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2018 – 2020 CATALOG

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Courses – Beginning with Letter “P”

interpretation. Enrollment is subject to audition. Bring the music of a prepared song to the first class meeting.

### **MUSIC 501 College Choir (1) UC/CSU (RPT)**

Open to all students by audition.

This course consists of study and performance of selected choral literature for mixed voices, both accompanied and a cappella. The emphasis is placed on the development of reading skills, basic voice techniques and interpreting the score.

### **MUSIC 561 Chamber Chorale (1) UC/CSU (RPT)**

This course is designed for the intermediate choral singer. The students analyze, rehearse and perform choral music suited to a small group of singers, with and without accompaniment. Choral literature from the Renaissance through the 21st century is explored. Emphasis is on increased skill in reading music and sight singing, score interpretation, vocal technique, diction, ear training, and preparation for public performances. Confirmation of enrollment is subject to audition.

### **MUSIC 755 Brass Ensemble (1) UC/CSU (RPT)**

This course involves preparation for performances of ensemble repertoire. It provides for the development of ensemble technical and artistic abilities through experience with a wide range of ensemble literature.

### **MUSIC 775 Jazz Ensemble (1) UC/CSU (RPT)**

Open to all instrumentalists by audition.

This course provides instrumentalists and vocalists with the opportunity to rehearse and perform music of the past in the "big band" tradition, as well as contemporary compositions written for this ensemble.

### **MUSIC 781 Studio Jazz Band (1) UC/CSU (RPT)**

The student prepares, rehearses and performs selected musical works for jazz band, focusing on rhythm, intonation, articulation, expression, blend and balance, following the conductor, improvisation of solos, and professional standards of conduct. Confirmation of enrollment is subject to audition.

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## **NURSING**

(NURSING)

(Also see Allied Health, and Health Occupations.)

### **NURSING 056 Essential Practical Skills for Nurse Assistants (1)**

This course focuses on reinforcing and integrating the Certified Nurse Assistant duties and skills required to assist patients in long term care facilities with of Activities of Daily Living.

### **NURSING 399 Certified Nurse Assistant / Certified Home Health Aide (7)**

Introduction to the health care field, working with residents/patients in the long term care facility, the acute care setting, and the home care setting. Emphasis is given to safety principles, infection control, methods for providing physical care, and emotional and social support.

### **NURSING 399A Certified Nurse Assistant (5)**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 28.*

This course will provide students with an introduction to the health care field, working with residents/patients in the long term care facility and the acute care setting. Emphasis will be given to safety principles, infection control, methods for providing physical care, and emotional and social support. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to take the American Red Cross Nurse Assistant Certification Exam.

### **NURSING 399B Certified Home Health Aide (2)**

*Prerequisite: Successful completion of NURSING 399A, or State of California Certification from California Department of Health.*

This course focuses on understanding the regulatory guidelines pertaining to the Home Health Aide scope of practice; basic knowledge of the disease and to recognized signs and symptoms of the disease; the concepts of provision of care in home setting and a sound knowledge base from which the Home Health Aide can be an important partner of other healthcare providers, for the patient to achieve the highest level of physical function and go back to prior level of care.

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## **OCEANOGRAPHY**

(OCEANO)

(Also see Earth Science, Environmental Science, and Geography.)

### **OCEANO 001 Introduction to Oceanography (3) UC/CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 and MATH 112*

This course offers introductory study of the ocean floor, chemical & physical properties of ocean water, currents, tides, waves and marine resources.

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## **PARALEGAL STUDIES**

(PALEGAL)

### **PALEGAL 004 Legal Internship (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: Paralegal 10 and English 101.*

Directed field work in selected private law firms or public institutions of legal assisting are assigned to individual students. An effort is made to rotate office assignments.

### **PALEGAL 010 Introduction to Law and Legal Profession (3) CSU**

An introductory course in formalizing the career of the legal assistant, an introduction to law, social forces and the law, comparison of the role of the legal assistant and the lawyer, and an introduction to legal terminology and bibliography, including research problems.

