Psychology (PSYC) 1520 Psychology as a Profession (3 Units) CSU

Prerequisite: None

Advisory: None

Hours and Unit Calculations:
48 hours lecture. 96 Outside-of-class Hours. (144Total Student Learning Hours) 3 Units

Catalog Description: This course is an introduction to the profession of psychology, including a discussion of careers related to psychology. Students will be exposed to skills important for success as a Psychology major.

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit


Additional Required Materials:

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:
1. Understand the different careers available to a Psychology major
2. Demonstrate skills important to a successful Psychology major
3. Understand the next steps in their educational path as a Psychology major

Course Scope and Content:

Unit I  Psychology Careers
A. Careers available with an AA in Psychology
B. Careers available with a BA in Psychology
C. Careers available with a Master’s degree in Psychology
D. Careers available with a doctorate degree in Psychology

Unit II  Skill to be a successful Psychology major
A. Reading textbooks and research articles
B. Technical writing in APA Style
C. Cognitive psychology and learning
Unit III  Educational path of Psychology major

A. Pathway to graduate with an Associate of Arts for Transfer in Psychology
B. Pathway to graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology
C. Pathway to graduate school in Psychology

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class

The students in the class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

1. Reading assigned textbook and other assigned readings
2. Complete written work
3. Finding information relevant for the course topics

Methods of Instruction

1. Lectures
2. Whole class or group discussions
3. Audiovisual presentation

Methods of Evaluation

1. Quizzes or exams
2. Substantial writing assignments
3. Participation in discussion

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