

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

ONLINE ACADEMY

Associate of Arts – Psychology: Course Descriptions

Summer Semester after 10th Grade

UNIV 104 (CSB 3101) – Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning

Designed to equip students for success as they transition into the online classroom, this course offers strategic information tailored to ensure academic excellence in this unique learning environment; this information includes Liberty University's foundations and beliefs, Liberty University Online resources for success, Blackboard navigation techniques, time management strategies, the adult learner's responsibilities, methods for identifying and avoiding academic misconduct, scholarly research tactics, and approaches for selecting the appropriate courses towards completion of the preferred degree program.

College Credits: 3

GOVT 220 (HIS 3220) – American Government

The issues, interest and institutions of American politics, emphasizing the struggle between liberalism and conservatism.

College Credits: 3

11th Grade - Fall Semester

ENGL 101 (LAN 3101) – Composition & Rhetoric

Through the critical engagement of a variety of texts, including written, oral, and visual, this course prepares students to become careful readers, critical thinkers, and skilled writers. Drawing upon rhetorical theory, it emphasizes the practices of analytical reading, informed reasoning, effective writing, and sound argumentation. The course requires 4,000 words of writing in no fewer than five writing projects, three of which are argumentative essays incorporating external sources.

College Credits: 3

RLGN 104 (BIB 3107) – Christian Life & Biblical Worldview

This is a study in the development and application of the biblical worldview. This course will include an introduction and application of critical thinking skills, as well as a study of religious and philosophical worldviews. Special attention will be given to the theology and methodology of evangelism.

College Credits: 4

ENGL 102 (LAN 3102) – Composition & Literature

Composition and Literature continues the emphasis on writing. Two analytical papers—based upon studies of the short story, poetry, and drama—and a research paper, sequentially developed, are required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101

BIBL 104 (BIB 3106) – Survey of Old & New Testament

This survey course is designed to lay a foundational understanding of Scripture via a historical survey of the Old and New Testaments. The student will engage a range of learning activities related to the issues interacting with biblical literature, basic hermeneutical principles, key themes and persons of the canon, and the redemptive theme of Scripture.

College Credits: 4

11th Grade - Spring Semester

COMS 101 (LAN 3103) – Speech Communication

Study and practice in communicating ideas competently in public speaking. Students are also given a foundation for the development of communication skills in other human communication contexts, including dyadic and small group communication.

College Credits: 3

PSYC 101 (ASC 3101) – General Psychology

Introduction to Psychology as a scientific discipline concerned with the study of behavior. Consideration will be given to such topics as human development, motivation, emotion, perception, learning, personality, intelligence, measurement, and applied areas.

College Credits: 3

**Subject material may be considered sensitive by some students*

PSYC 210 (ASC 3210) – Development Psychology

An overview of the human life span from conception through senescence. Continuity of development as well as critical periods faced by the maturing human will be emphasized using contemporary theories and research as foundation materials.

College Credits: 3

PSYC 255 (ASC 3255) – Intro to Research

An introduction to psychological research techniques and methodology. The goals of the course are: to improve students' understanding of the concepts related to research methodology; to improve the students' ability to communicate ideas about science, including a significant amount of writing; and survey of both quantitative and qualitative research methods.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: PSYC 101 or PSYC 210

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MATH 115 (or higher)

Students must take MATH 115 or higher. MATH 115 is recommended.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: MATH 110, Math Assessment, or SAT/ACT

BIOL 102 (SCI 3102) – Principles of Human Biology

An examination of structure, function, development and homeostatic interaction in higher organisms with special emphasis on human body systems.

College Credits: 3

BIOL 103 (SCI 3103) – Principles of Biology Lab

Laboratory exercises selected to demonstrate basic biological concepts. Emphasis is on plant and animal cell chemistry, composition and function, organismal structure and function, biological diversity and population ecology.

College Credits: 1

12th Grade – Fall Semester

ENGL 202 (LAN 3202) – American Literature II

A survey of American literature following the American Renaissance. Two critical papers required.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102

PSYC 221 (ASC 3221) – Psychology of Childhood

A study of child growth and development from birth to puberty. Examination of the basic theories principles and practices of childhood training and education.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: PSYC 101 or PSYC 210 & PSYC 255

SOCI 200 (ASC 3200) – Intro to Sociology

A study of social theories, their histories, social structures, functions, and conflict emphasizing human, institutional, and group interactions. The course provides an overview of political, economic and other cultural phenomena and methodologies of the results of scientific social research. Seeks to expand ideas, concepts, theoretical, & practical orientations through a comparative perspective.

College Credits: 3

PSYC 231 (ASC 3231) – Psychology of Adolescence

An investigation of the psychological and environmental factors related to puberty, peer identification and identity conflict in the adolescent. Emphasis will be upon the development of self-identity and the problems faced by the American adolescent.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: PSYC 101 or PSYC 210 & PSYC 255

12th Grade – Spring Semester

THEO 104 (BIB 3104) – Intro to Theology Survey

This course is an introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity.

College Credits: 4

PSYC 312 (ASC 3312) – Social Psychology

Topics in the course include interpersonal attraction, accuracy of eye-witness testimony, impact of TV on aggression, non-verbal communication, group decision making, and the impact of advertising on beliefs and behavior.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: SOCI 200, PSYC 101, or PSYC 210 & PSYC 255

PSYC 320 (ASC 3320) – Behavior Modification

The application, implementation, measurement, and evaluation of behavior management techniques in various settings including hospitals, institutions, and schools.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: PSYC 101 or PSYC 210 & PSYC 255

PSYC 341 (ASC 3341) – Psychology of Personality

The major historical and contemporary theories of the origin and development of personality are explored, emphasizing the role of the dynamics of personality.

College Credits: 3

Course Prerequisites: PSYC 101 or PSYC 210 & PSYC 255

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