

BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (BSS)

BSS 565: Counterintell. & Counterterror

Situationally contextualized information related to issues of counterintelligence and counterterrorism, with a focus on analyzing, preparing, and disseminating intelligence in an operational setting. Graduate level prerequisites: PSY 503, 504, 505, 506, or consent of instructor. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

BSS 566: Interm. Cyb.-Sec & Cyb-Pol.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

BSS 569: Intermed. Pers & Radic.

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3

PSY 81: Seminar in Psychology & Law

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 501: Theory & Prac. of Counseling

An introduction of, and initial preparation for, the profession of counseling. Behavioral and professional expectations of counselors will be emphasized. The course will offer an overview of theories and techniques of counseling and psychotherapy with emphasis on comprehensive analysis of each theory. Skills in intake assessment, treatment planning, brief and long-term models, crisis intervention, and prevention strategies will be developed. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 502: Evi.-Base. Couns. Techniques

A study of counseling techniques that have been supported by systematic empirical research. Emphasis will be placed on applying specific empirically supported interventions to specific problems. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 503: Intermediate Statistics

An examination of intermediate statistical methods. Semester 1 will examine various forms of Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), in addition to a review of significance testing, and data screening. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 504: Intermediate Statistics II

An examination of intermediate statistical methods. Semester 2 examines various forms of correlational analyses including multiple types of regression and factor analysis, in addition to a review of significance testing, and data screening. CREDIT: 3 SEMESTER HOURS.

Prerequisite: PSY 503 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3

PSY 505: Intermediate Research Methods

An examination of the array of research methods used in the behavioral sciences and helping professions. Emphasis is placed on critically evaluating psychological research and understanding its application to counseling. Semester I will address experimental methods. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 506: Intermed. Research Methods II

An examination of the array of research methods used in the behavioral sciences and helping professions. Emphasis is placed on critically evaluating psychological research and understanding its application to counseling. Semester II will address survey research methods and program evaluation. CREDIT: 3 SEMESTER HOURS.

Prerequisite: PSY 505 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 507: Assess.& Evaluation Tech.

A history and overview of the standardized evaluation methods commonly used in the assessment of individuals and groups. Topics covered will be validity, reliability, and statistical concepts for the evaluation and interpretation of test data, as well as an overview of the various categories of psychological tests and the better-validated tests within each category. Students will gain skills in the ethical and professional selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of commonly used intellectual, achievement, and interest tests.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 508: Group & Family Counseling

PSY 508 Group Dynamics and Group Counseling. An introduction to group dynamics and group counseling with emphasis on theoretical and practical issues. Included will be reviews of historical perspectives, popular treatment techniques, empirical evidence on treatment efficacy, ethical and legal issues, and integration considerations.

Prerequisite: PSY 501 & 502, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 509: Cultural Diversity in Counseli

An emphasis on the development and enhancement of multi-cultural and ethnic awareness and how this impacts counseling. The course will be designed to help counselors maximize their effectiveness in working with clients from different cultures and sub-cultures, including counseling skills that are effective with clients with various disabilities, races, religions, sexual orientations, and economic backgrounds. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Prerequisite: PSY 501 & 502, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 510: Career Counseling

An introduction to methods used in counseling clients about careerrelated decisions. An overview of test instruments used to evaluate skills and aptitudes, methods to give guidance for training and job placement, and job interview strategies will be included. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS.

Prerequisite: PSY 501 & 502, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 511: Human Growth & Development

An advanced study of the theories and factors relevant to understanding human development throughout the lifespan, with emphasis on social, cognitive, and affective development, including implications for counseling strategies across the lifespan. CREDIT: THREE SEMESER HOURS

Prerequisite: PSY 501 & 502, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 512: Legal and Ethical Issues

An intensive overview of legal, ethical, and professional issues in the provision of counseling services in a variety of settings. Will include a review of relevant laws, the American Counseling Association code of ethics and related codes as appropriate. Steps in ethical decision-making will be discussed and case studies will be presented. Students will gain an understanding of the need for ethical standards and learn how to follow ethical guidelines. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Prerequisite: PSY 501 & 502, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 513: Practicum in Counseling

Introductory experience in supervised counseling with clients in selected clinical settings. Students are supervised by the course instructor and a field supervisor and receive feedback from supervisors in order to develop counseling skills. Practicum is arranged with the Clinical Director in the semester prior to beginning the practicum. A minimum of 300 clock hours of supervised experience is required.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 515: Practicum in Assessment

Intermediate experience in supervised counseling and assessments with clients in selected clinical settings. This course should be taken during the last semester of the student's program. The internship may be concurrent with other courses or may occur after coursework is completed. Students are supervised by the course instructor and a field supervisor and receive feedback from supervisors in order to enhance their counseling skills. Internship is arranged with the Clinical Director in the semester prior to beginning the internship. A minimum of 300 clock hours in an approved facility under the supervision of an appropriately trained and licensed mental health professional is required. Liability insurance is required.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 551: Psychology & Law

