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Psychology

Dual-Credit Pathway

Pathway Description:

Students will study and learn normal and abnormal behavior, learning, development and cognition, as well as how to conduct research in psychology. As a psychology major at Thomas More University, students will attend small classes, usually with less than 25 students, and become acquainted with both applied and scientific aspects of the field. Students will have the opportunity to intern at a hospital, social service agency, or in industry. Students also can conduct and present research at an undergraduate conference and to engage in service projects related to the major. Such experiences contribute to the student’s success in entering graduate school or the workforce.

Pathway Courses (to be taken in order):

| Course | Title |
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| PSY 105 | General Psychology |
| Pick one of the following: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 201 – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences, • PSY 205 – Social Psychology, • PSY 206 – Abnormal Psychology, or • PSY 214 – Lifespan Development |
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Pathway Course Descriptions:

- **PSY 105 – General Psychology**
 - Prerequisite: None
 - Description: An introduction to the field of Psychology and to the methods of study used by psychologists. Emphasis is placed on a scientific approach to understanding human behavior. Topics covered include the biological basis of behavior, sensation, perception, learning, memory, personality, abnormal behavior, and social behavior. PSY 105 is a prerequisite for all other Psychology courses. This course fulfills a core requirement in the social science category.
- **PSY 201 – Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences**
 - Prerequisite: PSY 105, ACT Math Score of 18+



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- Description: An introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics. Topics covered include frequency distributions, percentiles, central tendency, variability, standard scores, normal distributions, probability, correlation, hypothesis testing, and analysis of variance. Cross-listed as MAT 208.
- **PSY 205 – Social Psychology**
 - Prerequisite: PSY 105
 - Description: Social psychology entails an analysis of the nature and causes of individual behavior in social situations. Topics include social perception, attitudes, interpersonal attraction, social influence, aggression, pro-social behavior, and group processes. Cross-listed as SOC 215.
- **PSY 206 – Abnormal Psychology**
 - Prerequisite: PSY 105
 - Description: The nature and causes of maladjustment and mental disorders, theoretical perspectives on abnormal behavior, symptoms and diagnostic criteria for the major mental disorders, theories of etiology and approaches to treatment.
- **PSY 214 – Lifespan Development**
 - Prerequisite: PSY 105
 - Description: Students will study the development of the human being from conception to maturity and into old age. Special problems at various ages are investigated, including problems of the young child, emotional and social adjustment of the adolescent and young adult, marriage and the family and issues unique to the elderly.

Certifications Earned:

- n/a

Additional Notes:

- n/a

Links:

- Program website: <https://www.thomasmore.edu/program/psychology/>