PSYCHOLOGY

Career Opportunities

After completing their undergraduate degrees, psychology graduates typically earn graduate or professional degrees or pursue employment. Graduate studies include specializations within the field in clinical, cognitive, industrial, social, educational, counseling, or developmental psychology. Employment in psychology-related professional positions include alcohol/drug counselor, child-care worker, geriatric counselor, hospital ombudsman, management trainee, market researcher, mental health specialist, human resources professional, sales representative, and teacher. For more details on the types of careers graduate pursue and details on how to pursue them please visit our Psychology Career Finder (https://www.luc.edu/psychology/resources/psychologycareerfinder/).

Prospective Students

If you are interested in learning more about undergraduate studies in the Loyola University Chicago Department of Psychology, please request additional information about Loyola and our program using the Undergraduate Request Form (https://uao.luc.edu/register/?id=09e1ac8b-c620-43cc-afe7-325cad544ec2).

Undergraduate Programs

- Honors in Psychology (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/honors-psychology/)
- Psychology (BS) (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-bs/)
- Psychology Minor (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/psychology/psychology-minor/)
- Psychology/Applied Social Psychology (BS/MA) (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/psychology-applied-social-psychology-bsma/)

Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate-academic-standards-regulations/) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

Psychology (PSYC)

PSYC 100 Psychological Perspectives on the Experience of Globalization (3 Credit Hours)

Globalization from a psychological perspective. Applying core psychological concepts, research and theory to cross-cultural issues of behavior and development. Topics may include human rights of children, human trafficking, immigration, moral issues of international trade, parenting across cultures.

Knowledge Area: Foundational Societal Knowledge

Outcomes:

Students will learn basic concepts and theories and apply them to real-world globalization problems.

PSYC 101 General Psychology (3 Credit Hours)

Requirement: ANTH 100, PLSC 102, PSYC 100 or SOCL 101 for students admitted to Loyola University for Fall 2012 or later. No requirement for students admitted to Loyola prior to Fall 2012 or those with a declared major or minor in the Department of Anthropology, Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Economics, Department of Psychology, Department of Political Science, the Department of Sociology, Human Services or the School of Nursing. Introduction to concepts, theories, and methods in psychology. Emphasis is given to the scientific study of consciousness and human behavior. Topics include: human development, learning, thinking, perception, personality, testing, mental illness and mental health, biological and social aspects of behavior.

Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Societal Knowledge

Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Psychology of Crime and Justice

Course equivalencies: ACPSY 201 / PSYC 101

Outcomes:

Students will master basic concepts and key theories and learn to apply them to real-world situations.

PSYC 201 Psychology Advising and Career Development (1 Credit Hour)

Pre-requisites: PSYC 101, PSYC-BS major Outcomes: Students will learn about career options in psychology and plan their psychology major to support and develop their career interests

Overview of the psychology major at Loyola and career options in psychology. Introduces students to psychology career development resources. Students will also prepare for opportunities in independent research and internships and plan for a career including creating a resume and CV.

PSYC 225 Psychology of Peace (3 Credit Hours)

Application of psychological theories, concepts, and research to issues of peace and conflict. Areas covered include international conflicts and international peacebuilding (including war, terrorism, and global environmental issues) as well as interpersonal conflicts and conflict resolution (including crime, family violence, and conflict arising from prejudice and perceived threat). Classic theories of peace are also analyzed and connected to psychological theory and research.

Interdisciplinary Option: Peace Studies

Course equivalencies: PSYC 225/PAX225

PSYC 235 Psychology of Human Sexuality (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Sexuality as an important aspect of human functioning and its integration into the total person will be emphasized. Topics include sexual anatomy and physiology, gender identity and roles, attraction and love, sexual orientation, human reproduction, sexual development, sexual dysfunction.

