

Psychology (PSYC)

PSYC 5001 [0.5 credit]

Qualitative Research Methods in Psychology

Introduction to various non-numerical, interpretive research methods. Attention will be devoted to the philosophical underpinnings of qualitative research, methods collecting and analyzing qualitative data, and issues regarding sampling, reliability, and validity.

PSYC 5002 [0.5 credit]

Ethics in Psychology

Ethical concepts and controversies related to research and practice in psychology. Topics may include ethical dilemmas and debates, professional codes of ethics, confidentiality, informed consent, legal rights and responsibilities, use of deception, or guidelines for research with special populations.

PSYC 5010 [0.5 credit]

Social Psychology Methodology

An overview of research methods for the study of social and organizational psychology. Topics may include observational and interview techniques, archival methods, questionnaire design, focus groups, qualitative analyses, and computer simulation. A research project will be required.

PSYC 5011 [0.5 credit]

Social Psychology I

Recent developments in social psychology theory and research. Topics may include social cognition, social influence, group processes, conflict resolution and social change.

PSYC 5012 [0.5 credit]

Organizational Psychology I

Recent developments in organizational psychology and research. Topics may include personnel selection, work motivation, morale and productivity, organizational decision making, leadership and social action.

PSYC 5021 [0.5 credit]

Forensic Assessment

Theoretical and empirical issues of the biopsychosocial antecedents of criminal behaviour. Classification and assessment of offenders for courts, probation and parole services. Risk assessment, management and service planning are addressed in both correctional and mental health contexts.

PSYC 5022 [0.5 credit]

Adult Offenders

Theoretical and empirical issues on the use of different types of interventions in modifying adult criminal behaviour. Institutional treatment and community-based approaches are discussed.

PSYC 5023 [0.5 credit]

Witnesses, Victims and Juries

A review of research and theory concerning eyewitnesses, victims of crime, and jury decision-making. Topics such as police interviewing techniques and practices, eyewitness identification and testimony, victim rights, effects and outcomes, and influences on jury verdicts are discussed.

PSYC 5024 [0.5 credit]

Juvenile Delinquency

An examination of the development of delinquency with a focus on etiology, risk factors, assessment, prediction, and developmental trajectories. Individual, group, and family institutional and community treatment approaches are examined.

PSYC 5104 [0.5 credit]

Psychology of Women

This seminar will consider and evaluate research concerning the psychology of women, including research methods, gender roles and gender differences.

PSYC 5105 [0.5 credit]

Fundamentals of HCI Design and Evaluation

Strategies and practices in HCI design and evaluation. Students will learn to perform studies in user interface analysis and design, read the research literature critically, summarize important points from readings, write papers, design user interfaces and present their written and oral work.

Also listed as HCIN 5100.

PSYC 5106 [0.5 credit]

Research Methods in HCI

An introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methods in HCI. Students will acquire skills in collecting and analyzing HCI data, presenting the findings and specifying practical implications.

Also listed as HCIN 5403.

PSYC 5107 [0.5 credit]

Psychology of Family Violence

Biopsychosocial antecedents and consequences of the abuse and neglect of children, partners and elders within the family. The efficacy of preventive and treatment strategies is also assessed, as are current controversies and research methods in the area.

PSYC 5109 [0.5 credit]

Historical and Social Foundations of Social Psychology

History of psychological social psychology (1890s to 1960s), with emphasis on the development of social psychology as both an experimental and an interpretive science. Some attention is given to historiographic issues and the history of the human sciences generally.

PSYC 5209 [0.5 credit]**Psychology of Health and Illness**

A critical examination of scientific theory and research on the role of psychological factors in health and illness, and the use of psychological interventions in treating illness and maintaining health. Topics include the biopsychological model of illness, stress and coping, psychoneuroimmunology, personality, and stress management.

PSYC 5300 [0.5 credit]**Perceptual Processes**

Theoretical and empirical issues of the area of perception. Topics may include: psychophysics, constancies, depth perception, pattern recognition, iconic memory, attention, hemispheric specialization.

PSYC 5301 [0.5 credit]**Psychophysics**

A study of classic and contemporary psychophysical methods. Applications to cognition will be included.

