

Department of Psychology and Sociology

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The Department of Psychology and Sociology is committed to the goals of a liberal education emphasizing human growth and intellectual development through an understanding of individual behavior, social interaction and cultural awareness. The various programs in the department are geared specifically toward the professional preparation of social scientists and practitioners in the areas of human development, gender and minority relations, families and children, Mexican American culture and folklore, U.S.-Mexico borderlands studies, abnormal and deviant behavior, counseling and criminology. Opportunities for undergraduate research and service learning are provided.

The department promotes critical analyses and creative approaches surrounding the well-being of South Texas. It provides a comprehensive level of quality instruction, research and community involvement. By doing so it supports the academic, research and service goals of the College of Arts and Sciences and the mission of the University.

The department offers majors and minors in Criminology, Psychology, Sociology; and minors in Anthropology, Mexican American Studies and Southwest Borderlands Studies, and Human Development and Family Studies.

Anthropology (ANTH)

ANTH 2301 Introduction to Archeology **3 SCH (3-0)**

General introduction to the field of archeology. Emphasis on methods of data collection, analysis and a world review of major events in the development of past human civilizations.

ANTH 2302 Intro to Anthropology **3 SCH (3-0)**

Major aspects of culture (social organization, economics, religion, etc.); cultural patterns and sociocultural change; prehistory of humans and the development of their culture.

ANTH 2303 Intro to Physical Anthropol **3 SCH (3-0)**

An introduction to the origins and evolution of humans as reconstructed from the fossil record and from patterns of anatomical, behavioral and genetic similarity among living primates.

ANTH 3301 American Cultures Before 1492 **3 SCH (3-0)**

Development of Native American cultures (Maya, Inca, Aztec and related cultural traditions) of U.S., Mexico, Central and South America before Spanish, English and French conquest. Optional field trip when possible. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology/Southwest Borderlands Studies or 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 3302 Prin of Cultural Anthropol **3 SCH (3-0)**

Major approaches in the field of cultural anthropology and the major influences on the discipline; introduction to research methodology used in both primitive and modern societies. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of ANTH or 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 3304 Fundamentals of Archaeology **3 SCH (3)**

Methods of data collection, analysis and theory in anthropological archaeology. Case studies of cultural development in selected ancient and historic societies. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 4301 Social Theory **3 SCH (3-0)**

Development of social theory as represented by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim and Weber, to contemporary schools of thought, including functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism, structuralism and world systems theory. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both ANTH 4301 and SOCI 4383.)

ANTH 4303 Folk Medicine **3 SCH (3-0)**

An examination of the folk medical system of Mexican Americans from an anthropological perspective. Includes an exploration of household remedies (including herbal remedies), folk illness syndromes, various folk healers (including parteras, or midwives, and sobadores, or massagers), curanderismo (folk healing) and bruja (witchcraft) in present-day Mexican American culture in South Texas and the Southwest. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology/Southwest Borderlands Studies or 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 4305 Language and Culture **3 SCH (3-0)**

Introduction to the social and cultural aspects of language and provides framework and methodology for studying and analyzing the many elements which make up verbal and non-verbal communication in various speech communities in the United States. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology/Southwest Borderlands Studies or 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 4308 Latin American Culture 3 SCH (3-0)

Origin and development of contemporary cultural forms in Latin America. Industrialization, socioeconomic and demographic change are examined from several theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology/Southwest Borderlands Studies or 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 4348 Multicultural Groups 3 SCH (3-0)

Issues of multicultural groups with salient ethnic characteristics; analysis of the concept of ethnic identity and belonging, and examination of the dynamics of group cohesion within political, economic, social, and immigration contexts. Prerequisites: junior standing or approval of the instructor. (Credit may not be given for both ANTH 4348 and SOCI 4348.)

ANTH 4350 Selected Topics in Anthropol 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research in anthropological areas not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of social science.

ANTH 4362 Race Relations 3 SCH (3-0)

Critical analysis of the concept of race, analysis of subordinate peoples in the United States and around the world. Emphasis on dynamics of problems of subordinate groups. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be given for both ANTH 4362 and SOCI 4362.)

ANTH 4382 Methods of Social Research 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research, including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts and objectivity. Prerequisites: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may be obtained in only one of ANTH 4382, CRIM 4382 or SOCI 4382.)

Criminology (CRIM)

CRIM 3302 Social Deviance 3 SCH (3-0)

Survey of the sociological and psychological aspects of deviant behavior. Nature of deviance, types of deviant behavior, causal theories and social policy implications. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 3302 and SOCI 3302.) Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Criminology or Sociology.