Interdisciplinary Option: Bioethics, Human Services, Women & Gender Studies

Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the biological, psychological and socio-cultural aspects of human sexuality, along with sexual dysfunction, and sex roles.
PSYC 237  Cross-Cultural Psychology  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Outcomes: Students will demonstrate an understanding of concepts and research methodologies in cross-cultural psychology; Students will develop critical thinking skills, as well as increased cultural awareness and sensitivity towards others. Students will learn about cultural factors that influence cognition, perception, emotion, behavior, motivation, and mental health. Similarities and differences in both explicit and implicit cultural factors will be emphasized. Students will explore their identities, values, and biases. Students will engage in reflection to increase cultural awareness and sensitivity towards others. This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

PSYC 238  Gender & Sex Diff & Similar (3 Credit Hours)
Requirement: ANTH 100, PLSC 102, PSYC 100 or SOCL 101 for students admitted to Loyola University for Fall 2012 or later. No requirement for students admitted to Loyola prior to Fall 2012 or those with a declared major or minor in the Department of Anthropology, Department of Criminal Justice, Department of Economics, Department of Psychology, Department of Political Science, the Department of Sociology, Human Services or the School of Nursing. Overview of psychological research and theory concerning differences and similarities between genders included..
Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Societal Knowledge
Interdisciplinary Option: Bioethics, Human Services, Women & Gender Studies
Course equivalencies: PSYC238/WOST238/WSGS238
Outcomes:
Students will understand similarities and differences between genders, comprehend the diversity of ideas about gender and how ideas of gender are determined by societies and cultures

PSYC 239  Understanding Bias and Inclusivity (3 Credit Hours)
Using an intersectional lens, students learn about how privilege, power, and oppression shape ourselves, perceptions of others, and our social world. They consider how ourselves and others are shaped by and operate within the larger social system. Students explore their identities, values, and biases. Students engage in self-reflection to increase self-awareness. Articulate how personal power can be used to create change. Interdisciplinary Option: Race and Ethnicity, Women & Gender Studies
Course equivalencies: X - PSYC 239/ SOCL 239
Outcomes:
Identify feelings about course topics; Demonstrate self-awareness of identities and values, including the value of difference; Engage in intergroup dialogue

PSYC 240  Psych-Biol of Perception (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101; For Biology majors: BIOL 102, BIOL 112, and PSYC 101 Introduction to the study of sensory systems, especially vision and audition, emphasizing historical development of the field, multi-disciplinary scientific approaches; recent research and theory on the mechanisms of seeing and hearing; and applications of research to real-world problems
PSYC 240 is cross-listed with BIOL 240.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Course equivalencies: X-PSYC240/BIOL240
Outcomes:
Students will understand and be able to explain how knowledge of the functioning of sensory systems is obtained using a variety of experimental methods, how stimulus energy is translated into neural signals, how the brain processes sensory information, and how these processes determine conscious perception

PSYC 250  Cognitive Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Outcomes: Students will understand and be able to explain how knowledge about mental events is obtained using a variety of experimental methods, discuss current empirical research and theories of cognition, understand well established cognitive theories about attention, memory, language processing, reasoning and decision-making
Overview of cognitive psychology. Topics include: human information processing, object recognition, memory, attention, language production and comprehension, reasoning and problem solving.

PSYC 251  Learning and Memory (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: Grade of C- or better in PSYC 101 and (NEUR 101 or PSYC/ BIOL 240)
This course surveys the field of learning and memory, including working, episodic, and semantic memory, nonassociative learning, classical and operant conditioning, skill learning, and neuroplasticity. Behavioral, neuroscientific, and clinical perspectives will be considered. Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience

PSYC 273  Developmental Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Survey of theory and research relevant to human growth and development with emphasis on physical, cognitive, and social development from infancy through adolescence
No course description is available
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services
Course equivalencies: X-CPSY273/PSYC273
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of basic theory and research in human development, and will develop skills in critical examination of psychological research as applied to current issues in human development

PSYC 274  Lifespan Development (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Outcomes: Students will demonstrate an understanding of theory and research in development across the lifespan; Students will develop critical thinking skills, applying research to contemporary issues in lifespan development
This course provides a survey of current theory, research, and applications on development (physical, cognitive, and social/emotional development) that are present at each stage of the lifespan. Normal development is emphasized; however, special human circumstances are also explored.

PSYC 275  Social Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to the field of social psychology; including topics such as social cognition, impression formation, social influence, attitude formation and change, stereotyping and prejudice, aggression, pro-social behavior, and group behavior.
Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Societal Knowledge
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Psychology of Crime and Justice
Course equivalencies: ACPSY 275 / PSYC 275
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate the ability to think critically about fundamental theoretical approaches within social psychology, scientific methods of hypothesis testing, and potential applications of social psychology that address real-world problems
PSYC 276 Philosophy of Mind (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PHIL 130
Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the various philosophical views and problems regarding the mind and its relation to matter.
This course is a study of the different philosophical views regarding the nature and the existence of the mind and its relation to material bodies.
Course equivalencies: X-PSYC 276/ PHIL 276/PHIL 176

PSYC 277 Environmental Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Human behavior is at the root of environmental degradation. This course examines how psychological processes influence behaviors that help or hurt the environment and how psychology can promote conservation. The course identifies theory-based interventions and evaluates their effectiveness. Class activities allow students to practice applying psychology to promote environmental sustainability.
Outcomes:
Students will be able to identify the psychological bases of environmental problems; Students will be introduced to theories and practical strategies to change behavior as it relates to environmental issues.

