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General Syllabus

PSYC 10031 PSYCHOLOGY ORIENTATION

Credit Hours: 1

Lecture Hours: 1

Prerequisite(s): None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Prepares student for academic success in college and psychology. Includes the University resources, study skills for college, introduction to the profession of psychology as a science, expectations of the degree plan, and an introduction to scientific writing. Required for psychology majors.

B. Additional Information

This course is required.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Locate and effectively use the university's academic resources;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of a variety of study skills for the college student and identify which is most effective for him/her;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the diversity of discipline of psychology as a science;
4. Communicate an understanding of the degree plan in psychology and the expectations as a psychology major; and
5. Show proficiency in the basic use of the APA Manual and the components of scientific writing.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

Communication Skills (Written and Oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Academic success
- B. College study skills
- C. Psychology as a science
- D. Database searches
- E. Degree plan
- F. Scientific writing
- G. APA style