SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE

The psychology curriculum explores scientific approaches to a wide range of psychological phenomena. Courses meet the needs of students desiring a knowledge of psychology as part of their general education or professional background, planning to secure entry-level jobs in human services occupations, or preparing for graduate study in psychology or related fields. The school offers a major program leading to a BA or BS degree in Psychology, a minor program for undergraduate students with majors in other disciplines, and a PhD program.

Graduates with bachelor degrees in psychology often find entry-level career positions in human services, law enforcement, business, education, management, sales, and also may go on to graduate study in such fields as psychology, counseling, social work, public and business administration, and law.

Undergraduate Programs

Major

- Psychology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-psychological-sciences/psychology-ba-bs-hba-hbs)

Minor

- Contemplative Studies (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-psychological-sciences/contemplative-studies-minor)
- Psychology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-psychological-sciences/psychology-minor)

Graduate Programs

Major

- Psychology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-psychological-sciences/psychology-ms-phd-mais)

Minor

- Psychology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/school-psychological-sciences/psychology-graduate-minor)

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Psychology

PSY 199. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 201. *GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY. (3 Credits)
Scientific study of behavior and experience. Biological bases of behavior; sensation and perception; conditioning, learning and memory; thinking, problem solving, language, and consciousness; cognitive, personal and social development. (SS) (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

PSY 202. *GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY. (3 Credits)
Motivation and emotion; personality; measurement of human differences; adjustment, psychopathology and psychotherapy; attitudes and social behavior. (SS) (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPSI – Core, Pers, Soc Proc & Inst; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core

PSY 301. RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Study of scientific methodology in psychology, including experimental and observational techniques. Topics include problem identification and hypothesis formation, research design, application of statistics, collection and interpretation of data, computer usage, and research report writing. Lec/lab.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-] and (ST 351 [D-] or ST 351H [D-])

PSY 330. BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR. (4 Credits)
Introduction to the relationships of the structure and functioning of the human brain to behavior. Information from neuroanatomy, neurochemistry, neurosurgery and neurology is combined with psychological research on both normal and abnormal human behavior. (SS)
Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 340. COGNITION. (4 Credits)
Theories, research and applications concerning cognition. Topics include perception, attention, memory, learning, thinking and language. (SS)
Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 350. HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
An introduction to physical, social, cognitive and linguistic development with an emphasis on theory and methodology. (SS)
Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 360. SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
The study of behavior and experience in a social context. Topics include person perception, attribution, attraction and love, attitudes and attitude change, aggression, social influence and group dynamics. Applications of social psychological principles to other fields, e.g., law, health care, etc. (SS)
Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]
Equivalent to: PSY 360H

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PSY 360H. SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
The study of behavior and experience in a social context. Topics include person perception, attribution, attraction and love, attitudes and attitude change, aggression and social influence and group dynamics. Applications of social psychological principles to other fields, e.g., law, health care, etc. (SS)
Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator; LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]
Equivalent to: PSY 360

PSY 370. PERSONALITY. (4 Credits)
An overview of major theories of personality is followed by an introduction to personality testing and research. (SS)
Attributes: LACS – Liberal Arts Social Core
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 381. ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey of various forms of psychological disorders; theories regarding etiology and treatment. Special emphasis on research approaches to such disorders.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]
Equivalent to: PSY 381H

PSY 399. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-6 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 6 credits.

PSY 399H. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-6 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 6 credits.

PSY 401. RESEARCH. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 402. INDEPENDENT STUDY. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 403. THESIS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 405. READING AND CONFERENCE. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 406. PROJECTS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 407. SEMINAR. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 408. WORKSHOP. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 410. FIELD EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES. (1-16 Credits)
Practicum/internship placement in community human service agencies. Includes regular on-site supervision, relevant readings, projects, and faculty site visits. Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 426. *PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER. (4 Credits)
Survey of theories, life cycles and contemporary problems of women and men in a social context. Scientific examination of gender related to psychological functioning and behavior. Topics can include psychological research on human similarities and differences in gender attitudes, relationships, sexuality, violence, employment, and mental health. (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective/Difference/Power/Discrimination
Prerequisites: PSY 202 with D- or better

PSY 432. PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Basic vertebrate neurophysiology and neuroanatomy in relation to behavior. Neural and hormonal correlates of sensation, learning, memory and motivation.
Prerequisites: PSY 330 with D- or better

PSY 433. PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Drug-brain-behavior interactions. Psychoactive drugs and their relationships to normal and abnormal behavior in humans.