PSYC 280 Psychology of Judgment and Decision-Making (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PHIL 130
Outcomes: Students will learn fundamental principles and theories - including various biases and decision-making errors, and learn to apply the course to improve thinking, problem-solving, and decisions.
This course examines the forces that shape decision-making, from the individual and day-to-day to the shaping of public policy. Psychological research on cognitive biases, economic models, and philosophical perspectives on deductive reasoning and what makes a good decision will be discussed. Students can only take one course from PHIL 279, PSYC 279, PSYC 280.
Knowledge Area: Tier 2 Philosophical Knowledge

PSYC 302 History & Systems in Psyc (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101
A systematic treatment of the historical roots and foundation of psychology.
Special emphasis is placed on relating past trends to current developments in the field.
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate knowledge of the foundations of psychology as a science, including major schools and theoretical frameworks, and make connections between past trends and current approaches.

PSYC 304 Statistics (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101
This course is an introduction to fundamentals of statistical analysis in psychology.
Outcome: Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze data, interpret the results of research using basic statistical methods, and understand the conceptual foundation, appropriate use, and limitations of these statistical methods.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services

PSYC 306 Research Methods in Psyc (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 304
Logic and theory of the scientific method. Basic principles of scientific research methodologies employed in approaching major problem areas in psychology. This class is writing intensive.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Urban Studies
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills necessary to formulate research questions and hypotheses, develop research designs, operationalize variables and gather data in an ethical manner, choose appropriate statistical methods for analyzing data, interpret results of statistical analyses, write a scientific paper in APA style, and critically evaluate research.

PSYC 307 Psychology of Language (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101
Analysis of language as symbol-behavior specific to humans, language structure and competence, language performance, and the neurophysiological basis of language.
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of major theories, research methodologies, and empirical knowledge in the study of language

PSYC 310 Lab in Program Evaluation (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306
PSYC 275 is also recommended. Special attention is given to the fundamental skills needed to evaluate human service programs including research methodology and research diplomacy. The strengths and weaknesses of several evaluation strategies will be discussed in terms of scientific validity, ethical constraints, and political acceptability.
Outcomes:
Students apply their developing evaluation skills in a class project and present the data in a written report.

PSYC 311 Lab in Psychobiology (3 Credit Hours)
(BIOL/STAT 335 or PSYC 304) and (NEUR 101, PSYC/BIOL 240, or PSYC 382/BIOL 284); OR for PSYC-BS and Cognitive/Behavioral Neuroscience majors: PSYC 306 and (NEUR 101, PSYC/BIOL 240, or PSYC 382/BIOL 284) Minimum grades of C in Introduction to the structures and functions of vertebrate nervous systems, how these systems compute and process information; laboratory experience with concepts and methods in the neurophysiological study of the bases of perception and other behaviors. Hearing is used as an example. PSYC 311 is cross-listed with BIOL 313.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Course equivalencies: X-PSYC311/BIOL313
Outcomes:
Students will learn the concepts of basic neurophysiology and the theory of signal detectability, and have experience applying the logic and formulation of neurophysiological theories of perception.

PSYC 312 Lab in Cognitive Neuroscience (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306 and PSYC 382
Outcomes: Students will develop scientific research skills as they relate to the field of cognitive neuroscience, including experimental design, physiological methods of data collection, statistical analysis and interpretation, and reporting findings.
This course is a laboratory practicum in the techniques of cognitive neuroscience, with an emphasis on electrophysiological and hemodynamic methods of measuring nervous system function during cognitive and behavioral tasks and the effects of noninvasive brain stimulation.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
PSYC 313 Lab in Behavioral Neuroscience (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306 and either PSYC 251 or PSYC 382 Outcomes: Develop a breadth of neuroscientific knowledge and skills involving critical thinking, research ethics, experimental design, animal behavior, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of scientific findings in different formats
Provides an understanding of the structure and function of the brain as it relates to behavior through empirical data collection and analyses.
Course objectives will be met through demonstrations, hands-on laboratory experience with different behavioral assays, histology, an evaluation of scientific literature, and scientific communication via poster presentations.

