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General Syllabus

PSYC 1163 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Introduction to basic principles and theories of human behavior. Investigates the biological bases of human behavior, learning and memory, perception, human development across the life-span, personality, motivation and emotions. (ACTS: PSYC 1103)

B. Additional Information

This course is required.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Utilize vocabulary and concepts of the discipline of psychology;
2. Gain an appreciation for the field and its many sub-disciplines;
3. Explain the current research supporting the theories in psychology; and
4. Understand themselves and those in your midst.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills:

Students will identify problems, draw conclusions and solve problems.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

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

Global and Cultural Perspectives

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

III. Major Course Topics

- A. History and schools of psychology
- B. Research methods
- C. traditional and contemporary theories
- D. Biological psychology
- E. Developmental
- F. Social
- G. Personality
- H. Learning
- I. Sensation
- J. Perception
- K. Intelligence
- L. Cognition
- M. Industrial-organizational