PSYC 5401 [0.5 credit]**Multivariate Techniques**

Applications of multivariate statistical techniques with psychological data including multivariate analysis of variance, canonical correlation, discriminant function analysis, and factor analysis. Extensive use is made of statistical software.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410 and PSYC 5411.

PSYC 5407 [0.5 credit]**Scale Development and Psychometrics**

This course will typically be designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the process of psychological scale development with respect to both the classical (i.e., reliability, validity) and the more modern (item response theory) psychometric approaches.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5411.

PSYC 5410 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Analysis of Variance**

Concepts and applications of advanced analysis of variance designs, including factorial, within groups, and hierarchical designs, and analysis of covariance. Extensive use is made of statistical software.

PSYC 5411 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Regression**

Concepts and applications of advanced regression analyses, including multiple regression, hierarchical and polynomial techniques. Extensive use is made of statistical software.

PSYC 5412 [0.5 credit]**Topics in Advanced Statistics and Methods**

Selected topics in advanced statistics and research methods relevant to broad areas of psychology, varying from year to year. Topics may include broad analytic approaches, such as, program evaluation, qualitative methods, nonparametric statistics, among others.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410 and PSYC 5411 and permission of the Department.

PSYC 5413 [0.25 credit]**Workshops in Advanced Statistics and Methods**

Intensive focus on specific statistical or methodological approaches relevant to psychological research such as advanced factor analysis, meta-analysis, observational methods.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410 and PSYC 5411 and permission of the Department.

PSYC 5414 [0.5 credit]**Structural Equation Modeling**

An in depth examination of structural equation modeling (SEM) techniques. SEM involves the integration of path analysis and factor analysis. Basic issues such as model fitting and identification will be covered as well as more applied issues surrounding mediation and moderation testing in SEM.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410 and PSYC 5411.

PSYC 5415 [0.5 credit]**Multilevel Modeling**

An in depth examination of multilevel modeling (MLM). Students will develop the skills required to interpret and conduct multi-level data analysis, including longitudinal and nested designs, using hierarchical linear modeling software. The primary focus will be on two- level and three-level hierarchies.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410 and PSYC 5411.

PSYC 5416 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Survey Methods**

Analysis of data from complex sample designs, including the development of selection and non-response weights, methods for handling and imputing missing data, the effects of stratification and clustering on estimation, and methods of variance estimation for complex sample designs.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 5410, PSYC 5411.

PSYC 5500 [0.5 credit]**Developmental Psychology Methodology**

An overview of research methods in the study of developmental psychology. Topics may include: observational and interview techniques, use of archival data, longitudinal designs, questionnaire development, and basic assessment methods. A research project will be required.

PSYC 5503 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology:
Social and Emotional Development**

Recent developments in developmental psychology theory and research related to the study of social and emotional development. Topics may include child temperament, parenting and the family, peer relationships, self-system, and developmental psychopathology.

PSYC 5504 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology:
Cognitive Development**

Recent developments in developmental psychology theory and research related to the study of cognitive development. Topics may include: language, literacy, numeracy, and theory of mind.

PSYC 5505 [0.5 credit]**Theories of Developmental Psychology**

An in-depth examination of theories of developmental psychology. Special attention will be given to the mechanisms that account for change. Although most theories speak to the developmental of children, students will have the opportunity to investigate theories of ageing as well.

PSYC 5601 [0.5 credit]**Contemporary Research in Personality**

Current controversial issues in personality research, and selected theoretical and research studies in personality.

PSYC 5700 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Topics in Cognition I**

An in-depth study of a specific topic in the area of basic cognitive processes. Topics will vary from year to year and may include judgmental processes, object identification, selective attention and spatial cognition.

PSYC 5703 [0.5 credit]**Cognition I**

A survey of issues and research methodologies in basic cognitive processes. Topics may include detection and processing of sensory signals, pattern recognition, attention, mental imagery and automaticity.

PSYC 5704 [0.5 credit]**Cognition II**

A survey of issues and research methodologies in higher-level cognitive processes. Topics may include memory, representation of knowledge, decision processes, and the procedural/declarative controversy. The course may be focused on a particular area (e.g. reading, transfer in problem solving).

PSYC 5800 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Psychology**

The topics of this course will vary from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

PSYC 5900 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

In-depth investigation of selected problems in psychology by means of directed library research. Registration is restricted, permission to register being granted only by the graduate committee. A final report must be filed in the departmental office prior to submission of course grade.