PSYC 314 Lab in Exper Psych: Cognition (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306 (C-) and (C- in PSYC 250, PSYC 251, PSCY 307, or PSYC 382) Outcomes: Students gain skills and experience in experimental design, measurement, statistical analyses, and report writing as they relate to research on human cognition
Laboratory demonstrations, experiments, and microcomputer applications in the area of human cognition. Topics vary, but include learning, memory, thinking and language processing.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience

PSYC 315 Lab: Tests & Measurements (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306; PSYC 331 or 338 is recommended
Topics include: theory of psychological testing and assessment; historical context and related legal and ethical considerations; basics of test construction and evaluation, including reliability, validity, and standardization; and common measures of personality, attitudes, and ability and their psychometric properties.
Outcomes:
Students will learn to demonstrate proficiency with psychological testing terminology and concepts

PSYC 316 Lab in Exper Psych: Sens & Perc (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306, NEUR 101 (formerly PSYC/BIOL 202) or PSYC 240 Laboratory demonstrations, experiments, and microcomputer applications to the psychophysical and physiological study of sensory systems
The course stresses the research methods and quantitative measures that are used in characterizing sensory processes, especially visual and auditory systems.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Outcomes:
Students gain skills and experience in experimental design, measurement, statistical analyses, and report writing as they relate to research in sensory processes

PSYC 318 Lab in Developmental Psych (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 273 and 306
Lecture and laboratory on empirical studies of developmental processes in humans. Focus is on research in particular content areas within developmental stages (e.g., infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood) and research on changes in behavior across time.
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate skills and knowledge of developmental methodology, designing, conducting, and analyzing and interpreting the results of a research project, and writing a research paper in APA format

PSYC 321 Laboratory-Social Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 275 and 306
Lectures, demonstrations, readings, and individual or group research projects illustrating various methods, such as observation, interviewing, archives, standardized tests, and experimentation, are used to learn about topics such as group influences on the individual, attitudes, prosocial and antisocial behavior, and perception of self and others.
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate skills and knowledge of methodology in social psychological research; designing, conducting, and analyzing and interpreting the results of a research project, and writing a research paper in APA format

PSYC 327 Lab on Body Image (3 Credit Hours)
Lab on Body Image is a new course that can be used by Psychology students to fulfill the B lab requirement. It will focus on the scholarly study of body image and eating disorders, as well as how research is conducted in the field. Students will complete smaller labs and a larger research project in the field. Pre-requisites: PSYC 101, 304, 306. Learn about the scholarly study of body image and eating disorders; 2. Learn general research methods in Psychology and specific ones pertaining to the topic; 3. Learn about computer packages, including SPSS to analyze data.
Outcomes:
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PSYC 331 Psychopathology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Nature and causes of maladjustment and mental disorders
History of mental illness, diagnosis, research, and treatment of mental disorders.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Psychology of Crime and Justice
Course equivalencies: X-CPHY333/PSYC331/ACPSY280
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of current approaches to researching maladaptive behavior; current views of maladaptive behavior, major categories of "mental disorders", factors contributing to development of problems, different types of intervention strategies, and appreciation of social, ethical, and legal issues

PSYC 332 Affective Neuroscience (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 or NEUR 101 (formerly PSYC/BIOL 202)
Affective experiences promote human adaptability and survival, and healthy emotion function is critical to promoting physical and psychological well being. The course will provide an overview of fundamental neurobiological correlates associated with emotion function and processing affective stimuli.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Outcomes:
Students will understand theories regarding brain mechanisms associated with emotion processing and the techniques used for studying these mechanisms

PSYC 338 Psychology of Personality (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Facts and principles of personality study
Nature of personality, its structure, development, expression, and measurement. Exposition and evaluation of personality study methods with critical review of traditional and modern theories of personality.
Interdisciplinary Option: Psychology of Crime and Justice
Course equivalencies: X-CPHY333/PSYC338
Outcomes:
Students will acquire an understanding of different personality theories, critically evaluate these theories, and apply what they have learned
PSYC 340  Psychology of Women  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Review of psychological aspects of women's experiences
Topics include psychological aspects of biological events such as menarche, pregnancy, menopause; aspects of women's work and family roles; and mental health issues relevant to women.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Women & Gender Studies
Course equivalencies: PSYC340/WOST340/WSGS340
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate knowledge of critical contemporary issues impacting women and girls, and critically evaluate/analyze academic theory, social institutions, and media

