

**University of Tennessee,  
Chattanooga****2025-2026 Undergraduate Catalog****Course Descriptions**[Contract All Courses](#) |

Courses certified as satisfying General Education Requirements are identified in the course title with a two letter category abbreviation. General Education categories are listed below.

[Writing and Communication \(WC\)](#) [Humanities and Fine Arts \(HF\)](#) [Natural Science \(LL, LC & LB, NL\)](#)

[Behavioral and Social Science \(SB\)](#) [Quantitative Reasoning \(QR\)](#) [Individual and Global Citizenship \(CZ\)](#)

**Political Science and Public Service****PSPS 3053 - Modern Political Philosophy (HF)**

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(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to such theoretical concerns of Western political science as sovereignty, rights, justice, property, liberty, and equality. This course emphasizes more contemporary philosophers, such as given in the works of Mill, Marx, and Nietzsche, through the twentieth century, to current arguments regarding liberty, equality, and fairness.

**General Education Category:** Humanities and Fine Arts

**PSPS 3054 - Contemporary Political Ideas**

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(3) Credit Hours

Focuses upon contemporary perspectives in political and social thought with an emphasis on competing world views.

**PSPS 3110 - Media and Politics**

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(3) Credit Hours

A general overview of the media and American politics, with a focus on the role the media play in American politics, in mediating messages to the public, and in influencing political attitudes and political behavior. Rather, it serves as an introduction to the broad theme of political communication.

**PSPS 3120 - Political Parties**

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(3) Credit Hours

Topics covered in this course on American Political Parties include party systems in a comparative context; party

activists; the National Party Committees; party machines; party identification; the role that party plays in public opinion and voting behavior; how the Executive, Congress, and the Courts are influenced by parties; party division; party polarization; and partisan sorting. Sophomore level or higher.

## **PSPS 3140 - Campaigns and Elections**

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(3) Credit Hours

This is a course on American campaigns and elections. The course will focus on scholarship on campaigns, including field experiments and survey experiments. The course will also focus on election results and predicting elections, including polling analysis. The two questions of this course are: 1) What affects election outcomes? and 2) How much do campaigns matter? We will also focus on campaign strategies such as voter targeting, polling and survey research, fundraising tactics, and opposition research. We will also discuss working within the laws of campaign finance and the rules of the electoral system. Students will develop campaign strategies for current races, including a plan for campaign finance, the calendar, earned media, paid and social media, issues, and voter targeting. Sophomore level or higher.

## **PSPS 3210 - War and American Politics**

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(3) Credit Hours

An assessment of war's impact on domestic politics across the major conflicts in U.S. history, exploring the role of war in the growth of the American state; the tension between civil liberties and presidential power; domestic policy and social reform; civil-military relations; and the expression of popular culture.

## **PSPS 3220 - American Political Development**

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(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the subfield of American political development (APD). Blending approaches in political science, history, and policy, APD identifies key historical patterns and tensions in American political life, revealing connections between the past and present.

## **PSPS 3230 - Gender in Politics**

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(3) Credit Hours

An examination of the role and status of women in the American political system. Special emphasis given to the impact of selected public policies upon women. May be registered as [WGSS 3360](#)

. Credit not allowed in both PSPS 3230 and [WGSS 3360](#)

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## **PSPS 3240 - Urban Politics**

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(3) Credit Hours

An examination of political competition and relations among groups, institutions and classes in urban areas. Particular attention is given to how economic and fiscal concerns impact the political process.

## **PSPS 3310 - American Constitutional Law**

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(3) Credit Hours

Case studies of key Supreme Court decisions affecting the distribution of power in American society. Recommended for pre-law majors.

## **PSPS 3320 - Civil Liberties**

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(3) Credit Hours

Case studies of key Supreme Court decisions affecting the rights and freedoms of the individual in American society. Recommended for pre-law majors.

## **PSPS 3330R - Topics of Law, Justice, and Politics**

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics addressing lawyers, judges, police, and the political process, generally taught by practitioners.

## **PSPS 3400R - Special Topics in Public Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

Advanced study of public policy theory, policy processes, or substantive policy areas from a practitioner perspective. May be repeated to study different topics.

## **PSPS 3420 - American Public Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

Examination of policy making and policy in the United States. Prerequisites: [PSPS 2450](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 3430 - Urban Public Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

An introduction to the different approaches, ideas and programs advanced to address public policy urban problems.

