

themselves in a more efficacious and convincing manner. We discuss three systems of logic: categorical logic, propositional logic, and predicate logic.

Prerequisite: ENGL 1301

Offered: Once Every Two Years

ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics

3 Credit Hours

An introduction to the basic descriptive, analytical, and policy problems at the microeconomic level. Emphasis is placed on the roles of supply, demand, and price in the allocation of scarce resources.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Fall/Spring Yearly

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

Mission

The Psychology curriculum is flexible and may be tailored to meet each student's needs and interests to prepare them for careers and/or advanced study in psychology or other areas of interest.

Psychology is a relevant field of study for many professions and careers in psychology as well as other professions such as social work, counseling, education, medicine and health, business and industry, and law and criminal justice.

Requirements for a Major in Psychology

Students pursuing a major in psychology must complete at least 36 credit hours.

1. 27 required hours consisting of the following:
 - PSYC 2313 or SOCI 2313 Statistics I
 - PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
 - PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
 - PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology
 - PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Applications
 - PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology
 - PSYC 4319 Field Placement
 - PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar
 - PSYC 3329 or PSYC 3319 Program Evaluation
2. 9 hours of psychology electives are to be taken from the psychology offerings. One course may be substituted for another with the major advisor's approval.
3. A student, who chooses not to select a minor, must also take SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology and ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition.

4. Psychology majors must complete a total of 124 hours.
5. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all major courses.

Requirements for a Minor in Psychology

Students pursuing a minor in psychology must complete at least 18 credit hours.

1. The following courses are required for a minor in Psychology:
 - PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
 - PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
 - PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology
 - Nine additional credit hours excluding PSYC 4319 Field Placement
 - Only one of the following courses may be included – PSYC 4300 Independent Research or PSYC 2308 Special Topics in Psychology
 - A grade of “C” or higher is required in all minor courses.

A SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

YEAR 1			
FALL			SPRING
UNIV 1201 or	Freshman Seminar	2	ENGL 1302 College Rhetoric and Composition
RAMS 1201	Freshman Seminar		
ENGL 1301	Introduction to College Composition	3	COMM 1315 Public Speaking
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	KINE 1304 Health and Wellness
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	3	Fine Arts Core
KINE 1100/1101	Personal Fitness/Sports	1	Language II
Language I		3	
<hr/>		15	15
Total Hours			Total Hours
YEAR 2			
FALL			SPRING
Science I		4	Science II
PSCI 2305	Social Science Statistics I	3	PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Develop
HIST 1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3	PSCI 1301/1302 U.S. or Texas Government
RELI 2302 or	Comparative Religion	3	Diversity Core I
PHIL 2301	Philosophy and Ethics		World Literature I, II, or American Literature
COSC 1300	Introduction to Computers	3	
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Total Hours			Total Hours
YEAR 3			
FALL			SPRING
PSYC 3314	Theories in Psychology	3	PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory/Application
Psychology Elective		3	
Psychology Elective		3	PSYC/SOCI 3329 Methods in Social Research
Diversity Core II		3	
Elective		3	Psychology Elective
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Total Hours			Total Hours
YEAR 4			
FALL			SPRING
PSYC 4319	Field Placement	3	PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar
Psychology Elective		3	
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		1	Elective
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Total Hours			Total Hours

COURSES IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This is a general survey of the field of psychology with specific coverage of the use of the scientific method in increasing knowledge about psychology, biological explanations of human behavior, and the different basic theoretical perspectives on the description and explanation of human behavior, such as behaviorism, psychoanalysis, cognitive and humanistic psychology. It This course is an eclectic and multicultural approach attempting to understand people through a dynamic interaction of biological, psychological, socio-cultural, and historical factors and balancing principles and

contemporary applications of psychology. This is a fundamental course to prepare students for more advanced study in the social sciences

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Fall/Yearly

**PSYC 2300 Biopsychosocial Aspects of Racial Disparities
In Health/Mental Health: Unequal Treatment**

3 Credit Hours

This course surveys the psychological, biological, and social factors associated with racial disparities in health and mental health. The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) historic report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care* will serve as a launching point. This course is presented from the perspective of the reciprocal interactionism model that focuses on how consumer and health system dynamics reciprocally influence each other through a myriad of influencing variables, including culture, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income, lifestyle, racism, discrimination, and sexism.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSYC 2313