PSYC 346  Psychopathology of Childhood  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 273 Consideration of the nature and causes of maladjustment, emotional disorders, and learning disabilities in children in conjunction with approaches to prevention and remediation
No course description is available
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Psychology of Crime and Justice
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate knowledge of the major categories of childhood psychopathology and methods of diagnosis, theories of causes of maladjustment and mental illness in children and adolescents, and types of intervention strategies

PSYC 348  Psychology of Adolescence  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 273
In-depth study of adolescence using an interdisciplinary approach. Integration of cultural, social, psychological, and biological perspectives.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Psychology of Crime and Justice
Outcomes:
Students will appreciate the various factors leading to similarities and differences in the experience of adolescence in America and in other cultures, and will demonstrate understanding of major theories, research methodologies, and empirical knowledge in the study of adolescence

PSYC 350  Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101, NEUR 101 (formerly PSYC/BIOL 202) Outcomes:
Students will gain knowledge of basic theory and research in the field of developmental cognitive neuroscience and will acquire understanding of brain and behavior relationships in a developmental context
An overview of theory and research relevant to the study of the developing child through the use of neuroscience methods; topics may include: brain plasticity and maturation, sensorimotor systems, attention, memory, executive function, language, social cognition, and typical and atypical development.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience

PSYC 352  Neuropsychology  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 and NEUR 101 Outcomes:
Successful completion of this course leads to mastery of CNS function and structure; The ability to integrate this information will allow students to develop and test hypotheses about brain-behavior relationships
Neuropsychology is the interdisciplinary study of the relation between human brain function and behavior. This course is an undergraduate survey of topics related to neuropsychology, including neuroanatomy, psychophysiology, and cognitive neuroscience. A primary goal of the course is to introduce undergraduate students to neuropsychological concepts in research and applied settings.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience

PSYC 353  Applied Social Psychology  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 275
Applications of principles and methods of social psychology to social issues and problems in such areas as: law and justice, health and health care, education, natural and built environments, population, work, life and intergroup relations.
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge of major theories, research methodologies, and empirical knowledge in social psychology to real-world issues and problems

PSYC 355  Neuroethics  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: students must have taken at least two philosophy courses
This course focuses on ethical considerations emerging from contemporary research in neuroscience, as well as neuroscientific techniques for studying ethical questions. Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the ways in which the study of ethics and neuroscience inform each other
Interdisciplinary Option: Bioethics
Course equivalencies: X - PSYC355/PHIL355

PSYC 356  Consumer Psychology  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Introduction to the field of consumer psychology; including topics such as consumer attitude formation and change, persuasive communication and consumer behavior, the psychology of advertising, consumer decision making, personality and consumer behavior, identity and consumer behavior, and culture and consumer behavior
No course description is available
Outcomes:
Students will understand and apply theoretical approaches within consumer psychology and the psychology of advertising

PSYC 360  Understanding Prejudice  (3 Credit Hours)
Prejudice from a psychological perspective. Applying psychological concepts, research, and theory to understand the origins and consequences of prejudice as well as potential remedies. Pre-requisites: PSYC 101
Interdisciplinary Option: African Studies and the African Diaspora, Black World Studies, Psychology of Crime and Justice, Race and Ethnicity, Women & Gender Studies
Course equivalencies: BWS360/WSGS360
Outcomes:
Students will learn the origins of stereotypes and prejudice, the nature of prejudice against different social groups, how people are affected by prejudice and cope with prejudice, and the processes that may change stereotypes, reduce prejudice, and improve intergroup relations

PSYC 362  Industrial/Organizational Psychology  (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Study of human behavior in work settings
Topics include principles of employee selection, job analysis, motivation and morale, managerial behavior, organization development and socialization, leadership, conflict management, work design and group process.
Course equivalencies: PSYC362 / PSYC364
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding and ability to think critically about how the science of behavior is applied to work environments
PSYC 368 Counseling (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101; PSYC 331 or 338 is also recommended
Introduction to the theory, techniques, and research behind major helping interventions, focusing on individual psychotherapy with adults.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services
Outcomes:
Students will critically evaluate different approaches to intervention in terms of their theoretical underpinnings, applications, goals and effectiveness, and will develop the ability to utilize some basic counseling skills

