

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

PSYC

Course Number

2003H

Course Title

General Psychology Honors

Catalog Description

This course is an introduction to the breadth and diversity of psychology as a science topics covered include the biological basis of behavior, personality, human development, learning, memory, motivation and emotion, mental disorders and treatment, social influences on thought and behavior, perception, and consciousness. The scientific basis and practical applications of psychological principles are emphasized in this course. This is an honors course. Please refer to the NWACC Honors Program section in the current catalog for more information.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students completing this course will:

- Explain why psychology is a science and describe the different research methods used by psychologists

- Demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology
- Evaluate current competing theories relating to contemporary issues in psychology

Honors Outcomes

Honors classes (and the Honors Program) promote the following core values:

- **Community** students will demonstrate civic engagement through Service Learning and exploration of local, national, and global communities.
- **Curiosity** students will cultivate personal and intellectual curiosity through investigation, discussion, and scholarship.
- **Diversity** students will explore multiple perspectives through interdisciplinary learning.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Standard Practices

Topics list

- History of Psychology and Research Methods
- Theories of Personality
- Life Span Development
- Biological Basis of Behavior
- Consciousness
- Sensation and Perception
- Thinking and Intelligence
- Memory
- Learning
- Social and Cultural Influences on Behavior
- Psychological Disorders and Treatment
- Emotion, Stress, and Health
- Motivation

Learning activities (not required)

- Individual projects/presentations
- Group projects/presentations
- Field Trips/events
- Guest Speakers
- Service Learning and/or
- Conference Poster

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A

