

PSY 3780 Counselling Theories and Practice (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSY 2620 Psychology of Personality

The course provides orientation to counselling as a scientific study of helping relationship. It involves a survey of selected major theories of counselling and their applications. Special counselling areas and populations, and ethical considerations are included.

PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology (3,2,1) (E)

This course introduces the basic concepts in psychology and serves as a foundation course in psychology. Major topics include biological and developmental processes, perception and consciousness, learning and thinking, motivation and emotion, personality and individuality, adjustment and mental health, and social behaviour. The basic elements of research methods in psychology and the major psychological approaches to the study of behaviour are also discussed.

PSYC 2005 Abnormal Psychology (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology

This course provides a survey of mental disorders in terms of the emotional, psychological, and cultural constellation of the person. It involves a survey of various mental disorders: anxiety, mood, delusional, developmental and personality. Topics include suicide, schizophrenia and mental retardation. Legal and ethical issues in treatment and therapy are examined.

PSYC 2006 Developmental Psychology (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology

This course is mainly concerned with understanding the different aspects of psychological development such as physical, perceptual, language, cognitive, emotional, social and moral development. It covers developmental changes from conception to old age including death and dying. Current research on the psychological development of Chinese people will be introduced.

PSYC 2007 Psychology of Personality (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology

This course aims at stimulating students' thinking in current issues and controversies in the scientific study of personality. It involves a survey of various theoretical approaches to personality: the psychodynamic, behavioural, humanistic, trait, and information-processing. Topics include personality development, personality dynamics and personality assessment. Current research on the personality of Chinese people will be introduced.

PSYC 2015 Psychology of Work (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology

This course provides students with the basic concepts in psychology that are essential to the study and understanding of work-related behaviour, facilitating interpersonal communication, coping with work-stress, and managing group decision, and leadership.

PSYC 2016 Social Psychology (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 1005 Principles of Psychology

This course is chiefly concerned with understanding the character of the influences of relationships, small groups, and the larger institutions of society. Topics include interpersonal attraction, discrimination, aggression, conformity, group processes and leadership, development of opinions and attitudes, and prosocial behaviour in terms of the thought and feelings of the individual involved. The personal and societal applications of social psychology are examined.

PSYC 3005 Counselling Theories and Practice (3,2,1) (tbc)

Prerequisite: PSYC 2007 Psychology of Personality

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REL 1220 Religious Rituals and Practices in Hong Kong (3,2,1) (C)

This course aims to provide an understanding of rituals and practices of various religious traditions in Hong Kong, their social and cultural significance for the local population. The course will focus on three areas: (1) Chinese religions, including Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism and popular religion; (2) Christianity, including Catholicism and Protestantism; (3) religious minorities, such as Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Zoroastrianism.

REL 1240 Buddhism (3,2,1) (C)

This is an introductory study of Buddhism, giving a comprehensive view of the historical development and fundamental ideas of Buddhism. While the course puts emphasis on the philosophy of the major schools of Buddhism, it also will give attention to their religious practices.

REL 1260 Approaches to the Study of Religion (3,2,1) (E)

This course gives the student an introduction to different approaches to the study of religion—the internal approach that includes textual, hermeneutical and theological studies; the different perspectival approaches, namely, the anthropological, psychological, philosophical, sociological, and religious dialogue that looks at religion and quasi-religions from different angles. The course will consider a number of examples in which the combinations of these approaches, interacting with one another, help students understand what is happening in typical religious acts.

REL 1270 Problems of Philosophy (3,2,1) (E/C)

This course aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to the basic issues and problems of philosophy in both the western and Chinese philosophical traditions. The focus will be directed on various philosophical concepts, problems and attempted solutions, as well as the methodological issues in philosophy, including, where possible, classical and contemporary, Eastern and Western approaches. It is hoped that students will be helped not only to acquire basic knowledge of philosophy, but also to develop their own reflective and critical attitudes and the analytical ability to tackle issues in philosophy.

REL 1280 Introduction to Christianity and Civilizations (3,2,1) (E/C)

This course is an introductory survey of some vast influences that Christianity has had on Western as well as Chinese civilizations. Both its successes and failures will be scrutinized. Topics to be discussed include higher learning, art, modern science, politics, society, war, cross-cultural exchange, etc. It also provides an overview of the major phases of development of Western Christianity.

REL 1290 Quest for Truth and Meaning (3,2,1) (E/C)

This is an introductory course in philosophy and religious studies for students with no background knowledge. It begins by assisting students to discover the quests for truth and meaning in popular culture. After introducing some basic critical thinking skills, this course guides students to explore and appreciate the multiple relationships between philosophy, religious studies and various dimensions of human existence—individual life, society and civilization. Students will experience the joy and excitement of studying philosophy and religious studies.

REL 2240 History of Christian Thought (3,2,1) (E)

This course is a study of major theological issues that have emerged in the history of the Christian Church. Focus will be given to epistemological and soteriological issues, together with other contextual problems, faced by theologians of each period who struggled to relate Christian faith to their life-situations.