

# Psychology

## Psychology (PSYC) Classes

### PSYC110G : Introduction to Psychology

This course is an introduction to various areas of psychology: scientific investigation, critical thinking, and leading theories. Topics include, but are not limited to: motivation, emotions, personality, physiological foundations of behavior, psychological disorders and therapy, perception, learning, and human development.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

[ENGL110G](#) (may be co-requisite) or [ENGL111G](#) (may be co-requisite) or placement into [ENGL110G](#) or [ENGL111G](#)

**Semester Offered**

All semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

### PSYC140G : Introduction to Social Work

This course will introduce students to the profession of social work within the context of the social welfare system. It will provide an overview of an integrative approach to generalist social work practice, which emphasizes intervention on individual, environmental and societal levels.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Semester Offered**

Fall/Summer semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

### PSYC150G : Social Welfare & Policy

This course examines the values and norms that underlie social welfare services; the historical roots of current approaches to social services; the overt and covert functions of social welfare; and the political, social, cultural and economic forces that shape social welfare policy and services in the United States. Throughout the course, the parallel historical development of the profession of social work, including ways in which it responded to the demands of social problems across key periods of social welfare policy transformation will be considered. Students will also gain an understanding of the interrelated nature of global events and domestic social policy as it affects individuals and families across diverse practice settings.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Semester Offered**

Spring semester

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC205G : Crisis Intervention

This course focuses on crisis theory methods of crisis intervention, and specific crises that occur with individuals and families such as suicide, unemployment, criminal victimization, natural disasters, illness, divorce, and death.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisite Courses**

PSYC110G: Introduction to Psychology

**Semester Offered**

All semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC210G : Human Growth and Development

This course is a study of psychological implications for the growth and development of humans with a specific emphasis on the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and ethical dimensions during the prenatal period through later adulthood. A review of, and an introduction to, major theorists is presented on a continuing basis throughout the course.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisite Courses**

PSYC110G: Introduction to Psychology

**Semester Offered**

All semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC215G : Pathopsychology

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the field of abnormal psychology and mental illness from a biopsychosocial perspective. Focus will be on the complexities and consequences of labeling as well as the diagnostic techniques and research methods used. Contemporary approaches to psychological and biological interventions will be introduced.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisite Courses**

PSYC110G: Introduction to Psychology

**Semester Offered**

All semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC220G : Counseling Theory & Interpersonal Communication

This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of counseling psychology as a profession. Information is provided about the basic educational, historical, philosophical and psychological foundations of counseling as well as specific traits and skills of professional counselors. Several broad theoretical perspectives will be studied and applied in role-play situations.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

[ENGL110G](#)/111G (may be co-requisite) or placement into [ENGL110G](#)/111G and [PSYC110G](#)

**Semester Offered**

Fall semester

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC222G : Psychobiology

This course is an introduction to the questions addressed by scientists who aim to understand the biological basis of behavior. Students will be introduced to this dynamic field, which investigates the brain, its structure and function, and the ways in which the brain drives behaviors. Topics covered within the course include behavioral genetics, evolutionary psychology, neuroanatomy, physiological perspectives of sensory perception, learning and memory, sleep and dreaming, drug addiction, emotion, human sexuality, and biological bases of psychiatric disorders.

**Credits** 4

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 3

**Prerequisite Courses**

[PSYC110G](#): Introduction to Psychology

**Semester Offered**

Spring semester

**Notes**

(Fills Lab Science or Social Science requirement)

## PSYC230G : Educational Psychology

This course reviews the application of psychological principles to the educational environment. Theories of cognitive processes and development, learning, and social and moral development are discussed as they apply to learning and teaching. Issues involving assessment, classroom management, individual differences, and socioeconomic and developmental influences on learning are also presented. Application of theoretical perspectives to classroom teaching will be emphasized.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisite Courses**

[PSYC110G: Introduction to Psychology](#)

**Semester Offered**

Fall/Spring semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC235G : Health Psychology

This course focuses on use of psychological and behavioral theory to address behaviors impacting health, wellness and health seeking behavior. It is designed to meet the needs of health professionals, significant others and individuals themselves who seek to enhance health, quality of life or manage conditions such as stress, addiction, pain, and chronic disease.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisite Courses**

[PSYC110G: Introduction to Psychology](#)

**Semester Offered**

Fall/Spring semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.).

## PSYC241G : Social Science Research Methods

This course provides an overview of the research design process in the social sciences. Students will design and implement their own research study in an area related to the social sciences. All aspects of a research study will be explored and developed by the students. Ethical issues in research will also be investigated.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 3

**Lab Hours** 0

**Prerequisites**

[PSYC110G](#) and [MATH225G](#) (may be co-req); or permission of Program Advisor

**Semester Offered**

Fall/Spring semesters

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)

## PSYC281G : Psychology Internship

This course will provide students with the opportunity to experience real world application of Social Science theory. Students will complete a minimum of 135 hours of fieldwork that builds upon previously learned concepts in the Social Sciences. Students need Department Chair approval to register for this course.

**Credits** 3

**Theory Hours** 0

**Lab Hours** 9

**Prerequisites**

[PSYC110G](#) & Permission of Department Chair

**Notes**

(Fulfills Social Science requirement.)