

# **COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

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A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Psychology
2. Course Number: PSY 101
3. Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

A foundation course in the science of behavior. The course will provide an overview of the factors that affect behavior and mental processes including biological, behavioral, cognitive, and socio-cultural influences. General Education: Social and Behavioral Sciences. AGEC Special Requirements: Ethnic/Race/Gender Awareness. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

To acquaint students with the scientific method of inquiry, vocabulary, theories, and areas of study in the field including learning, cognitive, biological, developmental, psychopathology and methods of treatment, and social psychology.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Define the vocabulary and concepts used in the field.
2. Describe the scientific method and the research methodologies used in the field of psychology.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical and current theoretical frameworks that influence the field of psychology.
4. Describe the relationship between the brain and behavior.
5. Discuss the role of nature and nurture and their influences on human behavior.
6. Discuss biological, behavioral, cognitive, and social development across the lifespan.
7. Describe the role of psychology in contemporary society and apply relevant concepts and theories to student's own experiences.

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D. Course Outcomes Assessment:

Students will:

1. Demonstrate attainment of course outcomes through a variety of assessment techniques, including written exams and writing assignments.

E. Course Content:

Will include:

1. History and science of psychology
  - a. History of psychology
  - b. The scientific method
  - c. Research methodologies used in the field
2. Theoretical perspectives to explain human behavior
  - a. Psychoanalytic
  - b. Behavioral
  - c. Biological

- d. Cognitive
- e. Socio-cultural
- 3. Human development
  - a. Physical b Cognitive c. Socio-cultural
  - d. Personality
- 4. Applied psychology
  - a. Abnormal behavior
  - b. Therapy
  - c. Role of psychology in contemporary society