

OSS015 – INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

Credit Hour Recommendation: 3 Semester Hours
Prerequisites: None
Suggest Textbook Topics: Any standard introductory psychology textbook should balance research and application, which includes these major areas of psychology: methods, biology, memory, learning, lifespan development, social, personality, and abnormal.
Related TAGs: Dietetics, Psychology, Social Work
Course Description: Survey course which examines the complex individual, the many factors believed to drive the individual, and the resulting behavior. Application of the scientific method as a tool in the discovery of individual functioning.
Referencing the American Psychological Association (APA) Pillars ¹ .
Student Learning Outcomes marked with an asterisk (*) are considered essential and must be met:
1. Describe psychological theories, principles, and concepts relevant to the following topics* (A minimum of two topics under each pillar must be met including the essential topics marked with an asterisk): a) Pillar 1: Biological (Biology of Behavior*, Sensation, Consciousness) b) Pillar 2: Cognitive (Memory*, Cognition, Perception, Intelligence) c) Pillar 3: Developmental (Learning*, Lifespan Development*, Language) d) Pillar 4: Social and Personality (Social*, Personality*, Emotion, Multicultural, Gender, Motivation) e) Pillar 5: Mental and Physical Health (Abnormal*, Health, Therapies)
2. Describe and evaluate various methodologies used in psychological research.*
3. Apply basic psychological principles to human history, current events, and daily human experience.*
4. Recognize diversity and individual differences and similarities (e.g., gender, ethnicity, race) in a variety of contexts.*
5. Assess and critically analyze theories, research methods and findings (outcomes), and applications developed by psychologists and made available through

¹American Psychological Association (2014). Strengthening the Common Core of the Introductory Psychology Course: <https://www.apa.org/ed/governance/bea/intro-psych-report.pdf>.

textbooks, newspapers, professional and lay periodicals, and the Internet.*

6. Recognize ethical considerations as applied to conducting research and professional conduct.

**PSYCHOLOGY TAG: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY TAG COURSE
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