### **PALEGAL 011 Introduction to Civil Litigation (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and ENGLISH 101.*

This course is a continuation of PALEGAL 010 with a study of the composition, location and jurisdiction of all courts, a study of document production and administration within the judicial structure, a detailed examination of civil and criminal litigation, and an introduction to legal drafting and writing.

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## **PALEGAL 012 Tort Law (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and ENGLISH 101.*

A study of the fundamental principles of the law of torts, including insurance and an examination of the techniques of investigation involved in the lawyer's handling of tort and insurance claims.

## **PALEGAL 013 Wills, Trusts, and Probate Administration (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010*

A study of the fundamental principles of the law of wills and trusts, including simple will and trust forms; an examination of the organization and jurisdiction of a California Probate Court; and the administration of estates in California Probate Courts.

## **PALEGAL 014 Law Office Management and Procedures (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010*

A study of the basic objectives of the management of a law office; a study of hardware and software used in a law office; an examination of indexing and filing principles; law office manuals; a study of basic accounting principles; practice in and study of law office correspondence.

## **PALEGAL 016 Civil and Criminal Evidence (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and ENGLISH 101.*

This is a study of the rules of civil and criminal evidence and the admissibility of such evidence in court; deposition comprehension and use in court; interrogatory summarizing and use in court.

## **PALEGAL 017 Legal Writing (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and ENGLISH 101.*

This course covers advanced legal drafting and writing, including special research and projects.

## **PALEGAL 018 Family Law (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010.*

This course surveys family practice and procedure topics including: parental prerogatives, marriage, separation, divorce, custody and support, adoption and guardianship. Students learn to conduct client interviews, and draft pleading necessary to the general practice of family law.

## **PALEGAL 019 Property and Creditor Rights (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010.*

This course is a study of the law of property including: community property, joint tenancy, leases, deeds, contracts, escrows, deeds of trust, the system of recording and search of public documents, bankruptcy laws and forms and evictions (unlawful detainer actions). The student will also study secured transactions, collateral, purchase money secured interest, liens, attachment, garnishment, and other creditor's remedies. This course introduces the student to the nature of property and personality acquiring and owning property, real property, and the landlord-tenant relationship.

## **PALEGAL 020 Probate Procedures (3)**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and 013.*

A comprehensive study of methods for fact gathering, office procedures, and required court work involved in the handling of probates of both estate and intestate decedents.

## **PALEGAL 033 Entertainment Law (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010.*

This course presents an overview of the legal aspects in the entertainment industry. Students will be exposed to legal aspects of contractual, agreements, copyright requirements, privacy, regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, libel and slander, freedom of speech and press, publishing rights, trademarks, unions, and related concerns.

## **PALEGAL 035 Immigration Law (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010.*

This course is a study of concepts of immigration law including grounds of exclusion, defense to deportation, petitions and visa applications. Re- search and writing will be emphasized in the areas of amnesty, naturalization, citizenship, international law and criminal aspects of immigration.

## **PALEGAL 041 Contract Law for Paralegals (3) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101*

This course covers the principles, history, and sources of contract law; elements of a valid, enforceable contract; and contract drafting. Topics include Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code regarding the sale of goods, and the role of the paralegal in contract law.

## **PALEGAL 042 Workers' Compensation Law for Paralegals (3)**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

This course will take an in depth look at the California Workers' Compensation system, from the occurrence of a work-related injury or illness to the final resolution of the claim. Students learn the substantive and procedural processes, roles and responsibilities of the claimant, employer, healthcare provider, insurance company, lawyers and the paralegal. Learn about and prepare the necessary forms and pleadings required for both the injured worker and the defense, discovery, electronic court filings (EAMS), deposition summaries, penalties, discrimination, serious and willful misconduct, fraudulent claims, the relevant state and federal laws and related ethical obligations.