PSYC 5901 [0.5 credit]**Independent Research**

Permission to register and approval of research plan must be obtained from the graduate committee. A final research report must be filed in the departmental office prior to submission of course grade. The course may be repeated for credit.

PSYC 5903 [0.5 credit]**Practicum in Psychology**

The practicum offers master's level students the opportunity to gain experience in a range of applied psychology settings with the goal of integrating academic and practical aspects of psychology. This course cannot be repeated for credit. Students will receive a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Details are available from the Department.

PSYC 5906 [0.0 credit]**Pro-Seminar in Psychology**

The pro-seminar is based on the departmental invited colloquia series. This course provides breadth in terms of exposure to research. Colloquia are offered from September to April.

PSYC 5909 [2.5 credits]**M.A. Thesis****PSYC 6101 [0.5 credit]****Social Psychology II**

A seminar covering a selection of advanced topics in social psychology theory and research taken from recent publications and debates in the discipline.

PSYC 6102 [0.5 credit]**Organizational Psychology II**

A seminar covering advanced topics in organizational psychology theory and research taken from recent publications and debates in the discipline.

PSYC 6104 [0.5 credit]**Seminar in University Teaching**

Theoretical and empirical work related to teaching in higher education. Analysis of instructional discourse, use of language in classroom decision-making, bases of effective practice and methods of instruction. Constructivist principles of teaching and learning. Role of teaching in university scholarship. Also listed as LALS 5204. Precludes additional credit for LALS 5905 (Section T, 1997-98), LALS 5905 (Section X, 1998-99), LALS 5905 (Section W, 1999-2000), LALS 5905 (Section W, 2000-01), LALS 5905 (Section X, 2001-02), LALS 5905 (Section W, 2002-03) and LALS 5204.

PSYC 6105 [0.5 credit]**Psychological Aspects of Computer Use**

An investigation of human factors related to the effective design of computer hardware and software. Topics may include the design and evaluation of information search procedures, graphic displays, and operation manuals on the assessment of usability. A research project will be required.

PSYC 6106 [0.5 credit]**Social Aspects of Computer Use**

An investigation of the social psychological factors affecting the use of computers and the social consequences of their use. Topics may include the use of computers in higher education and the social consequences of the Internet for the Third World.

PSYC 6114 [0.5 credit]**Teaching Practicum**

The purpose of this course is to provide doctoral students who have an interest in developing their teaching skills with the opportunity for mentored practice within the discipline of psychology. Graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

PSYC 6410 [0.5 credit]**Capstone Research Project in Quantitative Methods**

Conduct an independent quantitative data analysis project that demonstrates a student's mastery of advanced quantitative techniques. This project may involve practical experience with an organization or agency when the principal activity extends the student's knowledge of quantitative techniques.

Prerequisite(s): permission of the Department.

PSYC 6700 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Topics in Cognition II**

An in-depth study of a specific topic in higher-level cognitive processes. Topics will vary from year to year and may include mathematical knowledge and processes, problem solving, or models of reading.

PSYC 6800 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Psychology**

The topics of this course will vary from year to year, and will be announced in advance of the registration period.

PSYC 6900 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

In-depth investigation of selected problems in psychology by means of directed library research. Registration is restricted, permission to register being granted only by the graduate committee. A final report must be filed in the departmental office prior to submission of course grade.

PSYC 6901 [0.5 credit]**Independent Research**

Permission to register and approval of research plan must be obtained from the graduate committee. A final research report must be filed in the departmental office prior to submission of course grade. The course may be repeated for credit.

PSYC 6903 [0.5 credit]**Practicum in Psychology**

The practicum offers Ph.D. students the opportunity to gain experience in a range of applied psychology settings with the goal of integrating academic and practical aspects of psychology. This course cannot be repeated for credit. Students will receive a grade of satisfactory or unsatisfactory. Details are available from the Department.

PSYC 6906 [0.0 credit]**Pro-Seminar in Psychology I**

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PSYC 6907 [0.0 credit]**Pro-Seminar in Psychology II**

The pro-seminar is based on the departmental invited colloquia series. This course provides breadth in terms of exposure to research. Colloquia are offered from September to April.

PSYC 6909 [7.0 credits]**Ph.D. Thesis**