PSYCHOLOGY

APSY • APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

APSY 105 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Credits
A broad introduction into the study of the mind and human behavior through the review of multiple perspectives within psychology. Students examine relationships between brain and behavior, perception, cognition, development, social behavior, personality, learning, psychopathology, and psychotherapy.

APSY 285 - Abnormal Psychology 3 Credits
The classification, explanation, and treatment of disorders described in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Students examine historical and modern trends in etiology, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.

APSY 295 - Human Growth and Development 3 Credits
An extensive study of psychological development from conception through death. This multidisciplinary approach examines the effects of psychosocial, emotional, cognitive, biological, spiritual, moral, and related factors that impact human development.

APSY 300 - Research Methods in Psychology 3 Credits
A comprehensive theoretical and practical introduction to planning, conducting, reporting, and evaluating psychological research. Topics include experimental design, quantitative and qualitative procedures, ethical considerations, as well as, critical analysis and scrutiny of published research. Students will plan, conduct, and present research using APA guidelines and writing standards.

Prerequisites: APSY 105, STAT 280.

APSY 315 - Integration of Psychology and Christianity 3 Credits
A constructive integration of psychology and the Christian faith. Critically analyzes psychological theories, treatments, and perspectives through a Christian worldview, while also developing an understanding of how psychology informs theology and faith.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 320 - Personality Theory 3 Credits
An evaluative review of the methods and content utilized in the study of personality. Covers varied approaches and theories to understanding the dynamics of personality and instruments measuring personality along with their validity and ethical considerations.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 325 - Learning Theory 3 Credits
Foundations of human learning are examined, with an emphasis on experimental research and the underlying assumptions related to research. Both historical and contemporary concepts are discussed with particular focus on application to individuals, organizations, and institutions.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 330 - Cognition 3 Credits
An in-depth exploration of human cognition, focusing on both classic and current theories, problems, paradigms, methods and measurement.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 335 - Fundamentals of Testing and Assessment 3 Credits
An appraisal of the construction, administration, interpretation, and evaluation of psychological tests and measurements. Evaluates the validity, reliability, applicability, cultural and ethical uses. Students will be involved in the administration and interpretation of select instruments.

Prerequisite: APSY 105, STAT 280.

APSY 340 - Interviewing and Counseling Techniques 3 Credits
An overview of basic clinical interviewing and counseling techniques from both the didactic and experiential perspectives. Includes methods and theories in counseling, roles in the counseling relationship, legal considerations, dealing with resistance, cultural awareness and ethical issues related to counseling.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 345 - Criminal Behavior 3 Credits
An exploration of theories and research that provide cognitive, behavioral, and psychological explanations of criminal behavior, including how individual criminal behavior is acquired, evoked, maintained and modified. Also addresses cultural and social aspects related to criminal behavior along with effective intervention strategies.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 350 - Social Psychology 3 Credits
A comprehensive overview of social psychology that examines how the thoughts, feelings, and behaviors of individuals are influenced by actual, imagined, or implied social interactions. Includes pertinent research, ethical principles and cultural aspects of social psychology.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 360 - Special Education and Rehabilitation Services 3 Credits
Survey of theories, research, and practice of effective interventions for individuals with mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities. Legal rights, responsibilities, ethical issues, advocacy, and pertinent services are addressed.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 370 - Psychopharmacology 3 Credits
An introduction to the behavioral, psychological, and physiological effects of chemicals used in the treatment of psychological disorders. Addresses therapeutic and recreational uses combined with prevention and treatment of abuse and alternatives to medication.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 400 - Introduction to Clinical Psychology 3 Credits
Survey of the science and practice of clinical psychology, including diagnoses and evaluations, interventions and prevention strategies for use with clinical populations, cultural applications, and ethical issues in the clinical profession.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 405 - Physiological Psychology 3 Credits
Comprehensive study of the physiological and neurological correlates of human behavior. Potential topics include physiological mechanisms in perception, learning, emotion and motivation.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 410 - Psychology of Emotions 3 Credits
Analysis of theoretical and empirical issues in the domain of emotions, incorporating current approaches and interactions between emotion and cognition.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 415 - Forensic Psychology 3 Credits
Investigates the application of the science and profession of psychology to issues relating to law and the legal system. Addresses related psychological research, legal issues and processes, as well as cultural and ethical issues in forensic psychology.