PSY 434. *BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR METHODS. (4 Credits)
Methodology primarily in the area of neuropsychological research. Topics include the finding and interpretation of background literature, critical evaluation of research, hypothesis formulation, experimental design, data interpretation, reporting of results and methods, and weaving a conclusion and review article. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 330 [D-]

PSY 437. MOTIVATION. (4 Credits)
Biological, learning, and cognitive approaches to human and animal motivation. Topics include evolution, homeostasis, drive, arousal, incentive motivation, achievement motivation, and social motivation.
Prerequisites: (PSY 330 with D- or better or PSY 340 with D- or better) and PSY 301 [D-]

PSY 440. *COGNITION RESEARCH. (4 Credits)
Advanced scientific methodology primarily in the areas of attention, learning, memory, and thinking. Students will design their own research projects, collect and analyze data, and write a professional report. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 340 [D-]

PSY 442. PERCEPTION. (4 Credits)
Fundamental concepts of animal and human sensation and perception, with emphasis on audition and vision. Applications of psychophysical methods to research in all sensory modalities. Includes review workshops on basic mathematical, physical and physiological concepts necessary to interpret research in this field.
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and (PSY 330 [D-] or PSY 340 [D-])

PSY 444. LEARNING AND MEMORY. (4 Credits)
Experimental and theoretical work on learning, conditioning, and memory in animals and humans.
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 340 [D-]

PSY 448. CONSCIOUSNESS. (4 Credits)
Psychological, phenomenological, and physiological approaches to the content and processes of subjective awareness. Topics include philosophical issues, cortical and reticular neurophysiology, sleeping and dreaming, selective attention, imagery, and self-awareness.
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 340 [D-]
PSY 454. COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
Discusses intellectual development from infancy to adulthood. Topics include the origin of thinking, the development of perception, attention, memory, problem solving, language, academic skills, and social cognition. Piaget, Vygotsky, and information processing approaches will be discussed.
Prerequisites: PSY 350 with D- or better

PSY 456. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
Covers theories and research concerning human social development. Topics include theories of socialization, the development of social relationships; the self-concept; emotion; sex roles; social cognition; pro-social behavior; morality; self-control; and aggression.
Prerequisites: PSY 350 with D- or better

PSY 458. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION. (4 Credits)
Psychological processes involved in the acquisition and use of language throughout childhood. Biological, cognitive, and social influences on language will be discussed, as well as personal uses of language, such as language in thought and reading.
Prerequisites: PSY 350 with D- or better

PSY 460. *ADVANCED SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS. (4 Credits)
Advanced experimental research methods in the social sciences. Issues in psychological construct operationalization, experimental design, data collection, analysis, and report writing will be emphasized. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 360 [D-]

PSY 463. JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING. (4 Credits)
Explores ways to improve judgment and decision making through the application of research from cognitive psychology. Emphasis on development of critical thinking skills.
Prerequisites: PSY 340 with D- or better

PSY 464. SOCIAL COGNITION. (4 Credits)
Research and theory concerning cognitive structures and processes underlying social judgment and social behavior. Topics include attribution theory, social inference, person memory, schema-based information processing.
Prerequisites: PSY 360 with D- or better

PSY 465. WOMEN, WEIGHT, AND BODY IMAGE. (4 Credits)
Focuses on women's increasing struggles with weight, eating disorders, and broader body image issues in contemporary society. Explores how social institutions such as media, medicine, government contribute to weight bias and unhealthy standards for appearance. Examines weightism as a system of oppression that intersects with other systems of oppression including sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism, and ageism. CROSSLISTED as WGSS 465.

