

BEHAVIORAL/SOCIAL SCIENCE (809)

809-103 - Thinking Critically and Creatively

Provides instruction about critical and creative thinking that is in high demand in all occupations. Models, theories, and processes provide the foundation for learning logical thinking strategies. Students will apply a systematic approach to problem solving by analyzing the problem, assessing possible solutions, and making effective decisions. In addition, students will generate ideas and analyze complex issues. This course assists students with developing a critical thinking mindset which is essential at every level of personal and professional life.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-110 - Persuasion: Theory and Application

This course explores the principles of persuasion and its impact on communication, decision-making, and public influence. Students will examine key persuasion strategies, the role of emotion and credibility, and how persuasion is used in media, advertising, and digital platforms. The course also covers persuasion in negotiation and conflict resolution, as well as ethical considerations in persuasive messaging. Through analysis and application, students will develop the skills to assess and use persuasion effectively in personal, professional, and societal contexts.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-122 - Introduction to American Government

Introduces American political processes and institutions. Focuses on rights and responsibilities of citizens and the process of participatory democracy. Students examine the complexity of the separation of powers and checks and balances. Explores the role of the media, interest groups, political parties and public opinion in the political process. Explores the role of state and national government in our federal system. Credit for Prior Learning Available

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-143 - Microeconomics

This course examines the behavior of individual decision makers, primarily consumers and firms. Topics include choices of how much to consume and to produce, the functioning of perfectly and imperfectly competitive markets, the conditions under which markets may fail, and arguments for and against government intervention. The student applies the fundamental tools of economics to real world problems.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-144 - Macroeconomics

Macroeconomics is an introductory course. Basic social choices regarding economic systems, basic economic aggregates, fiscal policy, the banking system, monetary policy, and international trade are the principle topics discussed in the course. Balance is drawn between theory, analysis, and a critique of the institutions that characterize modern mixed-capitalist economies. Conflicting social goals, economic constraints, and environmental concerns provide the framework through which the macroeconomy is analyzed.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-154 - Educational Psychology

This course covers the theories and concepts of learning and development that contribute to the understanding and direction of learning in educational contexts. Principles and concepts of classroom management, instructional methods, motivation, assessment and neurodiversity in education will be examined.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-159 - Abnormal Psychology

The course addresses the foundations of abnormal psychology and psychological disorders, including their characteristics, possible causes, assessments, diagnostic processes, and treatments. The course includes examination of major historical and theoretical perspectives, research, sociocultural considerations, and elements of psychological wellness. (Prerequisite: 809-198 Introduction to Psychology or 809-199 Psychology of Human Relations)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-166 - Introduction to Ethics: Theory and Application

Provides a basic understanding of the theoretical foundations of ethical thought. Students analyze diverse ethical perspectives and compare relevant issues. Students critically evaluate individual, social and/or professional standards of behavior and apply a systematic decision-making process to ethical dilemmas. (Prerequisite: Test score required to register)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-172 - Introduction to Diversity Studies

Introduces learners to the study of diversity from a local to a global environment using a holistic, interdisciplinary approach. Encourages self-exploration and prepares the learner to work in a diverse environment. In addition to an analysis of majority/minority relations in a multicultural context, the primary topics of race, ethnicity, age, gender, class, sexual orientation, disability, religion are explored. (Prerequisite: Test score required to register)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-174 - Social Problems

Explores the causes of and possible solutions to selected social problems, such as inequality, crime and deviance, and poverty. Students will examine the interrelationship of social problems and their roots in fundamental societal institutions.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-188 - Developmental Psychology

Developmental Psychology is the study of human development throughout the lifespan. This course explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Students engage in application and critical thinking activities to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others. (Prerequisite: 809-198 Introduction to Psychology) Credit for Prior Learning Available

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-195 - Economics

Provides an overview of how a market-oriented economic system operates, and surveys factors that influence national economic policy. Students explore economic concepts illustrated through a variety of contemporary problems and public policy issues. Students also examine scarcity, resources, alternative economic systems, growth, supply and demand, monetary and fiscal policy, inflation, unemployment and global economic issues. (Prerequisite: Test score required to register) Credit for Prior Learning Available

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-196 - Introduction to Sociology

Introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multiculturalism, and the five institutions including family, government, economics, religion and education. Students examine sociological topics including demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, social organization and workplace issues. Credit for Prior Learning Available

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-198 - Introduction To Psychology

This science of psychology course is a survey of multiple aspects of behavior and mental processes. It provides an overview of topics such as research methods, theoretical perspectives, learning, cognition, memory, motivation, emotions, personality, abnormal psychology, physiological factors, social influences, and development. (Prerequisite: Test score required to register) Credit for Prior Learning Available

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-199 - Psychology of Human Relations

Explores the relationship between the general principles of psychology and our everyday lives. Students are given the opportunity to achieve a deepened sense of awareness of themselves and others. This understanding enables students to improve their relationships with others at work, in the family and in society. (Prerequisite: Test score required to register)

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-230 - Health Psychology

An applied course exploring the effects of biological, psychological, social and spiritual influences on health and wellness. Students will complete individualized labs to increase knowledge of health-promoting and health-compromising behaviors and attitudes for individuals and groups.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-283 - Introduction to Anthropology

An introduction to anthropology as a holistic discipline made up of four primary subfields: the cultural, biological, archaeological, and linguistic study of humanity. Overview of key characteristics of culture, human evolution, archaeological concepts, and the relationship between language and society with a focus on cultural difference and the ways in which anthropology informs our understanding of past and present societies.

3 Credit hours

54 Lecture hours

809-300 - Occupational Success Strategies

Addresses employment skills that lead to productive working relationships. Emphasizes teamwork, customer service, interaction with diverse populations, problem solving, conflict resolution and handling feedback. Students practice stress management skills, strategies for maintaining mental and physical self-worth, and problem-solving approach to workplace transitions.

1 Credit hours

36 Lecture hours