Courses I Teach: WSC Catalog Descriptions

PSY 101: General Psychology
This course presents an overview of human behavior from various psychological perspectives. Topics include learning, maturation, biological foundations, motivation, perception, personality development, personal awareness, abnormal behavior, and social behavior. (Undergraduate credit, 3 hrs. Pre requisite to most upper-level psychology courses)

PSY 300: Evolutionary Psychology
Focuses on the origins of behavior and mental processes, the adaptive value they have or had, and the purposes they serve or served. (Undergraduate credit, 3 hrs.)

PSY 345: Health Psychology
This course emphasizes the role of psychological factors in the maintenance of good health; the prevention of illness; and the treatment of, recovery from and adjustment to existing and ongoing illness. (Undergraduate credit, 3 hrs.)

PSY 406/506: Death and Dying
This course examines various causes of death (including “natural causes,” AIDS, suicide, violent deaths), dying with dignity, our attitudes about death, rituals, and grief processes. (Undergraduate or Graduate credit, 3 hrs.)

PSY 408/508: Forensic Psychology
This course is any application of psychological knowledge to issues within the legal system. Topics include psychological profiling, psychological autopsies, lie detection, insanity and competency, violence, eyewitness identification, and law enforcement selection and training.

PSY 415/515: Human Sexuality
This course examines human sexuality from a multicultural perspective to include the historical, biological, psychological, cultural, and sociological viewpoints. (Undergraduate or Graduate credit, 3 hrs.)

PSY 440/540: Psychopharmacology
This course studies the physical changes and psychological effects that drugs have on the brain and nervous systems. Topics include the basic organization and function of the brain and nervous systems and a history of the use of drugs. The course emphasizes how the functions of the brain are altered by the use of drugs, from both illegal and prescription uses. An overview of the mental disorders for which drugs are prescribed, and the mental disorders that result from drug use are included. (Undergraduate or Graduate credit, 3 hrs.)
PSY 450/550: Abnormal Psychology
This course deals with approaches to the assessment and treatment of emotional, social, psychotic, organic, and developmental disorders are examined. (Undergraduate or Graduate credit, 3 hrs.)

PSY 460/560: Physiological Psychology
Coursework focuses on the relationship between the nervous system and behavior. Theories of interactions between the brain and behavior, the research methods and results of relevant studies, and the implications of the results are examined. (Undergraduate or Graduate credit, 3 hrs.)

I also teach 1 specific topics course.

PSY 444/544: Topics: Sex Crimes
The course examines aberrant sexual behavior and the many types of sex crimes, characteristics of the perpetrators of sex crimes, and the theories that offer an explanation of how sex offenders develop. (Undergraduate or graduate, 3-hrs.)