PSY 466. *FAT STUDIES. (4 Credits)
Examines body weight, shape, and size as an area of human difference subject to privilege and discrimination that intersects with other systems of oppression based on gender, race, class, age, sexual orientation, and ability. Employs a multi-disciplinary approach spanning the behavioral sciences and humanities. Frames weight-based oppression as a social justice issue, exploring forms of activism used to counter weightism perpetuated throughout various societal institutions. CROSSLISTED as WGSS 466/WGSS 566. (Bacc Core Course)
Attributes: CPDP – Core, Perspective, Difference/Power/Discrimination
Prerequisites: WGSS 223 with D- or better or WGSS 223H with D- or better or WGSS 224 with D- or better or WGSS 240 with D- or better or WGSS 262 with D- or better or WGSS 262H with D- or better or WGSS 270 with D- or better or WGSS 280 with D- or better or WGSS 280H with D- or better or WGSS 321 with D- or better or WGSS 325 with D- or better or WGSS 325H with D- or better or WGSS 340 with D- or better or WGSS 340H with D- or better or WGSS 350 with D- or better or WGSS 360 with D- or better or WGSS 360H with D- or better or WGSS 364 with D- or better or WGSS 364H with D- or better or WGSS 373 with D- or better or WGSS 375 with D- or better or WGSS 380 with D- or better or WGSS 380H with D- or better

PSY 467. POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey of classic and contemporary perspectives in political psychology. Special focus on how citizens form political judgments. Topics include personality, affect, cognition, group influence, voting, nationalism, and political tolerance.
Prerequisites: PSY 360 with D- or better

PSY 468. THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS. (4 Credits)
Explores the research and theory on the development, maintenance, and dissolution of human relationships. The course will examine various directions to the study of interpersonal relationships, including attachment, evolutionary-biological, cognition, and interdependence. Topics will also include physical attraction, love, friendship, communication, trust, jealousy, and several issues that are specific to troubled dyadic relations.
Prerequisites: PSY 360 with D- or better

PSY 470. *PSYCHOMETRICS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING. (4 Credits)
An introduction to psychological measurement is provided with emphasis on the notions of reliability and validity; advanced correlation techniques are introduced. These methods are applied to contemporary tests of personality, aptitude, and achievement. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and (PSY 340 [D-] or PSY 370 [D-] or PSY 380 [D-] or PSY 381 [D-] or PSY 481 [D-])

PSY 480. *CLINICAL RESEARCH METHODS. (4 Credits)
Advanced research methods used in clinical psychology research. Design of studies, assessment, data collection, and interpretation will be discussed. The clinical content area focused on will vary. (Writing Intensive Course)
Attributes: CWIC – Core, Skills, WIC
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and (PSY 380 [D-] or PSY 381 [D-] or PSY 481 [D-])

PSY 482. PSYCHOTHERAPY. (4 Credits)
Survey of the theory, techniques and research on the major contemporary systems of psychotherapy.
Prerequisites: PSY 370 with D- or better or PSY 380 with D- or better or PSY 381 with D- or better or PSY 481 with D- or better
PSY 483. DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Developmental perspective on child and adolescent psychological disorders including causal factors, associated features, and research-supported interventions.
Prerequisites: PSY 350 with D- or better or PSY 381 with D- or better or PSY 481 with D- or better

PSY 485. BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. (4 Credits)
Review of basics of operant and classical conditioning. Research on behavior modification and behavior therapy with both normal and abnormal animals, human adults, and children. Application areas include behavior problems, handicaps, eating disorders, time management, self-control stress management, contingency contracts, and cognitive therapies.
Prerequisites: PSY 350 with D- or better or PSY 380 with D- or better or PSY 381 with D- or better or PSY 481 with D- or better

PSY 486. YOGA AND MENTAL HEALTH. (4 Credits)
Examines the use of yoga in psychological practice with a particular focus on managing mental and physical illnesses.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 492. CONSERVATION PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Explores connections between the study of human behavior and the achievement of conservation goals. Understanding how people think about and interact with nature is crucial for promoting environmental sustainability and human well-being. Students will examine theory and research on human cognitive, emotional, and behavioral responses to nature.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 493. POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Psychological theory, research, and interventions directed at how humans can flourish and identify and enhance positive strengths. Topics include positive emotional and cognitive states and processes, prosocial behavior, positive school and work environments, and discovering meaning in life.
Prerequisites: PSY 360 with D- or better or PSY 370 with D- or better

PSY 494. ENGINEERING PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey human capabilities and limitations in human-machine interaction, including vision, memory, attention, motor control, and human error. Emphasis on theory and implications for system designs.
Prerequisites: PSY 301 with D- or better and PSY 340 [D-]

PSY 495. PSYCHOLOGY OF MEDITATION. (4 Credits)
Explores the psychological processes of meditation, and requires regular meditation sessions by students. Readings ranging from traditional Eastern philosophy to empirical psychological research journal articles will focus on outcomes and effective methods of meditation practice.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better or PSY 202 with D- or better

