

Psychology Overview

Psychology is the scientific inquiry into human behavior and mental processes explaining the complexity of issues from both an environmental and biological perspective. Courses are offered that provide a foundation in core psychological areas. Students enroll in psychology to obtain a better understanding of human behavior in a variety of settings as well as for relevant preparation for nursing, business and other fields. Psychology courses fulfill the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements and graduation requirements.

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PSYC 1710 General Psychology

This course introduces psychological theory, experimental findings and applications of human behavior. Topics include research methodology, the nervous system, perception, cognition and memory, learning theory, human development, personality, emotions, attitudes, motivation, socialization and psychological disorders and related treatments. The course will explore current research and issues in psychology, including the influence of heredity and the environment on behavior. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better, or concurrent enrollment, or appropriate assessment score.) (MnTC: Goal 5) 4C/4/0/0

PSYC 1720 Psychology throughout the Lifespan

The focus of this course is on human development throughout the lifespan. The course includes research methodology, theoretical perspectives and the physical, cognitive and psychosocial changes that influence people throughout their development. An application of research and theory to current issues will be addressed. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 9) 3C/3/0/0

PSYC 1740 Abnormal Psychology

This course offers an integrated and multidimensional perspective of the study of psychopathology. Students learn about research methods, clinical assessment and diagnosis of psychological disorders using DSM codes as a reference. Students also explore the ways in which mental illness affects peoples’ lives. (Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1710 General Psychology) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 7) 4C/4/0/0

PSYC 1750 Introduction to Health Psychology

This course examines how psychological, social and biological factors interact with and affect individuals’ efforts to promote their own health and prevent or cope with illness. Topics include individual responses by gender, age and ethnicity; variations in health-related behaviors, stress and illness; whether, and what kind of, treatment individuals seek for health problems and whether they adhere to treatment recommendations; and the theories and methods used by psychologists to understand these issues. (Prerequisite(s): READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score) (MnTC: Goals 5 & 7) 3C/3/0/0

PSYC 1790 Special Topics in Psychology

This course is designed to present additional or unique material and learning experiences within a specified discipline. The course will be based on student need, flexibility, and may be designed to meet various transfer and pre-major course requirements. Please see a current Course Schedule for complete course details. (MnTC: Goal 5) Variable credits 1-6

PSYC 2720 Social Psychology

This course focuses on social psychological theories and research to analyze how an individual’s thoughts, feelings, and actions influence other people, social settings, and institutions. Specific emphasis will be placed on the ways in which an individual’s cognitive processes affect their emotions and behaviors as well as their interpretation of social interactions. Topics include perception, attribution, socialization, attitudes, conflict, altruism, groups, power, conformity, prejudice, collective behaviors, and social movements. (Prerequisite(s): PSYC 1710 or SOCI 1710. READ 0721 with a grade of “C” or better or appropriate assessment score.) (MnTC: Goal 5 & 7) 4C/4/0/0

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