## **PALEGAL 043 Electronic Discovery for Paralegals (3)**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

This course provides the student with a comprehensive overview of acquiring, managing, producing and organizing varied documents during all phases of a lawsuit. Traditional and computer assisted methods of document management and discovery are explored. The student will learn how to handle a client's documents, obtain documents from opposing parties and non-parties, index and organize documents as they are received, utilize computer-assisted litigation support programs and use documents at trial.

## **PALEGAL 044 Business Organizations for Paralegals (3)**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

This course introduces students to the general principles of corporate and business law with specific focus on the sole proprietorship, general partnership, limited liability company (LLC), limited liability partnership (LLP), and corporations. It will address the organizational structure of (and differentiating characteristics), and the manner in which business organizations are created, operated, maintained, dissolved and other relevant legal issues. Emphasis on the paralegal's role in collecting data, drafting documents, maintaining minutes, records and much more.

## **PALEGAL 045 Litigation Document Preparation (3) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

This course introduces the student to common litigation documents, terminology, procedures, and document preparation. Topics covered include the development and production of initial client documents, fee agreements, interrogatories, subpoenas, other discovery, deposition summaries, briefs, motions and pleadings. Students will receive hands-on instruction to create these legal documents using word processing software and focus on deadlines and calendaring requirements.

## **PALEGAL 051 Legal Research (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: PALEGAL 010 and ENGLISH 101*

Students learn how to perform library and computer assisted legal research. Topics include finding the law by using legal encyclopedias; treatises; legal periodicals; A.L.R. annotations; Restatements; case reporters, digests, and their alternatives; case citators; constitutions and statutes; regulations; agency decisions; and loose-leaf services. Students also receive hands-on training in Westlaw and LexisNexis.

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## **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**

(PHRMCTK)

(Also see Allied Health, and Health Occupations.)

### **PHRMCTK 021 Retail Products for Pharmacy Clerks/Technicians (3) CSU**

This course is designed for the Pharmacy Clerk student to provide basic knowledge about Over-the-Counter (OTC) products in relation to their accepted therapeutic uses. Students will understand the steps involved in safely choosing a non-prescription product.

### **PHRMCTK 023 Introduction to Pharmacy (2) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

In this course students will understand the roles and opportunities open to pharmacy clerks and technicians in various practice settings. Students will be introduced to pharmaceutical dosage forms, the drug development process, and drug classification systems. This course also includes an introduction to prescription labeling and to the law and ethics for pharmacy practice.

### **PHRMCTK 029 Body Systems I (3) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

In this course students will learn the use and side effects of prescription medications, nonprescription medications and alternative therapies used to treat diseases affecting the muscular, skeletal, respiratory, renal, cardiovascular, and hematologic systems. Students will first master an understanding of basic anatomy and physiology and learn the brand and generic name, standard pronunciation, and routes of administration for each medication studied. Students will also learn medical terminology and abbreviations associated with the use of medication therapy affecting the body systems studied.

### **PHRMCTK 030 Body Systems II (3) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 028 or 101.*

In this course students will learn the use and side effects of prescription medications, nonprescription medications and

alternative therapies used to treat diseases affecting the nervous, endocrine, gastrointestinal, reproductive, immune, ears/nose/throat, and dermatologic systems. Students will first master an understanding of basic anatomy and physiology and learn the brand and generic name, standard pronunciation, and routes of administration for each medication studied. Students will also learn medical terminology and abbreviations associated with the use of medication therapy affecting the body systems studied.

### **PHRMCTK 031 Pharmacy Calculations (2) CSU**

*Recommended: ENGLISH 101*

In this course students will learn calculations related to drug dosage, measurements of strength and preparation of medications. This course also includes inter-conversion of units in the metric and common systems of measurement. Emphasis is placed on unit-cancellation for solving pharmacy problems. This course includes a strong verbal component.