CRIM 3320 Psych of Criminal Behavior 3 SCH (3-0)

Psychological processes related to behaviorism, social learning theory, aggression theory, bio-psychological factors, criminal homicide, sexual offenses, drugs and crime, correctional psychology, the criminal offender and the mentally disordered offender. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 3320 and PSYC 3320.) Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and SOCI 1301.

CRIM 3321 Introduction to Criminology 3 SCH (3-0)

Extent, types, causation, patterns and organization, apprehension, punishment treatment, agents and agencies related to crime and criminals, including experiences such as field trips and visits to jail may be included. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 3321 and SOCI 3321.) Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

CRIM 3322 Juvenile Delinquency 3 SCH (3-0)

Incidences, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as field trips to juvenile institutions. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 3322 and SOCI 3322.) Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

CRIM 4304 Juvenile Delinquency 3 SCH (3-0)

Incidence, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as trips to juvenile institutions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 4304 and SOCI 4304.)

CRIM 4320 Law and Society 3 SCH (3-0)

An in-depth examination of law and society through the philosophy and evolution of legal systems and legal institutions. The major functions of law as agents of social control, dispute resolution and societal engineering are addressed. Prerequisites: POLS 2304 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology, Criminology, or Criminal Justice. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4320, CRIM 4320, and SOCI 4320.)

CRIM 4321 Criminological Theory (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

An overview of the principle theories of criminality and the application of these theories to contemporary crime issues. Prerequisite: CRIM 3321 or SOCI 3321.

CRIM 4325 Corrections 3 SCH (3-0)

Overview of social psychological, cultural, sociological and political factors related to the correctional enterprise. Includes treatment of the context of corrections, correctional practices, correctional issues, correctional institutions and correctional perspectives. May include field trips to correctional institutions. Prerequisite: CRIM 3321 or SOCI 3321. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 4325 and SOCI 4325.)

CRIM 4326 Commun Resources in Correction 3 SCH (3-0)

An analysis of correctional processes and facilities available at the community level. Topics include: probation, parole, diversion, halfway houses, community reintegration procedures, community treatment centers and volunteer programs. Emphasis is placed on social structure, functions and problems of community-based programs. May include practical experiences such as field trips. Prerequisites: CRIM 3321 and SOCI 1301.

CRIM 4327 Organized Crime 3 SCH (3-0)

Social structure and organizational factors leading to the development of organized criminal activity, as analyzed from a sociological perspective. The nature, extent, types, costs, and structure of white-collar crimes will be treated. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4328 White Collar Crime 3 SCH (3-0)

Types of white collar crime; the social structure and organizational factors leading to its development. Its nature, extent, and costs, as well as society's response. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4331 Constitutional Law I 3 SCH (3-0)

A survey of American constitutional law, using leading cases, both historic and contemporary, of the Supreme Court of the United States. Establishment of the federal political system for which the Constitution provided and the judicial allocations of political and economic power within that system.

Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Political Science. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of political science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4331, CRIM 4331 and POLS 4331.)

CRIM 4332 Constitutional Law II 3 SCH (3-0)

A survey of American constitutional law, using leading cases, both historic and contemporary, of the Supreme Court of the United States. Matters of rights and liberties, their recognition and definition, policies of rights developed by the Supreme Court of the United States. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of political science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4332, CRIM 4332 and POLS 4332.)

CRIM 4333 American Judicial Process 3 SCH (3-0)

The federal Judicial System in terms of structure, function and process with stress on court interaction at both intracourt and intersystem levels.

Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of political science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4333, CRIM 4333 and POLS 4333.)

CRIM 4336 Drugs and Social Control 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research pertaining to the social control of drugs. Critical analyses of the normative and legal rules governing distribution, use, and overall consumption patterns in both legal and illegal contexts. Prerequisites: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4336, PSYC 4336, and SOCI 4336.)

CRIM 4337 Peace Studies 3 SCH (3-0)

Analyses of relevant theories and concepts such as peace building, social and environment justice, as well as direct, structural, and cultural violence. Causes and consequences of socioeconomic inequality and human suffering including racism, sexism, and various other forms of prejudice and social discrimination. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4337, PSYC 4337, and SOCI 4337.)

