

Department.: Psychology

Course Number: PSYC 205W

Course Title: Introduction to Behavioral Genetics

Credits: 3

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Catalog Copy: First semester. Three credits.

Prerequisites: PSYC 132 or BIOL 102, 103, 107 or 108. Open to juniors or higher.

Methods, concepts and findings of behavioral genetics

W Criteria:

1. For the term paper, students will research and evaluate in detail one topic in behavioral genetics. They will apply to this single topic many of the concepts and methods taught in the course. The term paper is to be at least 15 pages long not including references. Half the grade is based on the W component of the course.
2. The writing instructions will include written comments on each draft and individual meetings with each student. There will be two drafts.
3. A draft of the term paper will be submitted at the 6th and 10th week of the semester. I will not only critically evaluate each draft for subject content but also for the quality of writing. I will meet with each student to discuss my comments on the contents and writing of each draft.

4. The student cannot pass the course without passing the W component

Role of Grad Students : none