

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Faculty

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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.

I. Major in Psychology—33 hours

A. PSY 213, 311, 317, 410, 412—15 hours

B. PSY Electives—18 hours

C. Only 2 of the 4 developmental courses (219, 313, 320, 324) may apply toward the major.

II. Minor in Psychology—21 hours

Psychology 213 and 410 are required of all minors.

Assessment of Majors

Psychology Majors are required to take PSY 410 during the Senior year as capstone to the major.

Student Organizations

The Psychology Club, open to all students, provides information regarding graduate programs and job opportunities for PSY majors and minors, provides information about and encourages the reading of current writings in the field, encourages association among Psychology students, promotes scholastic achievement, and provides information to students who want to learn more about the major.

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in Psychology, founded 1929, to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and advance the science of psychology. Membership is open to majors who have completed 3 semesters with 9 PSY hours, a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.5 PSY GPA.

Student Award

The Dr. Bill Bouchillon Psychology Excellence is given to an outstanding graduating senior with a 3.5 GPA or greater in psychology as selected by the Psychology faculty.

Course Offerings in Psychology (PSY)

() Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

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.

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

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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.