PSYC 369 Psychology Honors Readings (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: Membership in the Psychology Honors award program and approval of the Department Honors Advisor
Directed readings and development of a formal research proposal on a topic of interest to the student and the faculty member with whom he/she has chosen to work. Students are not restricted to working with the faculty member whose name is listed in the schedule of classes.
Outcomes:
Students will write a literature review and research proposal for the honors thesis

PSYC 370 Psychology Honors Research (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 369
Students carry out the research proposed in PSYC 369 and prepare a formal report constituting the honors thesis. Approval of the thesis by the honors committee earns the psychology honors award. PSYC 370 is a capstone course.
This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.
Course equivalencies: PSYC370H / PSYC370
Outcomes:
Students will conduct research, analyze and interpret data, and write a thesis

PSYC 371 Psychology of Political Behavior (3 Credit Hours)
Examination of the determinants of political judgments and decision; including topics such as voting preference, stereotypes and political thinking, racism and political behavior, ideology and public opinion, the effect of the media on political thought.
Outcomes:
Understanding of core theoretical and methodological approaches commonly applied to the study of political psychology

PSYC 372 Psychology & Law (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Introduction to the areas of overlap between psychology and the law
Topics include roles of psychologists in legal settings, accuracy of eyewitness testimony, jury processes, accuracy of polygraph examinations, and issues surrounding the insanity defense.
Interdisciplinary Option: Psychology of Crime and Justice, Sociolegal Studies
Course equivalencies: X- CJC 377 / PSYC 372
Outcomes:
Students will learn to analyze biases in the U.S. jury system, elucidate the weaknesses of eyewitness testimony, outline the issues in the insanity defense, understand the issues in Rape Trauma Syndrome and Battered Spouse Syndrome, understand the methods and effects of scientific jury selection, understand the complex issues surrounding confessions, and view the US justice system in a social justice context

PSYC 373 Health Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Survey of psychological and behavioral influences on how people stay healthy, why they become ill, and how they respond when they do become ill
Topics include: health behavior and primary prevention, stress and coping, patient-physician interaction, and management of chronic illness.
Interdisciplinary Option: Bioethics, Human Services
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the complex interaction of an individual's psychology and physical health, as well as understanding of different intervention and prevention programs, the structure of the health care system, and the various roles psychologists play in this system

PSYC 374 Community Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Understanding of the methods of community psychology; effects of societal, cultural, and environmental influences on psychological and community well-being
Prevention of mental disorder and promotion of well-being, primarily through creating more mentally healthy environments, but also by enhancing individual resilience. Recognizing the toxicity of psychosocial stressors such as inequality, poverty, alienation, and discrimination, community psychologists also fight for social justice through empowerment of oppressed groups and policy advocacy.
Interdisciplinary Option: Human Services, Neuroscience

PSYC 375 Psych of Addiction (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Survey of historical, demographical, and statistical aspects of substance abuse
Abuse of alcohol and drugs, as well as eating disorders, may be considered. A variety of theoretical models and interventions are discussed.
Interdisciplinary Option: Psychology of Crime and Justice
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of the psychopharmacological effects of various substances, major research findings in the area of substance abuse, and prevention and intervention techniques

PSYC 376 Psychology of Religion (3 Credit Hours)
Introduction to the major issues, theories and empirical approaches in the psychology of religion; effect of religion on beliefs, motivations, emotions and behaviors, adjustment, prejudice, and prosocial behavior.
Outcomes:
Understanding of the relationship between religion and psychological variables (e.g

PSYC 377 Psychology of Music (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 Outcomes: Students will understand theories regarding brain mechanisms associated with emotion processing and the techniques used for studying these mechanisms
Engagement in musical activities is common across all human cultures. This course will introduce students to the interdisciplinary field of psychology of music and will focus on how humans perceive and are affected by music, how we create music, and how music is integrated into human life.