PSY 496. INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey of psychological research and theory relevant to organizations, industry, and other work settings. Topics include training, employee selection, performance evaluation, work attitudes, and motivation.
Prerequisites: PSY 360 with D- or better or PSY 370 with D- or better

PSY 497. EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Evolutionary approach to the study of psychology. Focus on psychological mechanisms as evolved traits.
Prerequisites: PSY 201 with D- or better and PSY 202 [D-]

PSY 498. HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Psychological factors in the maintenance of good health and in the prevention of, treatment of, and recovery from illness: Behavioral contributions to illness, life-style risk factors, stress and the immune system, psychological response to symptoms and care-givers, health habits and self-care, management of pain and chronic illness, disability and terminal illness.
Prerequisites: PSY 330 with D- or better or PSY 340 with D- or better or PSY 350 with D- or better or PSY 360 with D- or better or PSY 370 with D- or better or PSY 381 with D- or better or PSY 481 with D- or better

PSY 499. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
Newly emerging or specialized topics that can only be offered occasionally or for particular purposes. Each offering will be structured with a syllabus.
Equivalent to: PSY 499H
This course is repeatable for 30 credits.

PSY 499H. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
Newly emerging or specialized topics that can only be offered occasionally or for particular purposes. Each offering will be structured with a syllabus.
Attributes: HNRS – Honors Course Designator
Equivalent to: PSY 499

PSY 501. RESEARCH. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 502. INDEPENDENT STUDY. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 503. THESIS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

PSY 505. READING AND CONFERENCE. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 506. PROJECTS. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 507. SEMINAR. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 508. WORKSHOP. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 510. FIELD EXPERIENCE IN HUMAN SERVICES. (3-15 Credits)
Practicum/internship placement in community human service agencies. Includes regular on-site supervision, relevant readings, projects, and faculty site visits. Graded P/N.
This course is repeatable for 16 credits.

PSY 514. RESEARCH METHODS I. (4 Credits)
An introduction to the tools and methods that psychologists use to examine the processes that underlie human behavior. Emphasis is on the skills necessary for completing a research study: hypothesis formulation, design criteria, data collection, analysis, interpretation, write-up, and presentation of results. Utilizes a combination of readings, discussions, and class exercises. Course culminates in an independent research project proposal.
Prerequisites: ST 511 with B- or better
PSY 521. ISSUES IN PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. (1 Credit)
Professional development seminar focused on professional issues specific to the field of research-based psychology. Includes writing for publication, professional speaking, professional development and leadership, and current professional and research controversies. Each iteration of the course over the academic year will have a different focus. Graded P/N. This course is repeatable for 3 credits.

PSY 523. ETHICS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH. (1 Credit)
Covers research ethics in psychology. Topics include the history of research-oriented ethical guidelines, ethical principles, working with an IRB, questionable research practices, and fraud. Meets OSU’s Learning Outcome regarding the ethical conduct of research.

PSY 526. PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER. (4 Credits)
Survey of theories, life cycles and contemporary problems of women and men in a social context. Scientific examination of gender related to psychological functioning and behavior. Topics can include psychological research on human similarities and differences in gender attitudes, relationships, sexuality, violence, employment, and mental health.

PSY 531. GRADUATE BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE. (4 Credits)
Neurobiological underpinnings of behavior examining animal and human research on neural structure and function in relation to typical and atypical behavior, including psychiatric disorders.

PSY 533. PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Drug-brain-behavior interactions. Psychoactive drugs and their relationships to normal and abnormal behavior in humans.

PSY 534. BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR METHODS. (4 Credits)
Methodology primarily in the area of neuropsychological research. Topics include the finding and interpretation of background literature, critical evaluation of research, hypothesis formulation, experimental design, data interpretation, reporting of results and methods, and weaving a conclusion and review article.

PSY 537. MOTIVATION. (4 Credits)
Biological, learning, and cognitive approaches to human and animal motivation. Topics include evolution, homeostasis, drive, arousal, incentive motivation, achievement motivation, and social motivation.

PSY 540. COGNITION RESEARCH. (4 Credits)
Advanced scientific methodology primarily in the areas of attention, learning, memory, and thinking. Students will design their own research projects, collect and analyze data, and write a professional report.