## **PSPS 3520 - Leadership and Management in the Public Sector**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course emphasizes issues and skills development in public management, including administration, financial management, leadership/management of employees, performance measurement, ethics, and organizational behavior.

## **PSPS 3610 - Nonprofit Development**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course examines nonprofit fundraising techniques and strategies for developing and sustaining the resource base of a nonprofit organization. The course emphasizes resource development and the effective management of resources within organizations. This course examines nonprofit fundraising techniques and strategies for developing and sustaining the resource base of a nonprofit organization. The course emphasizes resource development and the effective management of resources within organizations.

## **PSPS 3620 - Public Service Law and Ethics**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course examines the basic and emerging legal responsibilities impacting the public sector by studying laws and regulatory issues impacting governments, nonprofit agencies, and governing boards. Students focus on essential legal requirements, theories of effective governance, and ethical considerations.

## **PSPS 3630 - Volunteer Management**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course examines historical and emerging issues facing volunteer management programs in nonprofit organizations. The course will focus on recruitment and retention strategies, volunteer motivation, risk management and liability issues, application/screening procedures, and ethical issues facing nonprofits and volunteers.

## **PSPS 3700R - Special Topics in Area Studies**

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(3) Credit Hours

The study of the governmental structures, processes, and ideologies of different regions of the world, comparing their political, economic, and social policies. May be repeated to focus on different regions of the world.

## **PSPS 3710 - Comparative Public Policy**

(3) Credit Hours

The formation and implementation of public policies in different countries of the world.

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### **PSPS 3810 - American Foreign Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

The basic foreign policy problems confronting the United States. Prerequisites: [PSPS 1020](#) or Department Head approval.

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### **PSPS 3820 - Politics of Immigration**

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(3) Credit Hours

An examination of immigration policy in the United States and internationally, with an emphasis on historical patterns, policy debates, legal ramifications, and domestic and international migration regulations and agencies.

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### **PSPS 3830 - Religion and Politics in a Globalized World**

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(3) Credit Hours

Impact of religion on politics and the reverse, exploring the relationship between religion and global politics, the impact of modernization, and its salience in contemporary political life.

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### **PSPS 3999R - Group Studies**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

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### **PSPS 4000 - Capstone Seminar**

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(3) Credit Hours

A culminating experience in which students investigate a key concept studied in political science through the lens of their own expertise. A research paper and presentation is completed in this course.

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### **PSPS 4010 - Senior Portfolio**

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(1) Credit Hours

Course will serve as a culminating assessment of student learning by demonstrating the integration and application of knowledge, theory, and concepts, critical thinking, skill development, and reflection activities that synthesize and evaluate their university and PSPS experience. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)

and [PSPS 3010](#)

or Department Head approval. Senior standing and only open to PSPS majors. Satisfactory/No Credit.

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## **PSPS 4050R - Advanced Topics in Political Theory**

(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in political theory. May be repeated once. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)  
or Department Head approval.

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## **PSPS 4051 - Black Political Thought**

(3) Credit Hours

An examination of how some major Black thinkers—historic and contemporary—have attempted to determine the meanings of justice, liberty, equality, and the role of government, with a focus on the major streams of thought and their influence on current debate. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)  
or Department Head approval.

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## **PSPS 4052 - Jefferson**

(3) Credit Hours

An examination of the political and social ideas of Thomas Jefferson with attention to their influence on American politics and public policy. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)  
or Department Head approval.

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## **PSPS 4100R - Advanced Topics in Political Behavior**

(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in political behavior. May be repeated once. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)  
or Department Head approval.

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## **PSPS 4110 - Public Opinion and Voting Behavior**

(3) Credit Hours

Topics covered in this course on American public opinion and voting behavior include how public opinion is measured, how opinions are formed through processes of political socialization, what Americans know and how they make political decisions, party identification, definitions and conceptualizations of political ideology, how party and ideology play a role in different types of polarization, voter turnout, vote choice, and the role of campaigns and the media in political participation. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)  
or Department Head approval.