### **PHRMCTK 032 Pharmacy Operations (4.75) CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHRMCTK 023, 029, and 031.*

In this course students will become competent in handling and preparing medications in both the outpatient and compounding pharmacy settings in a manner consistent with the legal and ethical guide-lines. After successful completion of this course, the student will have the skills needed to begin an outpatient pharmacy externship.

### **PHRMCTK 034 Community Pharmacy Externship (2.25) CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHRMCTK 021, 030, and 032; ALD HTH 056 and 057.*

In this course students practice skills developed in other courses in a community or outpatient pharmacy.

### **PHRMCTK 035 Inpatient Pharmacy Services (2) CSU**

In this course students will become competent in the technical aspects of drug distribution for the inpatient (hospital) pharmacy setting. This course includes hands-on training in medication order processing, pharmacy patient profile maintenance, medication preparation and inpatient drug distribution using manual and automated systems.

### **PHRMCTK 036 Inpatient Pharmacy Externship (2.25) CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHRMCTK 035, ALD HTH 056 and ALD HTH 057.*

This course provides students with scientific rationale and practical application involved in responding to a victim with a potential life threatening condition. Students will become proficient in performing CPR, and in the use of an AED. Legal ramifications will be discussed in class along with factors involved when dealing with special populations. In addition, the course covers the management of infectious diseases, splinting, bandaging and spine boarding. The AHA American Heart Association standards will be followed along with candidacy in becoming certified in First Aid & CPR/AED BLS.

### **PHRMCTK 037 Sterile Products (4.75) CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHRMCTK 023, 029, and 031.*

In this course students will learn the aseptic techniques and use of the laminar flow hood used in the preparation of sterile products. Emphasis is placed on parenteral calculations, sterile dosage forms and quality assurance procedures.

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## **PHRMCTK 038 Sterile Products Externship (2.25) CSU**

*Prerequisites:* ALD HTH 056 & 057, and PHRMCTK 037.

In this course students practice skills developed in the Sterile Products class in an ambulatory clinic with infusion services.

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## **PHILOSOPHY**

(PHILOS)

### **PHILOS 001 Introduction to Philosophy (3) UC/CSU**

This course examines such questions as the existence of God, the problems of evil, the nature of the soul and the origin of knowledge. It takes a historical approach to philosophical problems in the Western tradition emphasizing the development of analytic and evaluative skills. An inquiry into the nature of science, religion, metaphysics and the theory of knowledge is undertaken.

### **PHILOS 006 Logic in Practice (3) UC/CSU**

An introduction to critical thinking, the skill of evaluating and constructing arguments as they appear in ordinary language. This course examines problems of clarity of language as they appear in a variety of disciplines such as science, the humanities, social sciences, law and business. Emphasis is placed on the practical application of logical skills to other disciplines.

### **PHILOS 008 Deductive Logic (3) UC/CSU**

This course is an introduction to the principles of deductive and inductive reasoning emphasizing critical and evaluative skills. Introduces technical analysis of the reasoning process, categorical and propositional logic, and formal and informal fallacies. NOTE: This course is an excellent preparation for the LSAT.

### **PHILOS 009 Symbolic Logic I (3) UC/CSU**

This course provides an introduction to formal logic including truth, validity, truth tables, tautologies, contradictions, contingencies, quantification and methods of deduction.

### **PHILOS 012 History of Greek Philosophy (3) UC/CSU**

This course addresses ancient philosophy with emphasis on the development of Greek philosophy from the Pre-Socratics through Aristotle and may also include Hellenistic, Roman, medieval or non-western thinkers.

### **PHILOS 014 History of Modern European Philosophy (3) UC/CSU**

Students study western philosophy from the Renaissance to the 19th century. The course explores the rise of modern science, continental rationalism and British empiricism, and Kant.

### **PHILOS 018 Business Ethics (3) UC/CSU**

This course introduces the study of values, and their importance in the practical conduct of business.

