

Central Ohio Technical College
Course Description Listing – General Education Courses – Social and Behavioral Science Courses
2009-2010 Academic Year

ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE PLACEMENT TESTS PRIOR TO SCHEDULING THE FIRST COMMUNICATIONS OR MATHEMATICS COURSE.

BHS-1006 Critical Thinking

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours (3 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: COM-1535. Course is graded A-E.

This course, an introduction to logic, teaches students to analyze the media, advertising, and everyday problems -- career, academic, and personal. It aims at equipping students with the basic skills and discipline necessary to make valid judgments.

BHS-1030 Reasoning Skills

4 credit hours, 5 contact hours (3 hours lecture and 2 hours lab). Prerequisite: This course is required for all students who place in two or more Pre-College Communications courses. This course is open to any student with a grade of C (2.00) or better in PCE-1400 (or a score of at least 75 on the COMPASS writing skills test, or a score of at least 42 on the ASSET writing skills test) and a grade of C (2.00) or better in PCE-1423, or either a score of at least 85 on the COMPASS reading skills test or a score of at least 44 on the ASSET reading skills test. Course must be taken within student's first 45 credit hours. Course is graded A-E.

This course develops the critical thinking skills needed to analyze situations in personal, academic, and career life. Skills developed include analyzing facts, applying strategies for deep learning, recognizing assumptions, making decisions, evaluating information critically and ethically, and opening one's mind to other options.

BHS-1340 Ethics

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours (3 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: COM-1535. Course is graded A-E.

This Ethics course explores ethical theories as well as ethical practices. It seeks to develop critical thinking skills as a basis for ethical choice using lectures, open discussion, and case studies. A variety of topics will be evaluated in a cultural, social and historical context.

BHS-1345 Human Development

5 credit hours, 5 contact hours (5 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: C grade (2.00) or better in BHS-1383 or BHS-1376. Course is graded A-E. Not open to students with credit for BHS-4045.

Students study human development as a dynamic, multi-dimensional process from conception through death. Emphasis is placed on the inter-relationship of the many biopsychosocial factors influencing human development, general principles of growth and development, major developmental tasks encompassing each stage of the life cycle, and health and development problems common to each stage. Course requirements include a project focusing on the application of human development theories, concepts, principles, and tasks.

BHS-1370 Social Psychology

5 credit hours, 5 contact hours (5 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: BHS-1376. Course is graded A-E.

Social Psychology is the study of the reciprocal influence of individuals and social situations. Major areas of study include basic theoretical concepts, social cognition and perception, the emergence of the self, attitudes including stereotyping and prejudice, discrimination, relationships, conformity, prosocial behavior, aggression and the social effects of belonging.

BHS-1376 General Psychology

5 credit hours, 5 contact hours (5 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: Minimum ASSET score of 44 in reading and writing or minimum COMPASS score of 85 in reading and 75 in writing or completion of both PCE-1400 and PCE-1423. Course is graded A-E. Course is not open to students with credit for BHS-1395, BHS-1396, or BHS-1386.

General Psychology provides an introduction to the history of psychology, basic theoretical constructs, research methods, physiological effects on behavior, cognitive functioning, social psychology, organizational psychology, personality theory and psychopathology.

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BHS-1378 Abnormal Psychology

3 credit hours, 4 contact hours (2 hours lecture and 2 hours lab). Prerequisite: C grade (2.00) or better in BHS-1376. Course is graded A-E. Not open to students with credit for BHS-1388 or BHS-1397.

Abnormal Psychology is the study of psychological disorders with emphasis on current theoretical views, assessment, clinical characteristics, causes and treatments. Major areas of study include anxiety disorders, stress disorders, mood disorders, somatoform disorders, dissociative disorders, substance abuse disorders, psychotic disorders, and personality disorders. Topics will be developed through lecture, class discussion, papers, structured class activities and films.

BHS-1379 Cultural Diversity

3 credit hours, 4 contact hours (2 hours lecture and 2 hours lab). Prerequisite: None. This course is not open to students with credit for BHS-1389, BHS-1392 or BHS-1399. Course is graded A-E.

This course focuses on the differences and similarities among racial, ethnic, religious and other diverse populations in the United States and includes historical, religious and sociocultural issues and current conflicts.

BHS-1382 Sociology

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours (3 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: None. Course is graded A-E.

Sociology is the study of social groups and societal institutions and their effect on society and individuals. Topics covered include research methods, theoretical perspectives, culture, the structure and organization of society, systems of stratification including global inequality, racial stratification, social class and gender stratification, major social institutions and current topics.

BHS-1383 Psychology of Adjustment

5 credit hours, 5 contact hours (5 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: (Minimum ASSET score of 44 in reading and 44 in writing) or (minimum COMPASS score of 85 in reading and 75 in writing) or (completion of both PCE-1400 and PCE-1423). Course is graded A-E. Not open to students with credit for BHS-1393.

This course deals with issues related to personal growth and adjustment. Topics covered include basic research methods, personality, aspects of the self, social influence, interpersonal attraction and communication, emotional expression, sexual expression, adolescent and adult development, gender roles and mental health.

BHS-1385 Organizational Psychology

3 credit hours, 3 contact hours (3 hours lecture and 0 hours lab). Prerequisite: None. Course is graded A-E.

Organizational Psychology is an introduction to the application of the methods, facts, and principles of psychology of human behavior within work organizations. Topics include history and use of applied psychology, causation and purpose in behavior, leadership, group problem solving and group leadership, evaluating individual abilities, motivating workers for optimum performance, job fatigue, and counseling skills for managers. Course objectives are achieved through lecture and discussion, role-playing exercises, and written projects.

BHS-1399 Cultural Diversity for Law Enforcement

3 credit hours, 4 contact hours (2 hours lecture and 2 hours lab). Prerequisite: Open to Law Enforcement Technology students only. This course is not open to students with credit for BHS-1389 or BHS-1392. Course is graded A-E.

This course focuses on the differences and similarities among racial, ethnic, and other diverse populations in the United States and includes historical, religious, and sociocultural issues and current conflicts.