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### **General Syllabus**

#### **PSYC 48033 Psychology Senior Seminar**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

**Prerequisite:** Prerequisites: PSYC 40603 Psychology of Personality, six hours of upper level psychology courses and one of the following: ENGL 10203 Composition II, ENGL 14343 Honors Composition, or ENGL 24603 Introduction to Writing Studies

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Various topics in human behavior selected by the instructor. May be repeated, when topics differ, for a total of nine hours.

##### **B. Additional Information**

This course explores various topics in human behavior. Topics are specific and related to additional theories and concepts beyond existing courses offered. Topics are selected by the instructor and vary by semester. Psychology Majors may enroll in three different topic areas of this course. Students may not repeat a topic for credit. Topics in the past have included: Criminology, Psychology of Addiction, and Adolescent Psychology. Topics will be broadened and expanded through time.

Course work varies, but is often functioning in lecture and seminar fashion with students making or participating in group activity and group discussion or presentation

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

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

1. Evaluate and discuss the topic or theories specific to the seminar.
2. Examine facts, contributors or theorists, applicable research, and the integration of the topic to a broader conceptualization of psychology as a science.
3. Examine and explain a concept or tenet of the area of psychology explored either in written response or orally.

**B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas.

**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.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

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

**III. Major Course Topics**

Course topic will vary from semester to semester as this is a seminar class. Topics will be chosen by the instructor. Topics will not be repeated in the same calendar year.