Title of Course: Advanced Topics in Psychology
Revision

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

This course explores present day psychological issues, social values, and personal responses to social issues and choices by applying student’s understanding of psychological principles. 3 CREDIT HOURS

II. Prerequisite (s):

PY370 & completion of the Psychology Extended core courses.

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

A. In this capstone course, students are required to integrate what they have learned in previous psychology classes and demonstrate critical thinking, research skills, and APA style writing.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes (Minimum of 3): Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to:

A. Identify some of the psychological issues involved in the course topic.
B. Identify individual differences within the psychological research related to the course topic.
C. Apply psychological theory and/or content knowledge learned in other courses to the analysis or understanding of the course topic.

V. Expectations of Students:

A. Attend class regularly.
B. Participate in class discussions and projects.
C. Complete all assigned papers.
D. Complete all assigned presentations/projects.

VI. Course Content or Outline (Indicate number of class hours per unit or section):

A. Examination & description of the historical perspective of the course “topic”.
   1. Review of the psychological literature on the “topic”.
   2. Describe the various perspectives of the “topic”.

B. Examination of the causes of the “topic” (if the topic revolves around a problem area) or of the current state of the course “topic” (if the topic is focused upon current trends in technology or more an examination of the “state of the state” in some area of psychological research (e.g. an examination of current neuro-physiological technologies)).

C. Evaluate trends in approaching the “topic” and providing directions for the future that might include: resources available, alternative & integrative ways of handling the issue, treating the problem, or preventing problematic development within the topic area in the future.
VII. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

A. Readings will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor to fit with the topic of the course.

VIII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

A. Short Reaction Papers

B. Participation in Discussions

C. Presentations/Projects

D. APA Style Position Paper