### **PHILOS 020 Ethics (3) UC/CSU**

An inquiry into the nature of morality, and ethical theory in both historical and contemporary settings as they apply to business, the arts, science, and medicine. An analysis of utilitarianism, duty theory and virtue theory as well as contemporary moral issues such as abortion, capital punishment, animal rights, environmental issues and the role of ethics in political and social policy.

### **PHILOS 028 Environmental Ethics (3) UC/CSU**

Relationship between human beings and the wilderness; human obligations to environmental systems. Study of "traditional" normative theories of ethics, morality, and rights, as applied to issues involving animals and other species. Critical examination of environmental ethical theories. Consideration of the value and moral status of the environment (animals, plants, ecosystems).

### **PHILOS 033 Comparative Survey of World Religions (3) UC/CSU**

*(Formerly PHILOS 023)*

This course analyzes the world's great religions, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, Islam and Christianity. This course investigates pre-rational religions, mystic cults, myth and ritual. Emphasis is placed on the philosophical assumptions and principles underlying religious beliefs and the influence of environment and culture on these beliefs.

### **PHILOS 040 Introduction to the Philosophy of Art (3) UC/CSU**

Students are introduced to the meaning of art, the meaning of beauty, truth in art, creativity and art, and various philosophical theories regarding the nature of art.

### **PHILOS 041 An Introduction to Philosophy and Literature (3) UC/CSU**

This course offers an examination of great philosophical and literary works which explore the relationships between philosophy and literature. An analysis is made of philosophical themes such as the nature of self, faith and reason, and the problem of evil as it arises in plays, novels, poems and short stories.

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## **PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

(PHYS SC)

### **PHYS SC 001 Physical Science I (3) UC/CSU**

Designed for the non-science major, this course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles of physics, chemistry, astronomy and geology. Elementary quantitative concepts are used to supplement the qualitative emphasis of this course.

### **PHYS SC 014 Physical Science Laboratory (1) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisites:* PHYS SC 001.

Designed for the non-science major, this course provides an introduction to the laboratory methods and problem-solving skills used in physical science. The experiments, along with a limited number of demonstrations that will be performed will allow students to visualize and apply basic.

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## **PHYSICS**

(PHYSICS)

### **PHYSICS 006 General Physics I (4) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite:* Prior or concurrent enrollment in MATH 241 or equivalent trigonometry.

PHYSICS 006 covers the vector representation of the static & dynamic mechanics of solids, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, vibrations & waves, sound and an introduction to direct current

circuits. It uses problem applications that will equip the students with the basic analytic and experimental techniques to enable them to solve problems. The course work includes the qualitative and quantitative solution of problems, demonstrations and laboratory experiments selected to illustrate the major principles of physics. UC Transfer Credit Limit: transfer credit will only be given for one series: PHYSICS 006 & 007 or PHYSICS 037, 038, & 039.

### **PHYSICS 007 General Physics II (4) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHYSICS 006*

PHYSICS 007 is an introductory course in electrostatics, electromagnetic forces & fields, electro- magnetic wave theory, direct & alternating current circuit analysis including resonance, optics, and modern (relativity, quantum, atomic & nuclear) physics. The course uses qualitative and quantitative problem applications and laboratory work to equip the students with basic analytic and experimental techniques. UC Transfer Credit Limit: transfer credit will only be given for one series: PHYSICS 006 & 007 or PHYSICS 037, 038, & 039.

### **PHYSICS 037 Physics for Engineers and Scientists I (5) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite: MATH 261 with a grade of "C" or better*

The first semester of a three semester calculus-level sequence in introductory college Physics designed for Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Engineering & Mathematics majors. This course introduces the use of modeling of physical systems and the use of calculus and vectors to solve problems involving Classical Mechanics, gravity, the conservation of energy and momentum (linear & angular), statics & dynamics/kinematics, characteristics of solids and fluids, and fluid mechanics. Students will develop skills in modeling, formulating and solving physics problems and will enhance their ability to analyze different situations in terms of fundamental physics principles. The analytical and theoretical work will be reinforced and blended with laboratory experiments that will permit students to verify, illustrate, and deduce various laws of physics. UC Transfer Credit Limit: transfer credit will only be given for one series: PHYSICS 006 & 007 or PHYSICS 037, 038, & 039.