CRIM 4338 Police and Society 3 SCH (3-0)

Types of policing agencies and police in contemporary American society, treated in terms of their nature, organization, functions, problems, and components. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4340 Topics in Criminology 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research in the area of criminology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. Topics will vary according to needs, interests and capability of the instructor. May be repeated once for credit when topic differs. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4342 Substance Abuse 3 SCH (3-0)

A general survey of current research on psychological, social, legal and situational factors involved in substance usage and its effect on human behavior and criminal activity. Includes a treatment of therapeutic procedures and facilities. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 4342 and PSYC 4342.)

Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology or Psychology.

CRIM 4345 Victimology 3 SCH (3-0)

An examination of the historical role of crime victims, nature of victimization in modern society, the victimization process, solutions to victimization and victim's rights. Emphasis given to the social, legal, psychological and societal aspects of victimization. Victim-offender interaction and societal response to victimization will also be treated. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 4345 and CRIJ 4345.)

CRIM 4346 Gangs and Gang Behavior 3 SCH (3-0)

Gangs and gang behavior from a cross-cultural perspective. The historical evolution of gangs in America and Europe. Emphasis on the causes, consequences and social control of gangs in relation to society. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4348 Violence 3 SCH (3-0)

Types of violence from a historical and cross-cultural perspective, identifying and delineating patterns of violent behavior. Social structure and culture are linked to violence and examined in the context of individuals, groups and societies. Emphasis is placed on the social control of violence. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.

CRIM 4382 Methods of Social Research 3 SCH (3)

Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts and objectivity. (Credit may be obtained in only one of CRIM 4382, ANTH 4382 or SOCI 4382.) Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology.

CRIM 4384 Directed Research in Crim 1-3 SCH (0-1-3)

Supervised research experience in criminology. Student will assist with a research project by working under the individual guidance of a faculty member. Requirements may include library research, data collection, data entry, statistical analysis and/or assistance in planning and conducting parts of a research project. A paper on the research experience is required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit. Prerequisites: SOCI 3381 or PSYC 3381, CRIM 4382 and 6 other semester hours of Criminology. (Consent of instructor required.) Credit/Non-credit.

Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)

HDFS 2320 Foundations of Human Dvpt **3 SCH (2-2)**

Introduction to psychosocial and family development at all stages of the individual and family life cycle. Overview of the theories and enhancement of development and growth in physical, mental, social and emotional areas within a family context.

Fee: \$5.00

HDFS 2321 Prenatal Infant & Toddler Dev **3 SCH (2-2)**

In-depth study of the theories of child growth and development from conception through the first two years. Includes interactions with caregivers, peers and the environment.

Fee: \$5.00

HDFS 2322 Family & Community Health **3 SCH (3-0)**

Personal, family and community health problems; community and government health agencies; principles of first aid and home care of the sick with special reference to the care of children and the aged.

HDFS 2323 Marriage & Family Relations **3 SCH (3-0)**

Analysis of the family unit as a group of interacting members at each stage of the life cycle. Emphasis on the cultural and social influences upon dating, intimacy, commitment and marriage. Exploration of positive communication skills and relationship enhancement techniques and alternate life styles in modern society.

HDFS 3320 Development of Early Childhood **3 SCH (2-2)**

In-depth study of the theories of child growth and developmental as they relate to each developmental domain during early childhood. Observation and participation required.

Fee: \$5.00

HDFS 3322 Parenthood **3 SCH (3-0)**

Parenthood Basic principles and skills for parent effectiveness, diverse parenting situations, parent-child interaction and communication. Methods, materials, and techniques for teaching parenting. Prerequisite: junior standing.

HDFS 3333 Child Preven Strategies **3 SCH (3-0)**

This course will focus on each developmental domain and explore what impact child maltreatment has on development, behaviors, and relationships. The course will explore root causes of each type of abuse, prevalence, and impact at the individual, filial and community level. This course includes examination of state and national-level evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies. Enrollment is open to any students interested in child advocacy but can be difficult to discuss at times. Prerequisite: Junior Standing.

HDFS 4320 The Family in Later Life **3 SCH (3-0)**

Family-oriented problem solving and its relation to major gerontological issues such as intergenerational struggles, independence, loneliness, alternative living arrangements; an examination of family kinship patterns in later life; relationships with spouse, adult children and siblings.

HDFS 4321 Development in Young Adulthood **3 SCH (3-0)**

In-depth student of the theoretical approach related to development during early adulthood. Includes discussion of various transitions emerging adults are faced with (e.g., starting college, delaying family); social and economic pressures and motivation that impact and shape behaviors and choices made during young adulthood.