A review of the ways in which mental health issues interact with the law and the criminal justice system. Topics will include mental health testimony as it relates to civil commitment, the rights of mental patients, competency to stand trial, the insanity defense, the antisocial personality, child custody disputes and determinations, and consideration of the utility and limitations of mental health expertise as it relates to the legal system. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 552: Law & Social Science

This course will focus on the ways in which behavioral and social science information is being used in court. The course will examine the empirical issues raised in criminal law, tort law, trademark law, etc. The use, misuse and nonuse of social science information in court will be considered. Will also apply behavioral and social science knowledge to the criminal and civil justice systems. Topics such as social psychology of justice institutions, environmental social science, socialization into roles and identity, collective behavior, research on juries, attitude formation and change, and criminal identification will be included. CREDIT: 3 SEMESTER HOURS.

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3

PSY 601: Child & Adult Psychopathology

An introduction to the evaluation and classification of abnormal human behavior and psychiatric disorders according to current standards of classification, including treatment planning instruction in the purpose and use of the current version of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 603: Crisis Intervention

A survey of specific theoretical models and therapeutic techniques used in crisis intervention and their application to situations encountered in clinical practice including suicide, family and interpersonal violence, survival of disasters and catastrophes, and developmental crises experienced throughout the lifespan. Students will gain both knowledge and confidence in their ability to deal with crises. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS.

Prerequisite: PSY 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 606: Substance Abuse Counseling

An introduction to the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of substance abuse and substance dependence, including the impact substance abuse and substance dependence can have on individual, marital, family, and vocational problems. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS.

Prerequisite: PSY 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 608: Treatment Planning

A review of current models of treatment planning for the DSMV disorders most commonly encountered by Master's-level counselors. CREDIT: THREE SEMESTER HOURS

Prerequisite: PSY 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 661: Theories of Offending & Correc

Reviews the many approaches to the treatment and rehabilitation of offenders in the context of the various goals of offender dispositions. Will survey the contexts of offender treatment through the criminal justice system, with particular emphasis on prisons, jails, halfway houses and special treatment programs. Issues such as mandatory vs. voluntary treatment, confidentiality, and the agency and the individual client will be discussed. Students will review the range of therapeutic and other interventions utilized in dealing with offender populations, with attention to evaluations of their effectiveness. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3

PSY 662: Psychology of Criminal Behav.

An in-depth analysis of research on the psychological and social bases and dynamics of criminal, aggressive, and antisocial behavior. Review of historical and contemporary issues, such as the interface of the mental health system and the criminal system, civil commitment, diminished capacity, the insanity defense, sentencing, capital punishment, competency to stand trial, and the use of research in court.

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3

PSY 663: Aggression & Violence

Critical evaluation and examination of violence and aggression, their origins and determinants, and their impact on the individual and society. Application to forensic issues will be emphasized through the liberal use of clinical and research material. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 664: Asses. & Treatment of Offend.

Focuses on the major theories of criminal and aggressive behavior. Viewpoints from cognitive, psychodynamic, behavioral, social learning, descriptive and developmental theorists will be discussed and compared with current classification systems. Case examples will be used to illustrate the various theories. If time permits, selected specialized topics may be considered including alcohol and crime, sex crimes, juvenile delinquency, and women and crime. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 671: Diversity & Law

Students will apply social psychological knowledge in the context of cultural sensitivity to the criminal and civil justice systems. Special focus will be placed on topics such as social psychology of justice institutions, environmental psychology, socialization into roles and identity, collective behavior, research on juries, attitude formation and change, and criminal identification. Coursework will also highlight the impact of psychological disorders, emphasizing the explicit linkage between socio-cultural change and the legal system. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 672: Addiction & Psychopharmacology

Examines the types of abusable substances and the biological bases of symptomology, etiology, and treatment of substance abuse. The relationship of substance abuse to criminal behavior and emotional functioning will be examined. Regulation, prevention strategies, and treatment strategies will be examined. The entire spectrum of substance abuse will be examined.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 673: Principles of Victimology

An intensive theoretical and clinical study of the victim, community attitudes toward victims, the interactions of the victim with the criminal justice system, and programs for psychological rehabilitation of the victim. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 681: Seminar in Psychology & Law

This course will be designed to accommodate course offerings on new or emerging topic areas. May be repeated for credit provided that the topic is different with each selection. Course content, requirements and/or prerequisites will be posted independently each term. Credit: 3 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3

PSY 690: Comprehensive Exam

The M.A. comprehensive examinations will consist of three parts: (1) Theory; (2) Methods; (3) Substantive Area /Special Area. CREDIT: 3 SEMESTER HOURS.

Credit Hours: 3 Contact Hours: 3 PSY 699: Thesis

The thesis will be an original, empirical research project. The student will work closely with an advisor, producing a work corresponding to the guidelines of the Publication Manual of the American Psychology Association. Students can register for this course in any of the semesters and continue till completion. Credit: 3-12 semester hours.

Credit Hours: 3-12 Contact Hours: 3-12 PSY 781: Law & Diversity

Credit Hours: 3
Contact Hours: 3