

COURSES

PDF PSYCHOLOGY

PSY101 **General Psychology** **3 Credits**

Introduces the field of psychology. Covers major principles and their application to the study of human behavior.

PSY102 **Psychology of Personal/ Social Adjustment** **2 Credits**

Focuses on understanding and applying psychological principles and theories to personal development and human relationships.

PSY120 **The Psychology of Human Performance** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Surveys the psychology of human performance. Explores the psychological, emotional, and strategic dimensions of human performance. Emphasis will be to provide students with a comprehensive background that they can apply to their own performance areas.

PSY130 **Human Sexuality** **3 Credits**

Covers major topics in human sexuality such as gender, sexual anatomy, sexually-transmitted diseases, sexual response and disorders, sexual orientation, sexual coercion, and commercial sex.

PSY210 **Introduction to Statistical Methods** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101, SOC101 & MATH096 or consent of instructor
Develops an understanding of statistical methods and training in the useful presentation and interpretation of behavioral science data, including elementary computer use. Same as SOC 210.

PSY220 **Principles of Educational Psychology** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Introduces the application of psychology principles of learning and cognitive development.

PSY230 **Intro to Personality Psychology** **3 Credits**

Introduces students to personality testing and the major approaches to the study of personality, including the influence of heredity, learning, the unconscious, etc.

PSY233 **Child Psychology** **2 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Explains the growth and development of children from conception through early adolescence.

PSY234 **Psychology of Adolescence** **2 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Examines psychological development during adolescence with emphasis on special problems in American society: drug abuse, pregnancy, and familial problems.

PSY240 **Introduction to Research Methods** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Introduces how hypotheses are objectively tested in the social sciences, including research design, data collection, and interpretation of results.

PSY241 **Introduction to Abnormal Psychology** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 or consent of instructor
Covers causes, symptoms, and treatments of major psychological disorders, including anxiety, dissociative, mood, somatoform, eating, schizophrenia and substance-related disorders.

PSY257 **Introduction to Positive Psychology** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101. Recommended: COM102 and SOC 101. Explores the scope of this new branch of Psychology. Key topics include: the history of Positive Psychology, positivity, learned optimism, purpose, handling adversity and resilience, happiness and well-being, personality development and integration, and positive relationships.

PSY261 **Introduction to Social Psychology** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101, SOC101 or consent of instructor
Examines how the presence of others influences thoughts and behavior, including research on close relationships, persuasion, stereotyping, aggression, and group dynamics.

PSY275 **Undergraduate Research** **3 Credits**

Prerequisites: PSY101 & PSY210&PSY240
Requires independent or collaborative research.

PSY280 **The Making of a Murderer** **3 Credits**

A broad examination of the phenomenon of murders both historically and currently. This course provides a detailed introduction and examination of serial murder, focusing on biological, psychological, and sociological explanations for psychopathic, sociopathic, antisocial personality disorders.

PSY299 **Special Topics** **1 Credit**

Explores special topics which vary across semesters. A maximum of three credits may be applied towards a WNC degree.