Degree Type – Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree Title – Psychology

A college degree in psychology opens the door to one of the most challenging and rewarding professional fields today. Psychology students learn the necessary skills to assist people in improving their mental health; they also gain knowledge and abilities that are valued in many other fields, such as business and politics. At the bachelor's level, psychology graduates are sought in fields like mental health casework statistics, probation and corrections, public relations, health education, social work, human resources, recreational therapy, education, and physician assisting among others.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major schools of thought in Psychology. Measurement will involve an embedded question in the final exam.
- 2. Students will be able to explain the APA ethical guidelines for professional psychology.
- 3. Students will integrate knowledge of research methods, data collection and interpretation of data.
- 4. Students will respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education core requirements.

Required

Social and Behavioral Science - 3 hours

Must be outside Psychology.

B - MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - 38 HOURS (30 advanced)

1 – Psychology Core – 20 hours (12 advanced)

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

PSYC 2102 Orientation Majors for Psychology

PSYC 2401 Basic Statistics for Psychologists

PSYC 3325 Research Methods in Psychology

PSYC 3343 Tests and Measurements in Psychology

PSYC 3353 Physiological Psychology

PSYC 4363 Systems and Theories in Psychology

2 – Psychology Electives – 18 hours (18 advanced)

Choose at least one course from each area:

a – Cognitive Foundations – 3 hours minimum (3 advanced minimum)

Choose at least one:

PSYC 3345 Psychology of Learning

PSYC 3373 Sensation and Perception

PSYC 4319 Cognitive Psychology

PSYC 4320 Memory

b – Theoretical Foundations – 3 hours minimum (3 advanced minimum)

Choose at least one:

PSYC 4318 Theories of Learning

PSYC 4333 Theories of Personality

PSYC 4363 Systems and Theories in Psychology

c - Developmental/Social/Cultural Foundations - 3 hours minimum (3 advanced minimum)

Choose at least one:

PSYC 3324 Social Psychology

PSYC 3332 Developmental Psychology: Infancy Through Adolescence

PSYC 3333 Psychology of Adulthood: Maturity and Old Age

PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

PSYC 3338 Psychology of Gender

PSYC 4326 Cross-Cultural Psychology

PSYC 4328 Psychological Issues in the Mexican-American Community

d – Applications – 3 hours minimum (3 advanced minimum)

Choose at least one:

PSYC 3340 Stress Management

PSYC 3405 Behavior Modification

PSYC 4313 Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 4342 Psychology and Law

PSYC 4343 Human Factors

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 14 HOURS

D – RESTRICTED ELECTIVES – 8 HOURS

Choose 8 hours from any of the following disciplines: astronomy, biology, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, geology, physical science and physics.

E – MINOR – 18 HOURS (12 advanced)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 42 HOURS