PSY 541. GRADUATE SEMINAR IN COGNITION. (4 Credits)
Cognitive psychology studies the processes by which human beings notice, encode, remember, and use information. A graduate-level survey that covers the history, methods, important findings, and major theories of the field, with an emphasis on reading and critically analyzing articles from the primary research literature. Topics of interest will include perception and object recognition, attention, working memory, long-term memory, concepts and categorization, and judgment and decision making.

PSY 542. PERCEPTION. (4 Credits)
Fundamental concepts of animal and human sensation and perception, with emphasis on audition and vision. Applications of psychophysical methods to research in all sensory modalities. Includes review workshops on basic mathematical, physical and physiological concepts necessary to interpret research in this field.

PSY 544. LEARNING AND MEMORY. (4 Credits)
Experimental and theoretical work on learning, conditioning, and memory in animals and humans.

PSY 548. CONSCIOUSNESS. (4 Credits)
Psychological, phenomenological, and physiological approaches to the content and processes of subjective awareness. Topics include philosophical issues, cortical and reticular neurophysiology, sleeping and dreaming, selective attention, imagery, and self-awareness.

PSY 551. LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENCE. (4 Credits)
The study of human change and stability over time. Topics may include, but are not limited to, theories, methodological approaches, and contexts for development, social development, cognitive development, and biopsychosocial processes including temperament and personality, resilience, health, thriving, emotion regulation, and developmental contexts.

PSY 554. COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
Discusses intellectual development from infancy to adulthood. Topics include the origin of thinking, the development of perception, attention, memory, problem solving, language, academic skills, and social cognition. Piaget, Vygotsky, and information processing approaches will be discussed.

PSY 556. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. (4 Credits)
Covers theories and research concerning human social development. Topics include theories of socialization; the development of social relationships; the self-concept; emotion; sex roles; social cognition; prosocial behavior; morality; self-control; and aggression.

PSY 558. LANGUAGE ACQUISITION. (4 Credits)
Psychological processes involved in the acquisition and use of language throughout childhood. Biological, cognitive, and social influences on language will be discussed, as well as personal uses of language, such as language in thought and reading.

PSY 560. ADVANCED SOCIAL RESEARCH METHODS. (4 Credits)
Advanced experimental research methods in the social sciences. Issues in psychological construct operationalization, experimental design, data collection, analysis, and report writing will be emphasized.

PSY 561. GRADUATE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
A graduate level survey course of the theories, methods, and empirical findings that constitute the field of social psychology. Topics will include, but not be limited to, person perception, social cognition, attitudes, attitude change, persuasion, interpersonal attraction, relationships, small-group processes, altruism, and aggression.

PSY 564. SOCIAL COGNITION. (4 Credits)
Research and theory concerning cognitive structures and processes underlying social judgment and social behavior. Topics include attribution theory, social inference, person memory, schema-based information processing.

PSY 565. WOMEN, WEIGHT, AND BODY IMAGE. (4 Credits)
Focuses on women’s increasing struggles with weight, eating disorders, and broader body image issues in contemporary society. Explores how social institutions such as media, medicine, government contribute to weight bias and unhealthy standards for appearance. Examines weightism as a system of oppression that intersects with other systems of oppression including sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism, and ageism.
PSY 566. FAT STUDIES. (4 Credits)
Examines body weight, shape, and size as an area of human difference subject to privilege and discrimination that intersects with other systems of oppression based on gender, race, class, age, sexual orientation, and ability. Employs a multi-disciplinary approach spanning the behavioral sciences and humanities. Frames weight-based oppression as a social justice issue, exploring forms of activism used to counter weightism perpetuated throughout various societal institutions. CROSSTLISTED as WGSS 466/WGSS 566.
Equivalent to: WGSS 566

PSY 570. PSYCHOMETRICS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING. (4 Credits)
An introduction to psychological measurement is provided, with emphasis on the notions of reliability and validity; advanced correlational techniques are introduced. These methods are applied to contemporary tests of personality, aptitude, and achievement.

PSY 571. GRADUATE PSYCHOMETRICS. (4 Credits)
A graduate level introduction to psychological testing theory and practice, and to ethical, sociopolitical, psychological, and psychometric issues in the use of psychological tests. Particularly emphasizes basic psychometric principles that are important in scale construction, test evaluation, and practical assessment.
Prerequisites: ST 511 with B- or better and ST 512 [B-]

PSY 580. CLINICAL RESEARCH METHODS. (4 Credits)
Advanced research methods used in clinical psychology research. Design of studies, assessment, data collection, and interpretation will be discussed. The clinical content area focused on will vary.