### **PHYSICS 038 Physics for Engineers and Scientists II (5) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisites: PHYSICS 037 and MATH 262.*

The second semester of a three semester calculus-level sequence in introductory college Physics designed for Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Engineering & Mathematics majors. Topics include thermodynamics (temperature, heat, heat engines, entropy), and electricity and magnetism (electric forces, electric fields, potential, magnetism, magnetic forces and fields, capacitance, resistance, inductance, DC and AC circuits). The laboratory includes both quantitative and qualitative experiments which permit students to verify, illustrate and deduce the laws of physics related to the topics discussed.

### **PHYSICS 039 Physics for Engineers and Scientists III (5) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite: PHYSICS 038*

*Corequisite: MATH 263*

The third semester of a three semester calculus-level sequence in introductory college Physics designed for Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Engineering & Mathematics majors. Topics include Oscillations, Wave Motion, Sound, Light, Optics, Special Theory of

Relativity, Quantum Theory and Early Models of the Atom, Quantum Mechanics, Molecules and Solids, Nuclear Physics and Radioactivity, Elementary Particles, and Astrophysics and Cosmology. The laboratory includes both quantitative and qualitative experiments which permit students to verify, illustrate and deduce the laws of physics related to the topics discussed.

### **PHYSICS 185 Directed Study – Physics (1) CSU**

Students study Physics on a contract basis under the direction of a supervising instructor.

### **PHYSICS 285 Directed Study – Physics (2) CSU**

Students study Physics on a contract basis under the direction of a supervising instructor.

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## **PHYSIOLOGY (PHYSIOL)**

(Also see Anatomy.)

### **PHYSIOL 001 Introduction to Human Physiology (4) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite: ANATOMY 001, CHEM 051 or 060 or 101, and MATH 125 with a grade of "C" or better.*

*Recommended: ENGLISH 101*

This course presents the biochemical and biophysical principles underlying the physiological processes of the human body. Lecture topics include the regulation of body processes and the integration of organ systems to maintain homeostasis. Laboratory exercises will include the electrocardiogram, spirometry, blood pressure and urinalysis. This course is intended to meet the requirements of students majoring in Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Physical Therapy and Life Sciences, or for those who wish to extend their knowledge of the human body beyond the scope of introduction.

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## **POLITICAL SCIENCE (POL SCI)**

### **POL SCI 001 The Government of the United States (3) UC/CSU**

This course deals with the principles, problems, structures, and functions of United States and California governments. The topics covered will be political concepts, ideology and government, the Constitution, Federalism, Congress, the presidency, the judiciary, civil rights and civil liberties, the media, elections, political parties, interest groups, California and the nation, the California Constitution, the state legislature, the state's plural executive, and the state judiciary.

### **POL SCI 002 Modern World Governments (3) UC/CSU**

Comparative analysis of different kinds of political systems, including their history, political institutions, processes and policies, the environments in which they occur, and their consequences.

### **POL SCI 007 Contemporary World Affairs (3) UC/CSU**

This course surveys the factors involved in international relations today. Emphasis is placed upon regional and global affairs, providing students with a framework for analysis.

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## **POL SCI 014 Government and Politics in the Middle East (3) UC/CSU**

This course surveys the culture, history, and resources of the countries in the region and their relationship with each other and with Western World.

## **POL SCI 017 Government and Politics in Latin America (3) UC/CSU**

This introductory course provides a framework for understanding and analyzing the governments, politics and institutions of Latin America in connection with the region's diverse cultures and societies and their markets and economies in the context of the global economy.

## **POL SCI 060 Introduction to Globalization (3) UC/CSU**

Introduction to the phenomenon of globalization from the broad perspectives of economics, governments and conflicts, and cultures and societies. Structured around these three pillars of globalization, this course is designed to provide a framework for understanding the multiple and complex connections that globalization produces among nation-states, non-governmental organizations, and societies around the world with their particular ethnic, cultural and religious groups.