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## **PSPS 4200R - Advanced Topics in American Institutions and Processes**

(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in American institutions and processes. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

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## PSPS 4210 - Presidential Leadership

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(3) Credit Hours

An analysis of presidential leadership, with consideration of various theoretical perspectives on individual agency, historical context, and structural opportunities and constraints. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

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## PSPS 4220 - Repairing American Democracy

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(3) Credit Hours

In this course, we will examine the trajectory and causes of, and potential solutions to, the ongoing erosion of American democracy. We begin the class by first asking the not-so-simple question: what is democracy? Next, we turn to the historical process of democratization in America. Relying on insights from research on American political development, we analyze critical moments in the struggle for political inclusion, emphasizing the dynamic between citizenship claims, political economy, and institutional arrangements of the American state from the founding to the mid-twentieth century. We then take a critical look at the rise of partisan polarization, “us vs. them” tribal politics, and the strategic use of minoritarian governing institutions and “hardball constitutionalism.” Finally, we review and assess the impact of potential democratic reforms, including Supreme Court expansion, changes to Senate procedure, a new voting rights act, statehood for DC and Puerto Rico, and increased democratic control of the economy. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

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## PSPS 4300R - Advanced Topics in Public Law

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in public law. Recommended for pre-law majors. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

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## PSPS 4310 - Gender and Law

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(3) Credit Hours

An examination of the development of the legal definitions of gender in the United States, specifically centering on the tensions that occur in a democratic system when disenfranchised groups seek power, with attention to the role that the law and legal structures play in the pursuit of equality. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as [WGSS 4310](#). Credit not allowed in both PSPS 4310 and [WGSS 4310](#).

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## **PSPS 4320 - Religion, Liberty, and the Law**

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(3) Credit Hours

Investigation of the theoretical and historical foundations of the religion clauses of the First Amendment of the US Constitution, with attention also given to jurisprudential developments of the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses by the Supreme Court over time. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4400R - Advanced Topics in Public Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in public policy. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4410 - Program Planning and Evaluation**

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(3) Credit Hours

Introduction to the concepts and practices of program planning and evaluation. Emphasis on planning and evaluative research techniques, processes, and reporting. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4600R - Advanced Topics in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management**

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in public administration and nonprofit management. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4610 - Seminar in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management**

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(3) Credit Hours

Administrative procedure, processes, planning, and decision-making in government and nonprofit settings. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4630 - International Nongovernmental Organizations**

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(3) Credit Hours

The role of international nongovernmental organizations in the developed and developing world with an emphasis on structures, functions, and limitations. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#)

or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4700R - Advanced Topics in Comparative Government**

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in comparative government. May be repeated once. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4800R - Advanced Topics in International Relations and Foreign Policy**

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(3) Credit Hours

Selected topics in international relations and foreign policy. Prerequisites: [PSPS 3000](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSPS 4900R - Political Science Internship**

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(1-12) Credit Hours

Internship in a public agency or nonprofit organization providing students the opportunity to integrate and extend classroom learning with practice. No more than 3 credit hours may apply toward the major degree requirements. 50 on site hours per credit hour. Prerequisites: Minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average and prior approval of Department Head. Junior standing.

## **PSPS 4910R - Public Administration/Nonprofit Internship**

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(1-12) Credit Hours

Supervised internship in a public or nonprofit organization related to a student's academic and career goals. Students must apply to the PANM advisor for admission to field placement. The application for admission must be completed by October 15 of the semester prior to enrollment in PSPS 4910r. Students seeking internships will be expected to adjust their schedules to accommodate the work environment and hours of the host agency. 50 on site hours per credit hour. Prerequisites: Minimum 2.0 overall grade point average, a 2.25 grade point average in all Public Administration/Nonprofit Management courses, and recommendation of the faculty. Senior standing.

## **PSPS 4995R - Departmental Thesis**

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(1-3) Credit Hours

A two-semester research or creative project resulting in a thesis under the supervision of a faculty member and with the approval of the Honors College. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with Honors College to submit a Thesis Contract to get registered for this course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

## **PSPS 4997R - Research**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to conduct independent research. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Research contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

## **•PSPS 4998R - Individual Studies**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

Enables students to study selected topics in depth. On demand. Prerequisites: Student must coordinate with a specific faculty member to complete the Individual Studies contract to get registered for the course. Restricted to Sophomore standing or higher.

## **•PSPS 4999R - Group Studies**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

Department may have additional prerequisite requirements. On demand.

## **Portuguese**

### **•PORT 1010 - Portuguese Language and Culture I (CZ or HF)**

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(4) Credit Hours

In this course students master skills in Portuguese at the novice level, such as speaking and writing proficiency, and listening and reading comprehension, with an emphasis on the unique cultures of the Lusophone world. Fall semester.