PSY 581. GRADUATE SEMINAR IN CLINICAL RESEARCH AND THEORY. (4 Credits)
Focuses on major concepts, theory, and empirical findings on the causes and treatment of psychological disorders. The seminar emphasizes culture, context, bias, and stigma, as well as application of principles of clinical science to students’ graduate program research agendas.

PSY 582. PSYCHOTHERAPY. (4 Credits)
Survey of the theory, techniques and research on the major contemporary systems of psychotherapy.

PSY 583. DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Developmental perspective on child and adolescent psychological disorders including causal factors, associated features, and research-supported interventions.

PSY 585. BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. (4 Credits)
Review of basics of operant and classical conditioning. Research on behavior modification and behavior therapy with both normal and abnormal animals, human adults, and children. Application areas include: behavior problems, handicaps, eating disorders, time management, self-control, stress management, contingency contracts, and cognitive therapies.

PSY 586. YOGA AND MENTAL HEALTH. (4 Credits)
Examines the use of yoga in psychological practice with a particular focus on managing mental and physical illnesses.

PSY 591. GRADUATE SEMINAR IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Covers the theories, methods, and empirical findings that constitute the field of health psychology. Topics include, but are not limited to, the interaction of multiple factors involved in etiology, prevention, treatment, and course of illness and disability; health behavior, health promotion, and health risks; stress and coping in health; long-term care and adaptation to chronic illness or disability; practice of institutional healthcare.

PSY 592. CONSERVATION PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Explores connections between the study of human behavior and the achievement of conservation goals. Understanding how people think about and interact with nature is crucial for promoting environmental sustainability and human well-being. Students will examine theory and research on human cognitive, emotional, and behavioral responses to nature.

PSY 593. POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Psychological theory, research, and interventions directed at how humans can flourish and identify and enhance positive strengths. Topics include positive emotional and cognitive states and processes, prosocial behavior, positive school and work environments, and discovering meaning in life.

PSY 594. ENGINEERING PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey human capabilities and limitations in human-machine interaction, including vision, memory, attention, motor control, and human error. Emphasis on theory and implications for system designs.

PSY 595. PSYCHOLOGY OF MEDITATION. (4 Credits)
Explores the psychological processes of meditation, and requires regular meditation sessions by students. Readings ranging from traditional Eastern philosophy to empirical psychological research journal articles will focus on outcomes and effective methods of meditation practice.

PSY 596. INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Survey of psychological research and theory relevant to organizations, industry, and other work settings. Topics include training, employee selection, performance evaluation, work attitudes, and motivation.

PSY 598. HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Psychological factors in the maintenance of good health and in the prevention of, treatment of, and recovery from illness: Behavioral contributions to illness, life-style risk factors, stress and the immune system, psychological response to symptoms and care-givers, health habits and self-care, management of pain and chronic illness, disability and terminal illness.

PSY 599. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
This course is repeatable for 99 credits.

PSY 601. RESEARCH. (1-16 Credits)
Research credits for PhD students in Psychological Science. Graded P/N. This course is repeatable for 99 credits.

PSY 603. THESIS/DISSERTATION. (1-16 Credits)
Graded P/N. This course is repeatable for 999 credits.

PSY 643. APPLIED COGNITION. (4 Credits)
Surveys a range of applied cognition research in real-world settings, including aviation, driving, business, education, sports, legal practice, and everyday activities.

PSY 649. ADVANCED ENGINEERING PSYCHOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Advanced survey of human information processing and performance in human-technology systems, with emphasis on theory, methodology, and implications for system analysis and design.

PSY 697. GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING. (4 Credits)
For graduate students of all majors on the translation of cognitive, social, and developmental psychological science for the practice of university teaching and learning. Topics include memory, attention, metacognition, motivation, interpersonal and developmental processes, and individual differences. Emphasis on critical review of theories and methods, and practical applications for university teaching.
PSY 699. SPECIAL TOPICS. (1-16 Credits)
Special topics for advanced graduate students. Graded A-F.
This course is repeatable for 99 credits.