

**CATALOG YEAR 2012-2013**

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: _____

Course: Add: _____ Delete: _____
(check all that apply) Change: Number x _____ Title _____ SCH _____ Description _____ Prerequisite _____

Response Required: New course will be part of major _____ minor _____ as a required _____
or elective _____ course

Response Required: New course will introduce _____, reinforce _____, or apply _____ concepts

If new, provide Course Prefix, Number, Title, **Measurable** Student Learning Outcomes, SCH Value, Description, prerequisite, and lecture/lab hours if applicable. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red and provide a brief justification.

PSYC ~~2320~~ 3320

Evolutionary Psychology

Three semester hours.

The course examines the foundations of human behavior, cognitive processes and personality through an evolutionary perspective. Evolutionary psychology attempts to explain how certain behaviors arise, their origin, and their historical and significant purpose throughout human history. Topics include human behavior, the human mind, survival, mating strategies, group behavior, aggression, and the differences between sexes. Prerequisite: One course from PSYC [2301](#), SOCI [1301](#), CRIJ [1301](#), BIOL [1370](#) or ANTH [2346](#).

Learning Outcomes at the 3000 level:

- 1) Students will be able to synthesize divergent strands of evolutionary theory into understanding how evolution influences human behavior and interacts with human culture. This will be measured via objective testing and written assignments.
- 2) Students will appraise the strengths and weaknesses of both evolutionary and standard social science models of human behavior and evaluate their ability to explain human behavior in accordance with research evidence. This will be measured via objective testing and written assignments.
- 3) Students will apply knowledge of evolutionary theory to common societal problems ranging from issues of sexuality, racial discrimination and aggression and violence. This will be measured via objective testing and written assignments.

Rationale: The course number is being changed to better situate the course as a restricted psychology elective which will boost enrollment and fulfill the need for more upper division electives offered within the major. Content material is consistent with a 3000-level course.

Approvals:

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