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## **PSYCHOLOGY (PSYCH)**

### **PSYCH 001 General Psychology I (3) UC/CSU**

This course presents an overview of the major fields of psychology, including research methods, learning and conditioning, biopsychology, memory, intelligence, health psychology, motivation and emotion, perception, human development, social psychology, personality, psychotherapy, and abnormal psychology. The history of modern psychology and its roots in philosophy is presented. Particular attention is given to the application of psychological concepts to the problems people find living in contemporary society.

### **PSYCH 002 Biological Psychology (3) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite: PSYCH 001.*

This course examines behavior from a biological, physiological approach. A detailed examination of the anatomy and physiology of the neuron and brain is provided, including the central, peripheral, and autonomic nervous systems. Sensory systems are presented, including vision, audition, and somato-sensory. A biopsychological perspective is taken to study motivation, emotion, language, sleep, consciousness, sexual behavior, and mental illness.

### **PSYCH 013 Social Psychology (3) UC/CSU**

Studies individual behavior as it affects others and as it is affected by others. Main topics include: Aggression, Attitudes, Attraction, Discrimination and Prejudice, Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience, Group Behavior, Interpersonal Relationships, Persuasion, Prosocial Behavior, "The Self," and Social Cognition.

### **PSYCH 014 Abnormal Psychology (3) UC/CSU**

This course deals with maladaptive or abnormal behavior of human beings. Topics covered include history of abnormal psychology, classifications, clinical frameworks, treatment and outcomes of

abnormal behavior, assessment utilizing the DSM, and therapy. Major categories of mental disorders are presented including: anxiety, depression, stress, somatoform, dissociative, sexual, personality, and schizophrenia.

### **PSYCH 041 Life-Span Psychology: From Infancy to Old Age (3) UC/CSU**

This course presents the psychological development of the person from the prenatal period through old age and death. Each of the stages of life is presented. Emphasis is placed on theories and their application to the behavioral, cognitive, social, and biological aspects of human development. Psychosocial and life-span approaches are employed to illustrate the interconnectedness of all stages of life.

### **PSYCH 043 Principles of Group Dynamics I (3) CSU**

Using the class as a group, principles of group dynamics are studied from both experiential and theoretical perspectives. Related topics include historical developments, dynamics, leadership, diversity, assessment, treatment, and practice in a group situation.

### **PSYCH 052 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality (3) UC/CSU**

This course addresses the psycho-sexual development of the individual and the values that are learned in our culture and comparative information from other cultures. The history of attitudes toward sexuality in America is studied. The anatomy and physiology of the human reproductive system, the physical and emotional orgasmic response, life-long development, sexually transmitted diseases, myths and misconceptions about the sexual response, sexual variance, and dysfunction are presented. The interaction of personality and sexual behavior is explored. The student can achieve an understanding of his or her own unique sexuality.

### **PSYCH 068 Biopsychology of Chemical Dependency: Drugs, Behavior, and Health (3) CSU**

*Prerequisite: ADDICST 001*

This course offers comprehensive instruction on the pharmacological and behavioral effects of all major categories of both legal and illegal psychoactive substances, including an overview of contemporary and historical drug regulation and abuse, and a detailed review of the nervous system.

### **PSYCH 074 Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences (3) UC/CSU**

*Prerequisite: MATH 227 and PSYCH 001*

An introduction to basic research concepts, designs, and statistical techniques used in the behavioral and social sciences. Knowledge of descriptive and inferential statistics and its application to data is applied for both non- experimental and experimental studies. Understanding of ethics in research for animals and humans is addressed. Critiquing of current published research articles and disseminating of experimental and non-experimental research is discussed. Researching published articles through the use of personal computers is demonstrated. Report writing of APA style manuscripts and presentation of a group project from data collected are required.