Prerequisite: APSY 105.
APSY 425 · Crisis Counseling and Intervention 3 Credits
An examination of the knowledge, skills, and practices specific to crisis counseling and intervention. Focuses on applying appropriate methods to crisis situations, while considering cultural and ethical issues.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 430 · Cultural Psychology 3 Credits
Reviews research and perspectives on the psychology of culture. Examines diversity including age, race, religion, nationality, disability, language, and gender. Explores the relationship between cultural factors and prejudice, discrimination and oppression. Applies knowledge and principles to effective interaction and service in a multicultural society.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 435 · Gender Issues in Psychology 3 Credits
Critically examines research and perspectives on gender and sexual socialization and development, along with physiological and cultural contributions to gender differences, sexual orientation, sexual adjustment and related areas of influence.
Prerequisites: APSY 105.

APSY 440 · Child Psychology 3 Credits
Explores different aspects of psychological issues in children emphasizing symptomatology, assessment, etiological factors, and various treatment modalities. Examines cultural, ethical, and legal issues related to the treatment of children.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 445 · Adolescent Psychology 3 Credits
Explores different aspects of psychological issues in adolescents emphasizing symptomatology, assessment, etiological factors, and various treatment modalities. Examines cultural, ethical, and legal issues related to the treatment of adolescents.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 450 · Family Systems 3 Credits
An overview of the development of the family system, including functional and dysfunctional family relationships, cultural and spiritual implications. Introduces psychological interventions and techniques which further development and change.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 455 · Conflict Management 3 Credits
This course examines the diagnosis, analysis, and resolution of conflict between individuals and in organizations. It also discusses the application of different types of negotiation strategies based on rational and emotional elements in approaching negotiation, cultural contexts, and individual differences.

APSY 460 · Motivation 3 Credits
Explores research and perspectives on experimental and applied analyses of behavior that impact motivation. Addresses the application of methods for effective motivation in a variety of settings.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 470 · Positive Psychology 3 Credits
This course investigates methods, research, and assessment in Positive Psychology. This strength-based course incorporates both experiential and academic approaches to the study of pertinent techniques and applications related to the field.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 475 · Professional & Ethical Issues Psych 3 Credits
An in-depth assessment of the values, ideas, and laws that guide the helping professions, including professional codes of conduct, practical ethical principles, and the Christian worldview.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 480 · Group Processes 3 Credits
Study of research and perspectives regarding human interaction in groups. Examines the impact of various individual, social, and cultural dynamics and how to successfully influence and interact in group settings.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 490A · Practicum A 0.5 Credits
Preparation for APSY 490B through identification of a practicum site, completion of a practicum proposal, and required preparatory training. Practicum proposals must be approved by the instructor. Recommended: Prior completion of all required APSY coursework.
Prerequisites: APSY 300, APSY 340, APSY 475, and senior standing; or Assistant Dean permission. Note: This course must be completed in conjunction with APSY 490B; failure to successfully complete APSY 490B in the immediately following session will require repeating APSY 490A.

APSY 490B · Practicum B 2.5 Credits
Applied psychology field experience. Students work under an on-site supervisor who oversees and guides their work in cooperation with their university instructor who provides supervision and instruction. Coursework involves completing related discussions, readings, and other required assignments in addition to the work in the field. In order to pass the class, all direct service and indirect service hours must be accomplished during the course.
Prerequisites: APSY 490A in the immediately preceding session, APSY 300, APSY 315, APSY 320, APSY 325, APSY 330, APSY 335, APSY 340, APSY 350, APSY 410, APSY 430, APSY 475, and senior standing; or Assistant Dean permission.

APSY 495 · Topics in Psychology: Marriage 3 Credits
Aspects of marriage theory, research, and the application of these principles. Topics include race, multicultural marriages, socioeconomic class, gender, roles, expectations, sexuality, love, mate selection, communication, divorce, remarriage, parenthood, work/family balance, abuse and violence and their relationship to marriage.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.

APSY 496 · Topics in Psychology: Grief 3 Credits
Grief from a multidimensional perspective. Students will navigate how to best utilize resources that provide theoretical foundations, case studies, perspectives from those grieving, and strategic methods for coping to aid persons experiencing grief. Special populations and issues will be investigated as well as spiritual and ethical issues. Students take a personal inventory of grief experiences in their own lives in order to better understand and assist those in need.
Prerequisite: APSY 105.