**General Education Category:** Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

### **•PORT 1020 - Portuguese Language and Culture II (CZ or HF)**

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(4) Credit Hours

In this course students continue to master skills in Portuguese at the novice level, such as speaking and writing proficiency, and listening and reading comprehension, with an emphasis on the unique cultures of the Lusophone world. Spring semester. Prerequisites: [PORT 1010](#) or placement or Department Head approval.

**General Education Category:** Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

### **•PORT 2110 - Intermediate Portuguese for Conversation (CZ or HF)**

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(3) Credit Hours

Continues the grammar intensive oral practice in Portuguese with emphasis on acquiring conversational skills. Class taught mostly in Portuguese. Fall semester. Prerequisites: [PORT 1020](#)

or placement or Department Head approval.

**General Education Category:** Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

## **PORT 2120 - Intermediate Portuguese for Conversation (CZ or HF)**

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(3) Credit Hours

Emphasis on oral proficiency and cultural awareness of the Portuguese speaking world, in preparation for upper level courses. Class taught mostly in Portuguese. Spring semester. Prerequisites: [PORT 2110](#) or placement or Department Head approval.

**General Education Category:** Individual and Global Citizenship or Humanities and Fine Arts

## **Psychology**

### **PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology (SB)**

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(3) Credit Hours

Introduction to contemporary psychology as a basic and applied social science; analysis of biological, mental, and social determinants of human behavior from the standpoint of psychological theory, research, and practice. Every semester.

**General Education Category:** Behavioral and Social Science

### **PSY 1999R - Special Projects**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

Individual or group projects. Maximum credit 4 hours. On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval.

### **PSY 2010 - Introductory Statistics in Psychology (QR)**

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(3) Credit Hours

Descriptive and inferential statistics with computer analysis of data from psychological and other social sciences. Traditional and modern descriptive techniques, correlation and regression analysis, probability concepts, inferential techniques on means through analysis of variance, power analysis, and selected nonparametric techniques are presented. The use of state-of-the-art computer programs for analysis of data is emphasized in the [PSY 2040](#) laboratory which is required for Psychology majors. Every semester. Prerequisites: Math ACT subscore of 22 (SAT 520) or higher or any approved general education mathematics course or Department Head approval.

**General Education Category:** Quantitative Reasoning

### **PSY 2020 - Research Methods in Psychology**

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(4) Credit Hours

General introduction to research methods in psychology with an emphasis on basic strategies for empirically identifying causal and correlational relationships. Topics will include laboratory and field techniques, quasi-experimental and non-

experimental models, and the ethical issues involved in research. Every semester. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 1 hour. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#), [PSY 2010](#) with a grade of C or better, and [PSY 2040](#) with a grade of C or better, or Department Head approval. Corequisites: PSY 2020L or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 2040 - Statistics in Psychology Laboratory**

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(1) Credit Hours

Tutorial and laboratory exercises to help students master use of professional quality computer software to solve statistical problems. Prerequisites: Math ACT subscore of 22 (SAT 520) or higher or any approved general education mathematics course or Department Head approval. Pre or Corequisites: [PSY 2010](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 2070 - Psychology as a Profession**

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(3) Credit Hours

Role modeling of the psychological practitioner in diverse professional contexts. Discussion of the foundations, methods, ethics, legal issues, and relationships with other specialists involved in professional psychology. Required for psychology majors. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) and Psychology major or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 2200 - Psychology of Lifespan Development**

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(3) Credit Hours

Comprehensive, contemporary, research-oriented treatment of human development from infancy through late adulthood. Topics include physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development and the interactions between these domains. Applications to family, work and other contexts will be examined. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 2210 - The Psychology of Child Development**

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(3) Credit Hours

Infancy through childhood. Concepts of development and functioning derived from research and observation. Emphasis on the roles of both biological and experiential factors in physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development. Child-rearing applications. Every semester. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) or Department Head approval. Credit not allowed in both EDUC 2030 and PSY 2210.

## **PSY 2220 - The Psychology of Adolescence and Adulthood**

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(3) Credit Hours

Principles of adolescent functionality. Evaluation of various theories of adolescence. Psychodynamic consideration of

life-span development concepts and the adjustment problems related to aging. Emphasis on age-related changes. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) or Department Head approval. Credit not allowed in both [EDUC 2420](#) and PSY 2220.

