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### **General Syllabus**

## **PSYC 1001 PSYCHOLOGY ORIENTATION**

Credit Hours: 1

Lecture Hours: 1

Prerequisite(s): None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

### **I. Course Information**

#### **A. Catalog Description**

Prepares student for academic success in college and psychology. Includes the University resources, study skills for college, introduction to the profession of psychology as a science, expectations of the degree plan, and an introduction to scientific writing. Required for psychology majors.

#### **B. Additional Information**

This course is required.

### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

#### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Locate and effectively use the university's academic resources;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of study skills for the college student and identify which is most effective for him/her;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the diversity of discipline of psychology as a science;
4. Communicate an understanding of the degree plan in psychology and the expectations as a psychology major; and
5. Show proficiency in the basic use of the APA Manual and the components of scientific writing.

#### **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

**Communication Skills (Written and Oral)**

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

**Analytical Skills****Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Academic success
- B. College study skills
- C. Psychology as a science
- D. Database searches
- E. Degree plan
- F. Scientific writing
- G. APA style