSYX 360. Social Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Experimental research and theoretical viewpoints in social psychology, including such topics as: interpersonal attraction, perception, aggression, attitudes and attitude change, altruism, group behavior, social influence, stereotypes and prejudice, and the self.

PSYX 370. Psychology of Learning. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Examines basic principles and theories of learning and motivation. Classical and operant conditioning, discrimination learning, incentive motivation, reward and punishment, and concept learning.

PSYX 375. Behavior Modification. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. PSYX 270 or 370 preferred but not required. Human behavior change with emphasis on practical techniques for changing individual and group behavior in real-life situations.

PSYX 380. Memory & Cognition. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Theories and evidence concerning human information processing, focusing especially on attention and memory, problem solving, decision making, reasoning, and related topics.

PSYX 383. Health Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITES: PSYX 100IS. Introduction to health psychology; the scientific study of biological, behavioral, psychological, and social factors that impact the systems of the body and affect health. Helps prepare students for a variety of careers in helping professions, in addition to helping them to understand how the behaviors and psychological functioning of individuals are interfaced with physical health.
PSYX 386. Consciousness. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. PSYX 350 recommended but not required. Theories and evidence concerning consciousness and altered states of consciousness, including dreaming, meditation, hypnosis, sensory deprivation, psychoactive drug effects, temporal experience, psychic phenomena, and related topics.

PSYX 385. Psychology of Personality. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Theories and evidence on processes that underlie consistent and enduring differences in behavior, cognition, and affect. Topics include emotion, motivation, temperament, inner experience, identity and the self, personality change, the influence of sociocultural context, and related topics.

PSYX 400. History & System in Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Examination of the historical development of major concepts, theoretical ideas, and approaches to psychology, with emphasis on perspectives of broad current interest such as behavioral science, cognitive science, and neuroscience.

PSYX 442. The Self. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS or Consent of Instructor. Explores the psychological science of the self, including the ways that our sense of self emerges, develops, and affects a wide variety of behaviors. Specific topics include self-awareness, self-knowledge, self-beliefs, and the self-concept.

PSYX 461. Indust & Organiz Psych. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Basic concepts and theoretical frameworks for the fundamental areas of industrial and organizational psychology. Topics include history of I/O psychology, personnel selection, psychological testing, personnel training, performance appraisal, managerial decision making, job satisfaction, work motivation, leadership, job stress, organizational conflict, job design, and organizational development.

PSYX 462. Psychology of Prejudice. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS or consent of instructor. Reviews theory and research on prejudice. Topics include stereotyping and discrimination, cognitive and affective dynamics of prejudice, causes of prejudice, eliminating prejudice, affirmative action and diversity programs, and psychological effects of prejudice.

PSYX 463. Social Cognition. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. Addresses how fundamental cognitive processes (e.g., concept activation, attention, memory) influence social behavior and thought. Topics include impression formation, mental simulations of alternative realities, nonconscious mental processes, subliminal stimuli, mental representations, stereotypes, and heuristics and biases.

PSYX 475. Advanced Behavior Analysis. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S,Su
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS and PSYX 375S. Advanced Behavior Analysis is designed to deepen students' understanding of antecedent stimuli, behaviors, and consequences. Functional behavioral assessments. systems for increasing appropriate behavior, and ways of promoting generalization will be described. Ethical considerations of Applied Behavioral Analysts will be discussed.

PSYX 477. Science of Psych Well-Being. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. The Science of Psychological Well-Being examines topics under the rubric of Positive Psychology. Positive psychology focuses upon identifying, researching, and promoting the development of human strengths, thereby shifting the focus in psychology from psychopathology to human growth and potential.

PSYX 481. Judgment & Decision Making. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. PSYX 380 recommended but not required. Theories and evidence on the psychology of judgment and decision making, including rationality, normative rules for choice, irrationality of some human judgments, and group decision making. Applications of decision theory at the personal, organizational, and societal levels are reviewed.

PSYX 482. Psycholinguistics. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) On Demand
PREREQUISITE: PSYX 100IS. PSYX 380 preferred but not required. Examines the psychological processes that make it possible for humans to learn and acquire language. Emphasizes on how spoken and written language is understood, how speech is produced, and how language is acquired.
PSYX 543. Memory. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Theories and applications of human memory from cognitive psychological perspective. Topics include memory in social, legal, and educational contexts; memory conformity; memory across the lifespan, memory and expertise; autobiographical memory; metacognition; and forgetting.

PSYX 544. Social Psychology. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) F
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Advanced experimental and applied research and theoretical viewpoints in social psychology. Topics include social cognition, interpersonal attraction, aggression, attitudes and attitude change, the self, group dynamics, stereotypes and prejudice, and social influence.

PSYX 546. Social Cognition. 3 Credits. (3 Lec) S
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. This course examines decision making, judgment, cognition, and affect from a social-cognitive perspective. Topics may include theory development, stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, group behavior, attitudes and attitude change, mood and affect, heuristics and biases, memory, the self, and decision making. The primary goal is to understand theory and research in social cognition.

PSYX 562. Psychology of Prejudice, Stereotypes, Discrimination and Stigma. 3 Credits. (3 Sem) F
Alternate Odd Years PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, or approval from course instructor. Advanced theoretical, experimental and applied research emphasizes distinctions among stereotypes, prejudice, discrimination, and stigma. Theories, methods, and findings from classic and modern day scholars are used to understand the who, when, and why people are prejudice and the impacts on and experiences of the stigmatized.

PSYX 575. Professional Paper and Project. 1-6 Credits. (1 Ind; 6 cr max) ES Max 6 cr. PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing. A research or professional paper dealing with a topic in the field. The topic must have been mutually agreed upon by the student and his or her major advisor and graduate committee.

PSYX 584. Stress and Health. 3 Credits. (1 Lec 2 Sem) S
Alternate Even Years PREREQUISITES: Graduate Standing or consent of Instructor required. An interdisciplinary course that will consider the impact of stress on physiology, behavior and health. The lectures and discussions will be focused on the multidirectional relationships between psychological stress, biological processes, behavior and the social environment.

PSYX 589. Graduate Consultation. 3 Credits. (3 Ind) ES
PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing and approval of The Graduate School. This course may be used only by students who have completed all of their course work (and thesis, if on a thesis option) for a master’s degree but who need additional faculty help or time.

PSYX 590. Master’s Thesis. 1-10 Credits. (1 Ind; 15 cr max) ES Max 15 cr. PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing.

PSYX 591. Special Topics. 1-4 Credits. (1 Lec; 12 cr max) On Demand PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Courses not required in any curriculum for which there is a particular one time need, or given on a trial basis to determine acceptability and demand before requesting a regular course number.

PSYX 592. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits. (1 Ind; 6 cr max) On Demand Max 6 cr. PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing, consent of instructor. Directed research and study on an individual basis.

PSYX 594. Seminar. 3 Credits. (3 Sem; 9 cr max) On Demand Max 4 cr. PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Topics offered at the graduate level which are not covered in regular courses. Students participate in preparing and presenting discussion material.

PSYX 689. Doctoral Reading & Research. 3-5 Credits. (3-5 Ind; 15 cr max) On Demand PREREQUISITE: Doctoral Standing. This course may be used by doctoral students who are reading research publications in the field in preparation for beginning doctoral thesis research.

PSYX 690. Doctoral Thesis. 1-10 Credits. (1-10 Ind; max unlimited) ES On Demand Conducting dissertation research. May be repeated.

PSYX 692. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits. (1-6 Ind; 6 cr max) ES PREREQUISITE: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Directed research and study on an individual basis.