Psychology is the discipline that, through scientific study, endeavors to achieve the goals of observation, description, understanding, prediction, control of behavior and psychological processes. Topical areas of inquiry include human development, personality theory, neuroscience, learning, memory and cognition, motivation and emotion, sensation and perception, interpersonal relationships, personal adjustment, abnormal behavior and psychotherapy. Behaviorism, social learning theory, cognitivism, humanism, existentialism, neuroscience and psychodynamics comprise the theoretical paradigms most emphasized over the course of studies. Other emerging models of behavior such as neurolinguistics, psychoneuroimmunology, behavioral medicine, et al., also are examined for their contributions to the continuously evolving field of psychology.

Because knowledge of behavior is important to all fields of study, persons majoring in areas other than psychology should enroll in selected courses of interest. For the same reason, choosing psychology as a minor also is encouraged. Students majoring in psychology may select between two programs of study. The applied program is designed to prepare those who plan to seek employment in either the private or public sector immediately following graduation with the bachelor's degree. The academic studies program prepares students to pursue studies in psychology at the graduate school level in either practical (clinical, school, counseling) or experimental (neuroscience, developmental, cognitive, social) specializations. All psychology majors are expected to develop outcome competencies at the knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation levels.
PSYC 412  Learning and Cognition ........................................................ 3 hours
PSYC 450  Abnormal Psychology ........................................................... 3 hours
PSYC 460  Intro. to Clinical & Counseling Psychology .......................... 3 hours

2. Twelve additional hours in psychology are chosen by the student with the approval of an academic advisor. These courses can include courses from the above-mentioned psychology electives.

D. Other Electives..................................................................................40-43 semester hours

E. Culminating Evaluative Experiences: All students must complete PSYC 495 Integrative Seminar with a grade of C or better and a comprehensive exit interview.

Course Descriptions of Core Requirements

PSYC 101 General Psychology
Introduction to the field of psychology and the major sub-areas, including the biological basis of behavior, sensation, perception, learning, memory, motivation, emotion, personality, stress, as well as abnormal, developmental and social psychology. Students majoring in psychology must earn a grade of C or higher.

PSYC 324 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
The study of parametric and nonparametric statistics commonly used in the behavioral sciences. Included are analysis of relationship and variance, as well as effect sizes associated with each. Cross-listed as SOCI 324.
Prerequisite: MATH 150 College Algebra.
Students majoring in psychology must earn a grade of C or higher.

PSYC 325 Research Design
Study of applied research in the behavioral sciences with an emphasis on design, methodology, results interpretation and theory building. Both qualitative and quantitative approaches are addressed with the latter employing both parametric and nonparametric analyses. Cross-listed as SOCI 325.
Prerequisites: Students majoring in psychology must earn a grade of C or higher in PSYC/SOCI 324; junior standing.

PSYC 381 History and Systems of Psychology
Overview of historical antecedents and major theoretical and historical systems within psychology. Prerequisites: PSYC 101 and sophomore standing. Students majoring in psychology must earn a grade of C or higher.

PSYC 495 Integrative Psychology
Capstone course integrating prior learning, exploring current research and contemporary issues in psychology. Writing intensive.
Students enrolled in this course are required to take the Major Field Test for psychology. Required as a culminating experience prior to graduation. Prerequisites: Senior standing, psychology major, PSYC 101, PSYC 324, PSYC 325, PSYC 381. Students majoring in psychology must earn a grade of C or higher.

Possible job opportunities include:

- Mental health counselor
- Care worker for disabled
- Juvenile detention officer
- Psychiatric technician
- Laboratory technician
- Rehabilitation case worker
- Child welfare worker
- Research technician
- Marketing/public relations
- Business management

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