HDFS 4322 Family Theory **3 SCH (3-0)**

Study of theories (e.g., social exchange systems) that focus on filial structure, communication, family stressors and dynamics with a postmodern approach. Assesses central tenets of each theory and how they can help facilitate an understanding of the family today (e.g., public policy).

HDFS 4343 Special Topics in HDFS **3 SCH (3-0)**

This special topics course focuses on recent developments in theory, philosophy, research and/or applied approaches to human development and family studies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Psychology (PSYC)

PSYC 2301 Introd to Psychology **3 SCH (3-0)**

Scientific method of psychology; psychological phenomena and basic processes necessary to understanding human behavior.

PSYC 2305 Women Issues in Health and Sex **3 SCH (3-0)**

Examines health and medical issues for women, legal and political realities that influence women's lives and important aspects of intimacy and sexuality with a focus on both physiological and psychological development. (Credit can be received in only one of PSYC 2305, EDHL 2305 or WMST 2305.)

PSYC 2306 Human Sexuality **3 SCH (3-0)**

Biophysical and psychological aspects of human sexuality. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 2306 and SOCI 2306.)

PSYC 2308 Child Psychology **3 SCH (3-0)**

A scientific study of the child as a sentient organism. The best methods of child study; native and learned behavior patterns and their development; the nature, amount and significance of individual differences; typical and atypical child behavior; emotions; play; language; work in specific capacity and interest; growing personality. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and sophomore standing.

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Developmental Psyc 3 SCH (3-0)

Human growth and development through the prenatal, child, adolescent, and adult stages of life. Physical, emotional, psychosocial, and cognitive influences from conception to death will be addressed.

PSYC 3301 Social Psychology (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Theory and phenomena of social psychology. The nature and type of social variables and the methods used to study them. The effect of social variables upon the behavior of individuals. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 3301 and SOCI 3301.) Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of psychology or PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of social sciences courses.

PSYC 3303 Psychol of Pers Adjustment 3 SCH (3-0)

Adjustment problems of normal people. Principles of healthy psychological functioning in relation to family, peers, career, community and culture. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 3304 Introd to Learning Psychol 3 SCH (3-0)

General principles of learning and memory and an introduction to learning theory. Emphasis on motivation, conditioning and problem-solving. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 3313 Psychology of Women (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

An overview of the broad range of psychological issues and biological events which are significant relevance to women. Explores the richness of the female experience in terms of changing values, attitudes and expectations. Prerequisite: 6 hours of Psychology. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 3313 and WGST 3313.)

PSYC 3314 Psychology of Adolescence 3 SCH (3-0)

Treats the definition of adolescence, research and theory concerning the biological, moral, sex-role, personality and emotional development. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science approved by the instructor.

PSYC 3315 Health Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Examines and defines the nature of illness and healing through the integration of biophysiological, psychoneuroimmunological, psychological and environmental factors. Examines stress and stress management techniques. Prerequisites: 9 hours of social science and PSYC 2301.

PSYC 3320 Psych of Criminal Behavior 3 SCH (3-0)

Psychological processes related to behaviorism, social learning theory, aggression theory, bio-psychological factors, criminal homicide, sexual offenses, drugs and crime, correctional psychology, the criminal offender and the mentally disordered offender. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 3320 and CRIM 3320.) Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and SOCI 1301.

PSYC 3325 Evolutionary Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Explores the extent to which the explanatory approaches of physical anthropology, based in modern evolutionary and genetic theory, can be usefully applied to the study of psychological traits. Grounding in biological theories, dissection of a wide range of psychological topics, including sensation and perception, consciousness, emotion and motivation, cognition, learning, individual differences, and social behaviors such as mating and parenting. Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and 6 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 3381 Statistics for Behavioral Sci 3 SCH (3-0)

Statistics course designed for students in behavioral sciences with a focus on descriptive and inferential statistics. Covers fundamental concepts in sampling, data structure and organization, as well as statistical analysis and interpretation. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 3381 and SOCI 3381.) Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.

PSYC 3387 Experimental Psychology 3 SCH (2-2)

Introduction to experimentation in psychology. Basic experiments will be performed on the discriminative process, motivation and learning. Prerequisites: 6 semester hours of Psychology and PSYC 3381 or equivalent.

PSYC 3482 Behavioral Statistics 4 SCH (4-0)

Statistics for students in Psychology, Sociology, and Criminology programs. Emphasis on descriptive and inferential techniques. Basic concepts in data sampling, data organization, statistic selection, and using statistical software. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of PSYC 3381, SOCI 3381, PSYC 3482, or SOCI 3482.)