Offered: Every two years

PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development

3 Credit Hours

This course examines: physical, cognitive, emotional, language, social, and moral development throughout the entire lifespan of humans, including conception, prenatal, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood within a socio-cultural environmental perspective; and psychodynamic, behavioral, humanistic, and cognitive theories of development. Same as EDUC 2303.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Spring/Every two years

PSYC 2308 Special Topics in Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This course covers specific topics in the area of Psychology. Topics vary from one semester to the next. Examples of possible topics are: health psychology; survey of the application of psychology to contemporary issues in African America; the psychology of violence; experimental psychology, physiological psychology, history and systems of psychology; etc. It is open to upper-level majors and minors and requires the instructor's approval. Two of these courses can count toward a major degree requirement in psychology and only one of these courses can count toward a minor degree requirement in psychology.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Yearly

PSYC 2310 Addictions

3 Credit Hours

The course examines drug, alcohol, eating, cigarette, sexual and gambling addictions, and the addictive process. Treatment and recovery for addictive individuals will be covered. This course is cross-referenced to Sociology (SOCI 2319) and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program.

This is a writing intensive course.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Fall/ Every two years

PSYC 2313 Social Science Statistics I

3 Credit Hours

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely. Same as PSCI 2313/SOC 2313.

Prerequisite: MATH 1314

Offered: Fall/Yearly

PSYC 2320 Conflict Resolution

3 Credit Hours

Conflicts often occur when there is a perceived divergence of interest or when there is a belief that individual or group aspirations cannot be met simultaneously. Consequently, interpersonal and inter-group relationships frequently are unsatisfactory, unproductive, and abusive. This course focuses on types of conflicts, forces that escalate conflicts, and models of conflict resolution. This course is cross referenced to Sociology (SOCI 2320) and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. *This is a writing intensive course.*

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Spring/ Every two years

PSYC 3300 Learning and Memory

3 Credit Hours

After covering in detail classical and operant conditioning, this course will address other models of learning (e.g., cognitive learning, social learning). Modern models of memory are addressed, including short-term and long-term memory, and depth of processing models.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Every Year

PSYC 3308 Psychology of the African American Experience

3 Credit Hours

This course covers the unique experiences of African Americans from a perspective that focuses on psychology, including affective, cognitive, and social aspects, but is interdisciplinary in its scope. Topics include: the importance of culture in understanding psychological development; theoretical and methodological considerations necessary in doing research in African American psychology; coping with racism and oppression and other mental health issues; workplace social pathology; cultural competence training; correlates of achievement; and the use of African-centered principles to re-socialize and re-educate African American youth in the new millennium.

Prerequisite: None

Offered: Every Year

PSYC 3309 Personality

3 Credit Hours

The course explores the major current and historical theoretical approaches (psychodynamic, trait, behaviorism, and humanism) to the study of the different characteristic patterns of behaving, thinking, and feeling that exist across individuals; the variety of tests and inventories used to assess personality; and their contemporary application.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Every two years

PSYC 3310 Social Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This course surveys theories about the factors that shape individuals' feelings, behaviors, and thoughts in social situations and the use of the scientific method in understanding these factors. A wide range of social, cognitive, environmental, cultural, and biological conditions that shapes the social behavior and thought of individuals is covered.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301

Offered: Fall/Every two years

PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This course is a systematic analysis of the major theoretical perspectives in psychology on behavior, e.g., behavioral, humanistic, cognitive, motivational, and psychodynamic perspectives.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Fall/Yearly

PSYC 3317 Perception and Cognition

3 Credit Hours

The focus of this course is how humans take in and process information about the world around them. It addresses cognitive styles, patterns of thinking, neural bases of thought, and current models of cognitive processing.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Fall/Every two years

PSYC 3319 Program Evaluation

3 Credit Hours

In this course, students learn to apply quantitative and qualitative social science research methods to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and how to use that information for program improvement and strategic planning. It focuses on connecting theory and practice by teaching students how to conduct research based evaluation through hands-on application of theory, research, and statistics to demonstrate effectiveness. Learning how to evaluate programs and organizations is a highly marketable skill which will help prepare students for leadership roles in the workplace; it is an invaluable tool for grant writing and the non-profit sector (may be taken instead of PSYC 3329 research methods).

