PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)

PSY 125. Human Sexuality. 3 Credit Hours.
Human sexuality includes not only the biological component of male and female sexuality, but also attitudes, values and feelings about one’s own gender and sex role. Consequently, in dealing with sex as a natural biological function, the expression of which is a dimension of psychosocial behavior, the sexual development and/or differentiation of men and women from conception to maturity will be stressed. Same course as BIO 122.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PSY 200. General Psychology (MOTR PSYC 100). 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the scientific study of human behavior. It attempts to help students gain insights into their own and others’ behavior. A variety of topics (such as personality, learning, emotion, motivation, human growth and development, abnormal behavior and psychotherapy) relating to psychological development will be covered.
Prerequisite: Reading Proficiency.

PSY 203. Child Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of child psychology the scientific study of the psychological basis of child growth and development. Emotional, mental, physical and social needs and developmental processes of infancy, childhood and adolescence are covered; nature and nurture interactions and processes during prenatal development and pregnancy are also covered. This course includes an analysis of a variety of home, school and community factors as they interact to influence behavior, personality, and development.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 205. Human Growth and Development (MOTR PSYC 200). 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a survey of the basis of human growth and development. Biological, cognitive and socioemotional needs of children, adolescents and adults are reviewed. The multiple factors which influence and shape behavior and personality are analyzed.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 206. Introduction to Social Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of social psychology, the scientific study of how people think about, influence, and relate to one another. Specifically this course explores social thinking, social influence, social relations, and the application of social psychological processes. Specific topics include conformity, obedience, persuasion, group influence, prejudice, attraction, aggression, and prosocial behavior.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 208. Abnormal Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is a survey of mental disorders as categorized in the American Psychological Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The symptoms, causes and treatments of various mental disorders will be covered. This includes anxiety disorders, mood disorders, eating disorders, somatic complaint related disorders, dissociative disorders, substance abuse disorders, sexual dysfunctions and disorders and schizophrenia.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 210. Personality and Adjustment. 3 Credit Hours.
An examination of the contributions of the major schools of human personality and its expression in patterns of adjustment and growth as well as in dysfunctional behavioral patterns. Theories surveyed will represent dynamic, humanistic, cognitive and behavioral perspectives. Adjustment issues include self concept, social environment and role adaptation, self-management, maladjustment, remediation and treatment.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 214. Adolescent Psychology. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an overview of adolescent psychology, the study of the individual from puberty to young adulthood. The course explores the physiological, cognitive, social, and emotional changes in adolescence, specifically examining the biological basis and environmental contributions to adolescent thought and behavior. Issues facing adolescents will also be discussed including gender, self, family, peers, sexuality, education, work, and problems in adolescence.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 215. Brain and Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
Brain and Behavior examines the basic mechanisms of neuronal structure, function, and communication. Behavioral functions studied include sensations and perception, emotion and drives, learning and memory, vision, sleep and dreams, stress, addiction, language, aging effects, sex differences, and disorders.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 218. Addiction and Compulsive Behavior. 3 Credit Hours.
Addiction and Compulsive Behavior examines the origins and treatment of addictive and compulsive behaviors, including substance abuse, workaholism, compulsive gambling, eating disorders, and dependent relationships.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.

PSY 220. The Psychology of Homicide and Crime. 3 Credit Hours.
This course is an introduction to the psychological study of various types of homicide and crime. A variety of topics related to the psychological signature of serial killing, mass murder and spree killing will be analyzed, including cases such as the Green River Serial Killings and the Boston Marathon bombing.
Prerequisites: PSY 200 and Reading Proficiency.