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General Syllabus

PSYC 4223 Psychology of Personality

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: Psychology major with junior standing, three hours of upper-level psychology courses, PSYC 2613 Research Methods in Psychology, BIOL 1153/1151 Biological Science/Laboratory, and one of the following: ENGL 1213 Composition II, ENGL 1233 Honors Composition or RHET 2863 Advanced Composition or criminal justice major, PSYC 1163 General Psychology, STAT 2503 Probability and Statistics I, BIOL 1153/1151 Biological Science/Laboratory and CJ 3983 Introduction to Research Methods.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Critical study of modern approaches to the organization and development of personality, with extensive reading to integrate experimental, clinical, biological, and cultural evidence.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Identify and describe the key characteristics of major personality theories
2. Apply major personality theories to professional areas in which they are applied.

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. Traditional and contemporary theories of personality
- B. Psychoanalytic
- C. Person-centered theory
- D. Trait theories
- E. Biological
- F. Genes and personality
- G. Neuroscience
- H. Social cognitive theories
- I. Learning theories, etc.