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Mission Statement
Committed to academic excellence and development of the whole person, the Department of Psychology strives to challenge and support students in developing a better understanding of human relations and individual adjustment by applying concepts to their personal living. Within a Christian context, the psychology major gives students the preparation for graduate study and the foundation for effective interaction with others in a variety of career settings.

Course Offerings in Psychology (PSY)

213. Introduction to Psychology (3) F, W, S, Su
A survey of the various areas included in the field of psychology, using the bio-psycho-social and scientific approaches to understanding behavior.

219. Developmental Psychology (3) F, W, S, Su
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Human development from the prenatal stage through older adulthood. Emphasis: emotional, social, physical, motor, and psychological development of the individual.

*230. Learning in Diverse Classrooms (3) F, W, S, Su
See SE 230 for course description.

311. Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (3) F, S
Prerequisite: PSY 213. Recommended: MAT 114. Basic statistical measures and concepts necessary to understand psychological literature, with application to the behavioral sciences with emphasis on experimental design.

312. Industrial Psychology (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
An overview of psychology in the work place, relating to motivation, personnel selection and training, leadership styles, and human relations.

313. Adolescent Psychology (3) F, S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
A study of the individual during adolescent years with emphasis on the development of self-identity and the problems faced by the American adolescent.
315. History of Psychology (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
The development of psychology from its early beginnings to the present with emphasis upon the various schools of psychology and contributions of outstanding individuals.

316. Behavioral and Cognitive Theories of Learning (3) F, S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Prominent theories of learning in the context in which they were originated, their influence upon contemporary psychological thought, and their present applications.

317. Abnormal Psychology (3) F, S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Causes and types of abnormal phenomena, mental hygiene, and therapeutic methods.

320. Adult Psychology (3) S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Late adolescence through late adulthood using the theoretical framework of the life-span with emphasis on physical, cognitive, social and emotional development.

323. Theories of Personality (3) F
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
An introduction to the various theoretical positions regarding the development of personality placed in a general context of psychological theory and related to the psychological adjustment of the individual.

324. Child Growth and Development (3) F, S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Physical, cognitive, social and emotional growth of children from prenatal through adolescence. Emphasis on major theories of development, their significance and issues for teachers and other professionals who work with children.

328. Physiological Psychology (3) S
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
The physiological bases of behavior with emphasis upon the neural substrates and biochemical bases of behavior, the sensory functioning and response capabilities of the organism and the genetic determinants of behavior.

330. Health Psychology (3) S
Stress, its effects and how to deal with it will be studied from a conceptual and application basis. Related topics include smoking, obesity, hypertension, headaches, insomnia, type A behavior, gastrointestinal disorders, cancer, and diabetes.

338. Issues in Psychology and Religion (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: PSY 213.
Explores the relationship between psychology and religion. Topics include guilt, conscience, growth/maturity, the Church and mental health, and Christian counseling.

400. Positive Psychology (3) F
Prerequisites: PSY 213 plus 6 additional hours from PSY, SOC, SW.
Explores the theory of Positive Psychology and its principles of learned optimism and authentic mental health.
179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

179PF-279PF-379PF-479PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed
All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

180PF-280PF-380PF-480PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand
Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) On Demand
Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

498-9. Seminar (1-3) F On Demand
To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only.