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General Syllabus

PSYC 2803 HISTORY AND SYSTEMS OF PSYCHOLOGY

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: PSYC 1163 General Psychology

Prerequisite or Corequisite: ENGL 1213 Composition II, ENGL 1233 Honors
Composition, or RHET 2863 Advanced Composition

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Critically investigates the history of traditional and contemporary theories and systems of psychology. Includes structuralism, functionalism, behaviorism, Gestalt psychology, and psychoanalysis. Emphasizes the integration of current theoretical trends.

B. Additional Information

Requirement for majors.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Identify and discuss traditional and contemporary theories and theorists contributing to history of psychology;
2. Explain and discuss philosophical and physiological underpinnings of psychology;
3. Place current psychological thought within historical development and context;
4. Recognize the role of women and people of color in the history of psychology, both as researchers and subjects of research; and
5. Determine the degree to which the original schools of psychology are reflected in contemporary everyday living.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

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.

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. Methods in psychology
- B. History of psychology
- C. Traditional and contemporary theories and theorists in psychology
- D. Structuralism
- E. Functionalism
- F. Behaviorism
- G. Gestalt psychology
- H. Humanistic psychology
- I. Psychoanalysis.