PSYC 3487 Experimental Psychology (WI) 4 SCH (3-2)

Introduction to experimentation in psychology. Basic experiments will be performed on the discriminative process, motivation, and learning. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Psychology and one of the following: PSYC 3381, SOCI 3381, PSYC 3482, or equivalent.

PSYC 4301 Cross-Cultural Psychology (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Psychological processes related to perception, cognition, human development, psychopathology, gender influences and social behavior from a cross-cultural perspective. Current theories, methods and research findings. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology. (May be counted as any one of the following: PSYC 4301, ANTH 3301, ANTH 3302, or ANTH 4305.)

PSYC 4302 Indust Organizatnl Psyc (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Application of psychological principles to the world of work and to organizations. Topics include recruitment and selection of employees, evaluation of job performance, motivation, training, leadership, job satisfaction and work teams. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of psychology courses or PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of social science courses.

PSYC 4303 Environmental Psychology (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Relationships between people and the environments in which they live, work and play, from a broad interdisciplinary perspective encompassing psychology, sociology, urban planning, landscape architecture, public policy and public health. Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4304 Family Therapy 3 SCH (3-0)

An overview of family systems approaches to etiology and treatment. Family dysfunctions that result from drug and alcohol usage and other causes are emphasized. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of psychology.

PSYC 4305 Advanced Human Sexuality 3 SCH (3-0)

Psychosocial factors in human sexuality with emphasis on sexual adjustment, sexual dysfunctions, sexual variations and new approaches in sex therapy. Appropriate field trips may be included. Prerequisite: PSYC 2306 or SOCI 2306. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 4305 and SOCI 4305.)

PSYC 4306 Intro. to Neuropsychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Comprehensive introduction to the relationship between brain and behavior. Topics include the foundations of neuropsychology, the brain's organization and functional systems, and neuropsychological perspectives of memory, attention, language, emotion, and spatial functions, and their related disorders.

PSYC 4307 Psychopharmacology 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to psychopharmacology, summarizing the basic concepts of the functions of the organs and systems of the human body. Identification and assessment of the actions, effects, uses and abuses of legal and illegal drugs.

PSYC 4308 Psychological Testing 3 SCH (3-0)

An introduction into the rationale of psychological measurement. Test construction, validity, reliability, standardization and statistical treatment of test results. Various accepted tests will be examined as they present measurement of significant individual characteristics. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 6 additional semester hours of Psychology, including PSYC 3381 or its equivalent.

PSYC 4311 Intro. to Counseling Skills 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to counseling, counseling theories, and interpersonal communication skills that facilitate counseling relationships. Designed for upper-division undergraduates considering a helping profession or who wish to know more about counseling before entering into graduate study.

PSYC 4312 Physiological Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to the physiological substrata of behavior; including basic neuroanatomy, research techniques, basic physiology, sensory processes and central nervous system functions. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301.

PSYC 4315 Sel Topics in Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research in areas of psychology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once as topics change. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4317 Moral Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Well-being, moral responsibility, ethical naturalism, innateness or morality, moral heuristics and biases, moral intuitions, emotions and sentiments, morality and evolution, egoism and altruism, moral disagreement, character and virtue, psychopathology, and moral development. (Credit may not be obtained in both PHIL 4317 and PSYC 4317.)

PSYC 4320 Counseling Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

in-depth examination of counseling psychology and various theoretical approaches. Includes the implications of these approaches to our understanding of human nature, illness, change, and potential.

PSYC 4322 Psychology of Personality 3 SCH (3-0)

A comparison of personality theories and the implications for personality development and change. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4323 History & Systems of Psyc 3 SCH (3-0)

Important historical antecedents and contemporary psychological systems. An exit course that integrates diverse material encountered in the discipline. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 6 additional semester hours of advanced Psychology; senior standing.

PSYC 4325 Abnormal Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Personality development and adjustment, causes of abnormal behavior, neuroses, psychoses, suicide, personality disorders and crime. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4328 Psychology of Perception 3 SCH (3-0)

Analysis of basic perceptual phenomena and theories of perception. Emphasis on sensation, attention, meaning and structural concepts. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4329 Cognitive Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Examination of current information-processing models of human cognition. Emphasis on the processes by which stimuli are identified, by which past information is retrieved and used, and by which one's knowledge is modified. Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4330 Biological Psychology 3 SCH (3-0)

Explores brain-behavior relationships with special emphasis on clinical examples. How the brain and nervous system produce the human range of feelings and behaviors; sensation, emotion, sleep and dreams, reproductive behavior, language, and memory. Examples of dysfunction include depression, schizophrenia, eating disorders, sleep disorders, aggression, dyslexia and amnesias. Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4336 Drugs and Social Control 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research pertaining to the social control of drugs. Critical analyses of the normative and legal rules governing distribution, use, and overall consumption patterns in both legal and illegal contexts. Prerequisites: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM, 4336, PSYC 4336, and SOCI 4336.)