## **PSY 2230 - Psychology of Aging**

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(3) Credit Hours

Theoretical and empirical introduction to the psychological development of older adults. Discussion of cognition, personality, social behavior, and sensor motor changes as they evolve at the adult end of the life span. Examination of psychological issues in adult coping, death and dying, and work and family roles. On demand. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 2410 - Psychology of Individual Differences**

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(3) Credit Hours

Develops an understanding of the most difficult aspect of human behavior to comprehend: differences. Investigating the three major causes of differences. Looking at the nature of these differences in temperament, intelligence, personality, interests and pathologies. Learning to change from judging to valuing diversity. Exploring the implications the course perspective has for personal, educational, work and political choices/policies. Every semester.

## **PSY 2420 - Psychology of Black Experience**

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(3) Credit Hours

Impact of cultural differences from a psychological perspective. Principles, theories, and research in psychology applied to black experience. Differences in socialization, personality, and social processes. Topics include intelligence, racial identity, and psycholinguistics. Every semester.

## **PSY 2999R - Group Studies**

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(1-9) Credit Hours

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

## **PSY 3080 - Psychopathology**

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(3) Credit Hours

A biosocial approach to theories of causation, development, and symptomatic behavior in emotional disorder; theoretical bases of the various therapies and of positive means of prevention. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours psychology or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3100 - Comparative Psychology**

(3) Credit Hours

Comparative Psychology is the study of behavior across species. The course will cover animal behavior and cognition (including human animals). Topics will include evolution of behavior, communication, social behavior, learning, memory, spatial cognition, tool-use, problem solving, metacognition, and consciousness. Class lectures will be augmented by visits to local animal facilities for animal observation. Students will also learn animal observation research methods and each student will be responsible for a short observational study. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3110 - Learning and Motivation**

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(3) Credit Hours

Study of the effective conditions for various learning phenomena; roles of motivation, reinforcement, and punishment in learning. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3120 - Sensation and Perception**

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(3) Credit Hours

Study of sensory and perceptual processes; examination of the sense organs and related neurophysiological mechanisms, and the necessary stimulus conditions for particular perceptual phenomena. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3130 - Cognitive Science**

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(3) Credit Hours

Examination of the ways in which people process information; with an emphasis on attention, memory, problem-solving, and language. Every semester. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3140 - Biological Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

The study of the physiological bases of behavior with emphasis on the functional neural systems of the brain which mediate behavior. Course content is designed to familiarize students with basic neuroanatomy and neurophysiological techniques used in the investigation of brain functions and behavior. Fall semester. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or 6 hours of college biology courses, or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3180 - Principles of Neuropsychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

Comprehensive examination of the history, methodological approaches and applications associated with neuropsychology. Emphasis will be placed on the functional impact of changes to the brain and how those changes are commonly assessed. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3220 - Health and Illness: Socio-Cultural Perspectives**

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(3) Credit Hours

The sociocultural study of medicine, illness, and disease; including the development of medicine and medical care, non-Western medical systems, health disparities, cultural beliefs about illness, and the social construction of illness. Prerequisites: [ANTH 1200](#) or [SOC 1510](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as [SOC 3650](#) or [ANTH 3220](#). Credit allowed in only one of the three courses.

## **PSY 3300 - Drugs and Behavior**

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(3) Credit Hours

In this course, you will be introduced to the field of substance use and misuse across the lifespan. The first portion of this course will cover the history of drugs and substance use behaviors, pharmacology of drugs, neurobiology of addiction, and development and maintenance of use. The second portion of the course will cover specific drugs, focusing on alcohol and prescription medication misuse, including their effects and sociocultural issues. The course will conclude with a review of prevention and treatment approaches to substance use disorders. The goal of the course is (a) to get the students up-to-date and up-to-speed with the current scientific findings and (b) provide students an introduction to biological mechanisms of substance use and addiction. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#) and 3 hours of Psychology or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3310 - Social Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

Survey of the general concepts and research areas in social psychology. Emphasis upon the interactions between the individual and society with consideration of such topics as attitudes, prejudices, conformity, deviance, socialization, and interpersonal attraction. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology or sociology or Department Head approval. May be registered for as [SOC 3310](#). Credit not allowed in both PSY 3310 and [SOC 3310](#).

