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

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**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

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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

**PSYC 2300** Biopsychosocial Aspects of Racial Disparities  
3 Credit Hours

**In Health/Mental Health: Unequal Treatment**
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 intergroup 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.*
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, neutral 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, 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**

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## THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCl)

### 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.

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 minor(s) in Sociology is required to complete 21 credit hours.

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