PSYC 4337 Peace Studies 3 SCH (3-0)

Analyses of relevant theories and concepts such as peace building, social and environment justice, as well as direct, structural, and cultural violence. Causes and consequences of socioeconomic inequality and human suffering including racism, sexism, and various other forms of prejudice and social discrimination. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4337, PSYC 4337, and SOCI 4337.)

PSYC 4340 Internship in Service Learning 3 SCH (3-0)

On campus or off-campus learning experience involved planned, supervised, verified, and evaluated community service in an organizational setting, completed concurrently with course work related to principles of social and organizational psychology. Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and 9 additional semester hours of Psychology, junior or senior standing, instructor consent, and a signed placement agreement with a community organization for the required hours of community service to be completed within a semester.

PSYC 4342 Substance Abuse 3 SCH (3-0)

A general survey of current research on psychological, social, legal and situational factors involved in substance usage and its effect on human behavior and criminal activity. Includes a treatment of therapeutic procedures and facilities. (Credit may not be obtained in both PSYC 4342 and CRIM 4342.) Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology or Psychology.

PSYC 4350 Intro to Learning & Memory 3 SCH (3-0)

General principles of learning and memory and an introduction to learning theory. Emphasis motivation, conditioning, and problem-solving. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology.

PSYC 4351 Directed Research in Psysc 1-3 SCH (1-3-0)

Individual instruction course for advanced and qualified undergraduates to obtain supervised research experience in psychology. Student will assist with a research project by working under the individual guidance of a psychology faculty member. Requirements may entail library research, data collection, data entry, statistical analysis and or assistance in planning and conducting parts of a research project. A paper on the research experience is required. Consent of instructor required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 semester credit hours. Prerequisites: PSYC 3381, PSYC 3387 or SOCI 4382, PSYC 2301 and 3 other, additional semester hours of Psychology. Credit/Non-credit.

Sociology (SOCI)

SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology 3 SCH (3-0)

Study of the nature of human societies, social processes, social interaction, groups, culture, institutions and social change.

SOCI 1306 Social Problems 3 SCH (3-0)

Survey of contemporary social problems and current trends in the direction of their solution. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 2300 The Craft of Sociology 3 SCH (3-0)

In-depth examination of sociological imagination by investigating contemporary society and social relationship. Includes fundamental sociological theories, methods, concepts, and pre-research activities that will prepare students for upper division sociology course work. Required for all sociology majors. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 2306 Human Sexuality 3 SCH (3-0)

Biophysical and psychological aspects of human sexuality. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 2306 and PSYC 2306.)

SOCI 2361 Pluralistic Society 3 SCH (3-0)

Macro-cultural and micro-cultural variables such as ethnicity, religion, age, socioeconomic status, language, gender and exceptionality and their impact upon major institutions such as education, labor markets and government.

SOCI 3301 Social Psychology (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Theory and phenomena of social psychology. The nature and type of social variables and the methods used to study them. The effect of social variables upon the behavior of individuals. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3301 and PSYC 3301.) Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 and 3 additional semester hours of Psychology or PSYC 2301 and 9 additional hours of social sciences courses.

SOCI 3302 Social Deviance 3 SCH (3-0)

Survey of the sociological and psychological aspects of deviant behavior. Nature of deviance, types of deviant behavior, causal theories and social policy implications. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3302 and CRIM 3302.) Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology or Criminology.

SOCI 3322 Juvenile Delinquency 3 SCH (3-0)

Incidence, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as trips to juvenile institutions. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3322 and CRIM 3322.) Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 3381 Statistics for Behavioral Sci 3 SCH (3-0)

Statistics course designed for students in behavioral sciences with a focus on descriptive and inferential statistics. Covers fundamental concepts in sampling, data structure and organization, as well as statistical analysis and interpretation. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 3381 and PSYC 3381.) Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science.