## **PSY 3350 - Positive Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course is an evidence-based approach to the positive possibilities in our adult lives. Key words for the course are well-being, meaningfulness, interest, efficacy, positive regard, optimism, flow, love and happiness. The nature, process, effects and sustainability of each of these nine concepts will be studied and applied. Our culture's regard for these

phenomena is mixed; there is a good deal of implicit suspicion of things positive, and a strong belief in the reality and predominance of things negative. This course challenges this self-fulfilling cultural presence. The course process includes topical power-points, key word specialist guest speakers, large and small group discussion and in-class activities. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3370 - Psychology of Human Sexuality**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course will introduce the study of human sexuality. Specifically, this course investigates human sexuality from biological and psychological perspectives. We will study male, female, and intersex sexual anatomy; sexual arousal, sexual response, and behaviors; gender identity and sexual orientation; and communication in relationships. In addition, we will study contraception, sexual infections, sexual difficulties/dysfunction, atypical sexual behavior, and healthy relationships and sexual violence. To promote our understanding of these topics, we will study the methodology available to investigate human sexuality. Prerequisites: 6 hours of Psychology credits OR 6 hours of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies credits or Department Head approval. Also offered as WGSS 3370. Credit not allowed in both PSY 3370 and WGSS 3370.

## **PSY 3400 - Applied Developmental Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

An in depth examination of interactions among 1) processes in cognitive, language, social, and emotional development and 2) environmental experiences of children, from birth through adolescence. Emphasis on analysis of the implications of these interactions for the welfare of current and future generations of children. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#); [PSY 2210](#) or [PSY 2220](#) or [EDUC 2420](#) or ECHD 2430; or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3450 - Psychological Tests and Measurements**

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(3) Credit Hours

Principles of psychological measurements including reliability, validity, errors of measurement, techniques of test construction, and problems in assessment and prediction. Laboratory use of selected tests. Fall semester. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#), [PSY 2010](#), [PSY 2020](#), and [PSY 2040](#), or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3560R - Fieldwork/Research/Service Learning in Applied Psychology**

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(1-3) Credit Hours

Program provides students with practical experience in an organization or facility related to psychology. Students are provided opportunities to gain experience in a supervised role, with responsibilities that are relevant to psychology. It is

designed to enhance student learning and to guide students in their decisions on what to do with a psychology degree. Enrollment is by permission of instructor only. Every semester. Prerequisites: Minimum 2.5 GPA or Department Head approval. Junior standing.

## **PSY 3570R - Practicum in Teaching Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

A practicum providing students the opportunity to gain teaching experience, enhance their knowledge of a particular area in psychology, and acquire professional skills that make them more competitive for graduate school and in the job market. Prerequisites: [PSY 2020](#) and Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3580R - Modern Psychological Studies**

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(3) Credit Hours

Modern Psychological Studies is a journal that publishes undergraduate research in psychology. Students in this course serve as the editorial board for the journal and critique, edit, and decide if a submission to MPS will be published. Additionally, students will assist in recruiting paper submissions, subscriptions to the journal, and creating the hard copy of the journal itself. Repeatable up to 6 hours. Prerequisites: 15 hours in psychology including [PSY 2020](#), or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 3590 - Psychology Camp Training**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course provides students the knowledge, tools and information to better prepare them for a practicum related to individuals with a variety of disabilities, focusing on summer service camps for Camp Zooability and the Creative Discovery Museum.

## **PSY 3600 - Ape Language**

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(3) Credit Hours

A review and critical analysis of sign language, speech, computer language, and other symbol studies with great apes and other intelligent animals. Examines the origins of culture, language, and intelligence in humans, and the ethical treatment of great apes and other intelligent animals in nature and under human care. Prerequisites: Any of the following: ANTH 1000, [ANTH 1100](#), [PSY 1010](#), or Department Head approval. May be registered as [ANTH 3600](#). No credit in both PSY 3600 and [ANTH 3600](#).

## **PSY 3670 - Psychology of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race**

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**(3) Credit Hours**

Survey of the general concepts and research areas in culture, ethnicity, and race within the field of psychology. Emphasis upon the interactions between culture and psychological concepts such as cognition, language, gender, behaviors, and health and intergroup relations. On demand. Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 6 credit hours of psychology courses OR 6 credit hours of sociology courses OR Department Head approval. Also offered as SOC 3670. Credit not allowed in both PSY 3670 and SOC 3670.