PSYC 378 Drugs and Behavior (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: NEUR 101 Outcomes: Knowledge of the mechanisms of action of drugs, including illicit drugs and drugs used to treat psychiatric disorders
This course will introduce students to neuropsychopharmacology. Acute and long term effects of addictive drugs and drugs used to treat psychiatric disorders on neural function and behavior are discussed by integrating human and preclinical animal studies. Major types of drugs of abuse, antidepressants, antipsychotics, and anxiolytics will be discussed.
PSYC 381 Adv Stat Anls-Computer:Soc Sci (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 304 or SOCL 301 Expanded treatment of topics covered in PSYC 304 with emphasis on using standard computer analysis packages (SPSS)
No course description is available
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate the ability to discuss theoretical assumptions of various statistical techniques, choose the appropriate statistical test in a variety of situations, use SPSS to enter data and perform a statistical analysis, and interpret the results of statistical analyses

PSYC 382 Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: NEUR 101 (formerly PSYC 202 /BIOL 202) Overview of topics and methodologies used in behavioral and cognitive neuroscience including: attention, learning and memory, language, reasoning, decision making, intelligence, emotions, social cognition, and consciousness
BIOL 284 is cross-listed with PSYC 382.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Course equivalencies: X-PSYC 382/BIOL 284
Outcomes:
Students will understand theories regarding brain mechanisms, underlying mental events and the technologies used for studying these mechanisms

PSYC 385 Practicum in Peace Activism (3 Credit Hours)
Students will learn how to recognize and navigate the psychological pitfalls that accompany work as a peace activist. Topics include building programs, recruiting volunteers, managing media messages, avoiding burnout, handling conflict within organizations, and securing funding for peace activities. Psychological constructs and theories such as group dynamics, perceived control, learned helplessness, attitude change, and altruism will be used to increase understanding of processes related to peace activism.
Interdisciplinary Option: Peace Studies
Course equivalencies: PSYC385/PAX385

PSYC 386 Psychology Seminar:Selected Topics (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 101 An upper-level, intensive seminar on selected aspects of psychology
No course description is available
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of major theories, research methodologies, and empirical knowledge in the selected topic

PSYC 387 Seminar in Behavioral and Cognitive Neurosciences (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: NEUR 101 (formerly PSYC 202 /BIOL 202); PSYC 382/BIOL 284, limited to NRCB-BS seniors
Lecture/discussions will focus on issues central to behavioral neuroscience, emphasizing human and animal mental processes and neural information processing mechanisms. Students will read primary research papers and practice analytical skills in class discussion and presentations. Presentations and exams will promote critical thinking and a general understanding of current issues in behavioral and cognitive neurosciences.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Outcomes:
Students will become familiar with principles of cognitive and behavioral approaches to the study of the neural bases of behavior; Students will also learn how to critically read primary research papers and present these papers to the class

PSYC 388 Laboratory in Neuroscience I (4 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: NEUR 101, BIOL 251; and students must be either a Molecular/Cellular Neuroscience Major, a Cognitive/Behavioral Neuroscience major, or a Neuroscience Minor
Students will be trained in various anatomical, physiological, behavioral, and neurobiological modeling techniques used to study the nervous system and the brain in the laboratory. This course is cross-listed as NEUR 301 & PSYC 388.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
Course equivalencies: X-NEUR301/PSYC388/BIOL373
Outcomes:
Students will demonstrate understanding of several research designs and methodologies of use in neuroscience research and will gain experience with basic neuroscience laboratory techniques

PSYC 390 Internship in Psychology (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 304 and approval via an internship application due on the 5th Friday of the previous semester
Capstone service-learning experience for psychology majors, involving application and development of psychological knowledge and skills through an internship (100 hours) in a human service organization or applied research setting, combined with regular class meetings, reading and writing assignments. Students arrange placements and complete a project on site. Application details may be found here: https://luc.edu/psychology/undergraduate/internshippsychology. Practical, pre-professional job skills, critical analysis and connection between theory and practice, on topics of: human service agency operation; effective working relationships; professional communication; cultural competence; values and ethics.
This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

PSYC 397 Independent Research (3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: PSYC 306 and approval of internship coordinator
Limited to psychology majors with senior standing. Capstone opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of a psychology faculty member. Only one of PSYC 397 and 399 may count toward the psychology major.
Interdisciplinary Option: Neuroscience
This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.
Outcomes:
Students will gain experience in all aspects of psychological research, including literature review, formulating hypotheses, designing and conducting research, analyzing data and interpreting results, communicating the results of research in written reports

PSYC 399 Special Studies in Psychology (1-3 Credit Hours)
Pre-requisites: permission of instructor and department
Opportunity for individual reading or research in a specialized area not otherwise covered by the Department's course offerings. Only one of PSYC 397 and 399 may count toward the psychology major, integrating research results from various sources, conducting research) working directly with a faculty member on a current topic in psychology.
Outcomes:
Students will gain experience (e.g