SOCI 3482 Behavioral Statistics 4 SCH (4-0)

Statistics for students in the Psychology, Sociology, and Criminology programs. Emphasis on descriptive and inferential techniques. Basic concepts in data sampling, data organization, statistic selection, and using statistical software. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of SOCI 3381, SOCI 3482, or PSYC 3381.)

SOCI 4304 Juvenile Delinquency 3 SCH (3-0)

Incidence, types, causation, patterns, processes, treatment agencies and research as related to juvenile delinquency. Selected practical experiences such as trips to juvenile institutions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301. (Credit may not be obtained in both CRIM 4304 and SOCI 4304.)

SOCI 4305 Advanced Human Sexuality 3 SCH (3-0)

Psychosocial factors in human sexuality with emphasis on sexual adjustment, sexual dysfunctions, sexual variations and new approaches in sex therapy. Appropriate field trips may be included. Prerequisite: SOCI 2306 or PSYC 2306. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4305 and PSYC 4305.)

SOCI 4306 Medical Sociology 3 SCH (3-0)

Comprehensive exploration of the intricate interplay among social determinants, health, and illness, within the framework of sociological perspectives, theories, and methodologies. The course examines the impact of age, gender, and socioeconomic status on the health of various demographic groups, as well as the dynamic relationships between health professionals, patients, and social institutions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 4307 The Family and Marriage 3 SCH (3-0)

History and development of the family as an educational and social institution, factors involved in family integrity, role of the individual in family relations, marital adjustments and family conservation in light of the present-day social and economic conditions. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or 6 hours of social science.

SOCI 4308 Selected Topic in Social 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research in areas of sociology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.

SOCI 4309 Latina/o Immigration 3 SCH (3-0)

This course examines Latina/o migration experiences in the U.S. Major themes covered in the class include migration patterns, traditional vs. new destinations, social and political inequality, and labor market struggles. The impact of immigration law as well as the intersection of race, gender, class and other social categories are also examined as they relate to immigrants and their descendants.

SOCI 4310 Population Problems 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to demographic concepts, such as fertility, mortality and migration of human populations in a larger social and cultural context, and to population problems in modern society. Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 or 6 semester hours of social science.

SOCI 4312 Social Stratification 3 SCH (3-0)

Examination of patterns and distribution of stratification and social inequalities in modern society. Prerequisites: SOCI 1301 or 6 semester hours of social science.

SOCI 4320 Law and Society 3 SCH (3-0)

An in-depth examination of law and society through the philosophy and evolution of legal systems and legal institutions. The major functions of law as agents of social control, dispute resolution and societal engineering are addressed. Prerequisites: POLS 2304 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of Sociology, Criminology or Criminal Justice. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIJ 4320, CRIM 4320, and SOCI 4320.)

SOCI 4324 Technology and Society 3 SCH (3)

A study of technology and society from the perspective of social values, ethics, sociology, social environment, politics and economics. Prerequisite: 12 hours of social science.

SOCI 4336 Drugs and Social Control 3 SCH (3-0)

Literature and research pertaining to the social control of drugs. Critical analyses of the normative and legal rules governing distribution, use, and overall consumption patterns in both legal and illegal contexts. Prerequisites: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4336, PSYC 4336, and SOCI 4336.)

SOCI 4337 Peace Studies 3 SCH (3-0)

Analyses of relevant theories and concepts such as peace building, social and environment justice, as well as direct, structural, and cultural violence. Causes and consequences of socioeconomic inequality and human suffering including racism, sexism, and various other forms of prejudice and social discrimination. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in more than one of CRIM 4337, PSYC 4337, and SOCI 4337.)

SOCI 4338 Social Institutions 3 SCH (3-0)

Study of major social institutions in society, such as the family, education, and religion, and their common components. Origins of various social institutions, the relationships of social institutions to other aspects of societal structure and function, the impacts they have on the lifestyles of individual human actors. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or 6 hours of social science.

SOCI 4341 Sociology of Aging 3 SCH (3)

Study of the last stage in the life-cycle of man. The course emphasizes the interdisciplinary approach necessary in the field of gerontology, the biological, psychological and social aspects of the aging process, along with the social impact of growing proportions of aged persons within the social structure of society. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 4342 Sociology of Death 3 SCH (3)

Sociological examination of the dying process and death, encompassing perspectives on the cultural and institutional mechanisms that support survivors during the grieving, mourning, and bereavement processes. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.