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**PSY 3730 - Psychology of Language**

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**(3) Credit Hours**

An examination of the ways in which humans acquire, use, and comprehend language; emphasis on the role of biological and social development, cognitive processes, and the impact of culture on linguistic skills. Every semester. Lecture 3 hours. Prerequisites: [PSY 1010](#), [PSY 2010](#) or equivalent, [PSY 2020](#), and [PSY 2040](#) or Department Head approval.

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**PSY 3990 - Psychology Abroad**

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**(3) Credit Hours**

The focus of this 14-day study abroad course is to learn about important people and events in the history of Psychology. To do this, we will travel to specific destinations around the world that are relevant to Psychology, read original writings, attend lectures, watch relevant movies, and discuss important individuals and events in Psychology. Each course offering will focus on a specific area of the world (e.g., western Europe). Summer semester. Prerequisites: 12 hours within psychology department or Department Head approval.

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**PSY 3999R - Group Studies**

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**(1-9) Credit Hours**

On demand. Prerequisites: Department Head approval. Department may have additional prerequisite requirements.

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**PSY 4060 - Industrial/Organizational Psychology**

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**(3) Credit Hours**

Introduction to the study of organizations with emphasis upon personnel selection, criteria, and training. Special consideration of work motivation, job satisfaction, and the role of the organization in behavior. Every semester. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology or Department Head approval.

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**PSY 4080 - Contemporary Psychotherapies**

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(3) Credit Hours

A comprehensive review of psychotherapeutic techniques practiced to help alleviate individuals' behavioral, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. Reviews practices derived from the behavioral, cognitive, humanistic, psychodynamic perspectives. In addition, the course emphasizes the empirical research demonstrating the efficacy of these techniques. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology and [PSY 3080](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4120 - Advanced Seminar for Psychological Processes**

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(3) Credit Hours

A comprehensive review of the field as summary experience, especially for senior major students planning to enter graduate study. Prerequisites: 15 hours of psychology including [PSY 2020](#) and senior standing, or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4130R - Topics in Advanced Cognitive Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

The purpose of this course is to provide an understanding of human memory function from an experimental psychology perspective. To achieve this goal, we will examine scientific theories, methods, and empirical findings that inform the understanding of memory processes. Topics covered will include the cognitive and neural mechanisms supporting memory, abnormal memory function, memory in real-world settings, and how memory develops over the lifespan. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology including [PSY 3130](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4140R - Topics in Advanced Biological Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

Intensive treatment of selected research areas in biological psychology. Emphasis upon the interrelationship between current theoretical perspectives and appropriate methodological procedures. Prerequisites: 6 hours of psychology including 3 credits in [PSY 3120](#) or [PSY 3140](#) or [PSY 3180](#) or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4150 - Health Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

This course provides a framework for understanding human health from biopsychosocial perspective, acknowledging the interplay between biological, social, and psychological factors affecting the onset and prognosis of various health-related conditions. Primary, secondary, and tertiary intervention strategies for preventing/coping with a wide range of physical and psychological health concerns are emphasized. Prerequisites: 6 hours within psychology department or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4250 - Psychology and Law**

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(3) Credit Hours

A comprehensive review of how psychological theory and research influences social policy and law. Topics include, but are not limited to eyewitness memory, lie detection, jury behavior and selection, trial process, death penalty, children in the court, and the punishment and rehabilitation of criminals. Emphasis on psychologists' use of the scientific method to understand various phenomena related to legal processes. Prerequisites: 6 hours of behavioral and social sciences;

[MATH 2100](#)

or [PSY 2010](#)

; junior standing or Department Head approval.

## **PSY 4310R - Topics in Advanced Social Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

Intensive treatment of selected research areas in social psychology. Emphasis upon the interrelationship between current theoretical perspectives and appropriate methodological procedures. On demand. Prerequisites: [PSY 3310](#) or Department Head approval. May be registered as [SOC 4310R](#)

## **PSY 4320R - Topics in Advanced Developmental Psychology**

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(3) Credit Hours

Intensive treatment of selected topic areas in developmental psychology. Emphasis upon the interrelationships between current theoretical perspectives and appropriate methodological procedures. Prerequisites: 6 hours in psychology including 3 credits in [PSY 2210](#)

or [PSY 2220](#)

or [PSY 2230](#)

or Department Head approval.