

PSYCHOLOGY, BEHAVIOR & DECISION SCIENCES (PBDS)

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PBDS 1010 Introduction to Psychology and Behavioral Sciences

This course will provide students with a foundation in the history of the development of the psychological and behavioral sciences, with attention to the evolution of theories and approaches to research design.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 1500 Social Psychology

Study of the theories and research methodologies of the field of social psychology.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 1600 Developmental Psychology

A study of the theories and methods of the field of developmental psychology, including attention to development over the lifespan from infancy to adolescence to adulthood to aging.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 2000 Personality Psychology

In this course, students will learn about theories and methods in the psychological study of personality, which focuses on individual differences in characteristic patterns of thinking, feeling and behaving. In addition to studying foundational theories and recent developments in the field, students will also learn about the application of instruments to test personality in the workplace and other organizations.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 2100 Group Processes

In this course, students will learn the theories and methods applied by behavioral scientists to the behavior of small groups in settings such as workplaces. Topics covered may include patterns of communication, group hierarchies and influence, metrics of group effectiveness, and approaches to handling conflict.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 2200 Industrial and Organizational Psychology

This course will introduce students to primary research theories, methods, and findings in the fields of industrial and organizational psychology, which focus on the behavior of employees in the workplace.

Topics may include factors influencing employee performance, communication, professional satisfaction and safety.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 2500 Topics in Psychological, Behavioral, and Decision Sciences

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PBDS 3600 Psychology of Social Difference and Diversity

This course will explore theories and methods used by behavioral scientists to understand the psychology of social difference, with attention to how theories and research in the behavioral sciences provide strategies to address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit

PBDS 4500 Advanced Topics in Psychological, Behavioral, and Decision Sciences

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Fall or Spring

1 Course Unit