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Psychology (PSYC) 1520 Psychology as a Profession (3 Units) CSU

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: None

Hours and Unit Calculations:

48 hours lecture. 96 Outside-of-class Hours. (144 Total Student Learning Hours) 3 Units

Catalog Description: This course is an introduction to the profession of psychology, including a discussion of careers related to psychology. Students will be exposed to skills important for success as a Psychology major.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Textbook: Dunn, Dana S., & Halonen, Jane S. *The Psychology Major's Companion: Everything you Need to Know to Get You Where You Want to Go*. Worth Publishers/Macmillan Learning. 2017.

Recommended Text: Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. 7th ed. Washington, DC: APA, 2019.

Additional Required Materials:

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. Understand the different careers available to a Psychology major
2. Demonstrate skills important to a successful Psychology major
3. Understand the next steps in their educational path as a Psychology major

Course Scope and Content:

- Unit I Psychology Careers
- A. Careers available with an AA in Psychology
 - B. Careers available with a BA in Psychology
 - C. Careers available with a Master's degree in Psychology
 - D. Careers available with a doctorate degree in Psychology
- Unit II Skill to be a successful Psychology major
- A. Reading textbooks and research articles
 - B. Technical writing in APA Style
 - C. Cognitive psychology and learning



- Unit III Educational path of Psychology major
- A. Pathway to graduate with an Associate of Arts for Transfer in Psychology
 - B. Pathway to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology
 - C. Pathway to graduate school in Psychology

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class

The students in the class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

- 1. Reading assigned textbook and other assigned readings
- 2. Complete written work
- 3. Finding information relevant for the course topics

Methods of Instruction

- 1. Lectures
- 2. Whole class or group discussions
- 3. Audiovisual presentation

Methods of Evaluation

- 1. Quizzes or exams
- 2. Substantial writing assignments
- 3. Participation in discussion

Supplemental Data:

T.O.P. Code:	200100 Psychology
Sam Priority Code:	E: Non-Occupational
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable
Program Status:	Not currently required in any program.
Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	Not Applicable

Prior to College Level:	Y: Not Applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Course is not part of a cooperative education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	Yes
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	Yes
Discipline	Psychology