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSYC 2313, and PSYC 3314

Offered: Every two years

PSYC 3320 Educational Psychology and Measurements

3 Credit Hours

This course is a study of the application of scientific knowledge about individual differences, personality development, and the process of learning to the problems of teaching and learning. This course includes the examination of measurement and evaluation of student achievement using standardized tests and informal assessment procedures.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Spring/Every two years

PSYC 3328 Adolescent Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This course is a detailed study of the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of adolescents.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Spring/Every two years

PSYC 3329 Methods in Social Research

3 Credit Hours

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences. Same as CRIJ 3329 and SOCI 3329.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301

Offered: Spring/Yearly

PSYC 4300 Independent Research

3 Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to encourage Psychology majors and the Psychology faculty to collaborate in hands-on research. Students will receive three hours credit for undertaking research with a faculty member. The question being addressed by the research need not be original with the student, but the student must play a significant role in the conduct of the research. The student and faculty member decide what that role will be. *A student can take only one of these courses and the professor's approval is required.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSCI 2305, PSYC 3329 or SOCI 3329, and two other PSYC courses

Offered: As Needed

PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Application

3 Credit Hours

This course covers counseling theory and how it is applied, including the different models of psychotherapy.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301

Offered: Every Year

PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology

3 Credit Hours

This course covers historical and current approaches to mental abnormality and how psychologists use these approaches to diagnose and treat patients. The schizophrenias, mood, anxiety, somatoform, dissociative, personality, and sexual and gender disorders and the different models of psychotherapy are examined.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301

Offered: Fall/Every two years

PSYC 4319 Field Placement

3 Credit Hours

This course provides pre-graduation exposure to the real-world setting in which psychologists are employed. Students work 12-15 hours per week toward a minimum of 156 hours in the field. Students must have at least second semester junior standing and the approval of the professor.

Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSCI 2305, PSYC 3329, and four other PSYC courses

Offered: Fall/Every Year

PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar

3 Credit Hours

This is a capstone course that provides students with a comprehensive review of the discipline of psychology, including the development of a senior thesis project that demonstrates their accomplishments. Each of the following must be passed at 70% or better to pass this course and graduate in psychology: the comprehensive exam over the field of psychology, the thesis project, and

the average of other class content. Students must have completed at least 33 hours in psychology and have last semester senior standing or permission from the professor.

Prerequisite: 24 hours in Psychology

Offered: Spring/Every Year

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

Mission Statement

Provide broad knowledge and understanding of the organization, institutions, culture, and processes of society.

The curriculum in the field of Sociology is designed to:

1. Make clear the interrelatedness of Sociology and other social disciplines.
2. Provide the viewpoints and tools essential for significant, systematic study and interpretation of social problems.
3. Prepare students for advanced study in graduate and professional institutions and for work.
4. Incorporate technology into the discipline.
5. Help students master the nine core competencies.

Requirements for a Major in Sociology

A student majoring in Sociology must complete 36 credit hours.

1. Twenty-four of these hours must be: SOCI 1301, *Introduction to Sociology*; SOCI 2313, *Social Science Statistics I*; SOCI 3312, *Social Theory*; SOCI 3329, *Methods in Social Research*; SOCI 3316, *Interventive Methods of Social Work*; SOCI 4327, *Senior Seminar*; SOC 4328, *Field Experience*; and SOC 2304, *Information Management for the Social Sciences*. SOCI 1301 is a prerequisite for other courses unless otherwise noted.
2. 12 additional credit hours are to be taken from the Sociology offerings.
3. A student without a minor must also take PSYC 1301 and two 3000 level English writing courses and receive a “C” or above in each course (total of nine hours).
4. Students wishing to emphasize Social Welfare Studies should include in their program the social welfare sequence: SOCI 2300, 3319, 3318, 3315, 3316, and 4328.
5. All majors must complete a professional portfolio and pass a comprehensive Sociology exam at 75% or better.
6. Sociology majors must complete a total of 122 hours.
7. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all major courses.

Requirements for a Minor in Sociology

A student who minors in Sociology is required to complete 21 credit hours.

1. Required courses are SOCI 1301 and SOCI 3316.
2. 15 additional hours.