SOCI 4345 Sociology of Religion 3 SCH (3)

World religions in the context of social, cultural, and ideological perspectives that impact social life in a global world. Prerequisites: junior standing or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 4348 Multicultural Groups in the US 3 SCH (3)

Issues of multicultural groups with salient ethnic characteristics; analysis of the concept of ethnic identity and belonging, and examination of the dynamics of group cohesion within political, economic, social, and immigration contexts. Prerequisite: junior standing or approval of the instructor. (Credit may not be given for both ANTH 4348 and SOCI 4348.)

SOCI 4351 Urban Sociology 3 SCH (3)

The culture, history, and growth patterns of cities; demographic, ecological patterns and trends. Problems of housing and community organization. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.

SOCI 4353 Social Movements 3 SCH (3)

Concepts of social movements; important types of social movements and their relation to the field of collective behavior and social change. Prerequisites: junior standing or permission of the instructor.

SOCI 4362 Race Relations 3 SCH (3)

Critical analysis of the concept of race, analysis of subordinate peoples in the United States and around the world. Emphasis on dynamics of problems of subordinate groups. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be given for both ANTH 4362 and SOCI 4362.)

SOCI 4364 Minority Women in US Society 3 SCH (3-0)

An integrated study of the impact that socioeconomic and ethnic/racial factors have on minority women within the United States. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or 6 semester hours of social science. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4364 and WGST 4300.)

SOCI 4382 Methods of Social Research 3 SCH (3-0)

Introduction to the study of the scientific method as applied to social research including the logic of science, covering the nature of data, hypotheses, concepts and objectivity. Prerequisites: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 3 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may be obtained in only one of SOCI 4382, ANTH 4382 or CRIM 4382.)

SOCI 4383 Social Theory (WI) 3 SCH (3-0)

Development of social theory as represented by Comte, Spencer, Durkheim and Weber, to contemporary schools of thought, including functionalism, conflict, symbolic interactionism, structuralism and world systems theory. Prerequisite: ANTH 2302 or SOCI 1301 and 6 semester hours of advanced Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtained in both SOCI 4383 and ANTH 4301.)

SOCI 4386 Directed Research in Sociology 1-3 SCH (1-3)

Individual instruction course for advanced and qualified undergraduates to obtain supervised research experience in sociology. Student will assist with a research project by working under the individual guidance of a sociology faculty member. Requirements may entail library research, data collection, data entry, statistical analysis and/or assistance in planning and conducting parts of a research project. A paper on the research experience is required. Consent of instructor required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 semester credit hours. Prerequisites: SOCI 3381, SOCI 4382 or PSYC 3387 and 6 other semester hours of Sociology. Credit/Non-credit.

Southwest Borderlands Studies (SWBS)

SWBS 2301 Foundatns in Mex Amer Studies 3 SCH (3-0)

History, economics, sociology, demography, folklore, education, art and literature of Mexican Americans.

SWBS 3301 PreColumbian Amer Cultures 3 SCH (3-0)

Development of American Indian cultures of Central and South America to time of Spanish Conquest. Maya, Inca, Aztec and related cultural traditions. Optional field trip when possible. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Anthropology or Southwest Borderlands Studies. (Credit may not be obtained in both SWBS 3301 and ANTH 3301.)

SWBS 4301 Biculture Groups in US Soc 3 SCH (3-0)

A study of bicultural groups with salient ethnic characteristics, i.e., Blacks, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Japanese, Italians and Native Americans. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Southwest Borderlands Studies or 12 semester hours of social science.

SWBS 4303 Folk Medicine 3 SCH (3-0)

An examination of the folk medical system of Mexican Americans from an anthropological perspective. Includes an exploration of household remedies (including herbal remedies), folk illness syndromes, various folk healers (including parteras, or midwives, and sobadores, or massagers), curanderismo (folk healing) and bruja (witchcraft) in present-day Mexican American culture in South Texas and the Southwest. Prerequisite: 3 semester hours of Southwest Borderlands Studies or Anthropology. (Credit may not be obtain in both SWBS 4303 and ANTH 4303.)

SWBS 4308 Latine American Cultures 3 SCH (3-0)

Origin and development of contemporary cultural forms in Latin America. Industrialization, socioeconomic and demographic change are examined from several theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Anthropology or Sociology. (Credit may not be obtain in both SWBS 4308 and ANTH 4308.)

Majors

- Criminology, B.S.
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- Psychology-Health Psychology, B.A.
- Sociology, B.A.

Minors

- Anthropology, Minor
- Criminology, Minor
- Human Development and Family Studies, Minor
- Mexican American Studies, Minor
- Psychology, Minor
- Sociology, Minor
- Southwest Borderlands Studies, Minor