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General Syllabus

PSYC 4803 Psychology Senior Seminar

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: Prerequisites: PSYC 4223 Psychology of Personality, six hours of upper level psychology courses and one of the following: ENGL 1213 Composition II, ENGL 1233 Honors Composition, or RHET 2863 Advanced Composition

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Various topics in human behavior selected by the instructor. May be repeated, when topics differ, for a total of nine hours.

B. Additional Information

This course explores various topics in human behavior. Topics are specific and related to additional theories and concepts beyond existing courses offered. Topics are selected by the instructor and vary by semester. Psychology Majors may enroll in three different topic areas of this course. Students may not repeat a topic for credit. Topics in the past have included: Criminology, Psychology of Addiction, and Adolescent Psychology. Topics will be broadened and expanded through time.

Course work varies, but is often functioning in lecture and seminar fashion with students making or participating in group activity and group discussion or presentation

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Evaluate and discuss the topic or theories specific to the seminar.
2. Examine facts, contributors or theorists, applicable research, and the integration of the topic to a broader conceptualization of psychology as a science.
3. Examine and explain a concept or tenet of the area of psychology explored either in written response or orally.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Ethical Decision Making

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas.

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

Course topic will vary from semester to semester as this is a seminar class. Topics will be chosen by the instructor. Topics will not be repeated in the same calendar year.