Psychology (PSY)

**PSY 110 College Success and Career Planning**  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  
This course is designed to provide students with guidelines, strategies, and actions toward college success and career planning. Specific strategies for success are included in setting goals, planning ahead, time management, active learning, learning styles, study skills, choosing a major, planning a career, managing a healthy lifestyle, developing personal values, and workforce preparation.

**PSY 128 Human Relations**  
2 Hours  
Prerequisites: None  
2 hours weekly (2-0)  
A study of the patterns of human behavior that lead to effective interpersonal relationships in personal, social, and business situations. Emphasis is placed on the techniques used to solve problems of motivation, goals, and aspirations.

**PSY 132 General Psychology**  
IAI – S6 900  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: None  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  
General Psychology is an introductory course including the study of scientific research and application in regard to the psychological areas of affect, behavior, and cognition. This course is offered in the belief that an introduction to the many facets of psychology is an important part of anyone’s general educational development. Therefore, a general goal of this course is to prepare students to be informed critical thinkers of contemporary psychology, as well as to provide a foundation for further study in psychology.

**PSY 132H General Psychology (Honors)**  
1 Hour  
Prerequisites: PSY 132 and consent of instructor  
1 hour weekly (1-0)  
A course designed for honor students interested in meeting with a small group for discussion of psychological topics, field trips, and independent readings.

**PSY 200 Social Psychology**  
IAI – S8 900, IAI – PSY 908  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: PSY 132  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  
Social Psychology is an introductory course in the study of human group behavior. Research and theory are integrated in regard to the study of attitude formation, social perception and cognition, group processes and interpersonal relations, and social influences on behavior.  
This course is also offered as part of a study abroad program. Contact the Coordinator of International Education for more information.

**PSY 203 Adolescent Psychology**  
IAI – S6 904  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: PSY 132  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  
Adolescent Psychology examines interrelated biological, cognitive, social, and emotional aspects of development during adolescence based on a life-span perspective. Topics include family relationships, peer relations, the school experience, career choice and work, the college experience, identity formation, adjustment, moral development, and the development of intimacy and sexuality. The course concludes with a focus on adolescents at risk. Course content is based on theory, empirical research, and application.

**PSY 205 Theories of Personality**  
3 Hours  
Prerequisites: PSY 132  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  
Psychology 205 is an examination of the major theories of personality and the empirical research relating to these theories. Topics include psychoanalytic and neopsychoanalytic theories, humanistic, cognitive, behavioral/social, and trait theories. Emphasis will also be placed on personality assessment and research methods in the study of personality.
PSY 262 Child Psychology  
IAI – S6 903  
3 Hours  

Prerequisites: PSY 132  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  

A study of the factors affecting the development of the child from conception to adolescence. Genetic, prenatal, familial, social, and cultural influences that interact to affect the child’s physical, cognitive, linguistic, and social development will be examined.

PSY 265 Introduction to Special Education  
3 Hours  

Prerequisites: PSY 132 & EDC 202  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  

An introduction to the education and characteristics of exceptional people. This course surveys the history and educational practices in special education, including legislation and litigation. All classifications of special education, mental retardation, learning disabilities, hearing-impaired, etc., will be discussed. The course also covers the effects of disability conditions on learning situations.

*Students may be required to pass a background check in order to fulfill classroom observation requirements.*

PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology  
IAI – PSY 905  
3 Hours  

Prerequisites: PSY 132 or equivalent  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  

Abnormal Psychology is an introduction to the definition, understanding, and diagnosis of psychological disorders. Historical, cultural, empirical, and theoretical perspectives are combined to address etiology, assessment, treatment, and prevention.

PSY 285 Psychology of Personality  
3 Hours  

Prerequisites: PSY 132  
3 hours weekly (3-0)  

A study of the major perspectives on personality, integrating theory and research, and covering analytic and neo-analytic approaches along with cognitive, growth-humanistic, trait, behavioral/social learning, family systems and community psychology views on development, assessment, treatment and prevention.