

# Psychology (PSY)

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**PSY 150. General Psychology. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

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.

Prerequisites: Take 1 group: Take DRE 097 or DRE 098; Take EFL 111 EFL 112, minimum grade of C; Take ENG 111, minimum grade of C; Take ENG 002

**PSY 211. Psychology of Adjustment. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

This course introduces the study of the adjustment process focusing on contemporary challenges individuals must deal with in everyday life. Topics include theories of behavior, career choices, self-understanding, coping mechanisms, human relationships, intimacy, sociocultural factors influencing healthy personal adjustment, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an awareness of the processes of adjustment. This course introduces the study of the adjustment process focusing on contemporary challenges individuals must deal with in everyday life. Topics include theories of behavior, career choices, self-understanding, coping mechanisms, human relationships, intimacy, socio-cultural factors influencing healthy personal adjustment, and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate an awareness of the process of adjustment. This course is intended for all associate degree programs.

Prerequisites: Take PSY 150

**PSY 231. Forensic Psychology. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

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.

Prerequisites: Take PSY 150, minimum grade of C

**PSY 237. Social Psychology. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

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.

Prerequisites: Take PSY 150 or SOC 210, minimum grade of C

**PSY 241. Developmental Psychology. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

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.

Prerequisites: Take PSY 150, minimum grade of C

**PSY 281. Abnormal Psychology. 3.0 Credits.** Class-3.0. Clinical-0.0. Lab-0.0. Work-0.0

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.

Prerequisites: Take PSY 150, minimum grade of C