BA Psychology Course Descriptions

PSY 300 PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS I
Prerequisite: PSY 100, PSY 202, or Equivalent
Introduction to research methodology and a basic framework to evaluate social and behavioral science research. Topics include how to apply the scientific method within the field of psychology and the social sciences, ethical guidelines and issues related to the research in, and practice of, psychology, how to evaluate research and popular claims in psychology with a critical eye, and computer applications related to statistics and research. Coursework on inferential and descriptive statistical methods will build on material from PSY 202.

PSY 301 PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND STATISTICAL METHODS II
Prerequisite: PSY 300 with grade C or better
A continuation of PSY 300. Advanced research methodology and within the empirical framework in the behavioral sciences. Topics include how to apply the scientific method within the field of psychology and the social sciences, ethical guidelines and issues related to the research in, and practice of, psychology, how to evaluate research and popular claims in psychology with a critical eye, and computer applications related to statistics and research. Coursework on inferential and descriptive statistical methods will build on material from PSY 300.

PSY 310 HISTORY AND SYSTEMS OF PSYCHOLOGY
This course examines the historical development of psychological thought and methodology, from its origins in philosophy, its attempts to emulate the natural sciences, through the Diaspora of contemporary psychological thought. The major schools of psychology will be explored in context of their philosophical, cultural and ethical influences.

PSY 312 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY
This course is an in-depth survey of the major areas of social psychology. Emphasizes an understanding of the important methods, terms, theories, and findings in the field of social psychology.

PSY 313 CLINICAL AND ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
Examines the major diagnostic, etiologic, and treatment options for a variety of psychopathologies and psychological disorders. Areas to be covered include how psychologists diagnose, assess, understand the etiology, and treat psychological illness and problems. Topics include: disorders related to anxiety, stress & trauma, mood, schizophrenia and psychosis, eating and substance abuse, memory & organic dysfunctions, personality; social, cultural, and legal issues related to psychopathology.

PSY 314 BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
Neuroanatomy, physiology, pharmacology and their application to cognition, emotion, language, learning, motivation, perception and memory.

PSY 317 THEORIES OF PERSONALITY
Prerequisite: PSY 100
This course considers the major theoretical, application, research, and assessment issues in the study of personality. Emphasis will be placed on the theoretical aspects of personality and the different ways in which these theories are validated. The course will also explore some of the more commonly used personality assessment measures, cultural influences on personality theory, as well as at least one non-Western theory of personality. Formerly known as PSY 217, changed February 2009.
Student Option: Graded or Credit/No Credit
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PSY 318 LEARNING, COGNITION AND PERCEPTION

Prerequisite: PSY 100

Examines the ways that people learn, remember and perceive. Basic learning and perceptual processes will be examined within an adaptive framework. The interaction between individual and environment will be examined in a variety of contexts including memory, reasoning, visual perception, speech and language.

28 Units of Core:
PSY 300 Psychological Research and Statistical Methods I
PSY 301 Psychological Research and Statistical Methods II
PSY 310 History and Systems Of Psychology
PSY 312 Social Psychology
PSY 313 Clinical and Abnormal Psychology
PSY 314 Behavioral Neuroscience
PSY 317 Theories of Personality
PSY 318 Learning, Cognition And Perception

13 Units of Electives Courses: Selection determined by CSU Channel Islands

9 Units of UDGE:
Upper Division General Education, Selection determined by CSU Channel Islands