

PSYCHOLOGY

Sample course offerings for fall and spring semester:

Cross-Cultural Psychology examines the cultural and social forces affecting behavior and cognition from a global and cross-cultural perspective. Cross-cultural research and methodology will consider both the uniqueness and interdependence of individuals, while recognizing both biological and social forces in development. Exploring these issues while studying in China will enable students to better describe major dimensions of psychological differences between cultures and acquired greater sensitization to cross-cultural issues and perspectives.

Developmental Psychology (Life Span) encompasses investigation of cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual growth across the entire human lifespan, from infancy to late adulthood. In this class we will examine issues of diversity surrounding development, as we approach the topic from a cultural perspective. Many theories historically were not sensitive to issues of diversity of experience, so discussion will pay attention to those shortcomings and seek ways to describe the human experience from multiple perspectives.

Social Psychology is the study of interpersonal relations, attitude formation and change, group membership, and group dynamics, with broad applications in business, communication, education, social services, counseling practice, and law. Topics include the development of identifies, affiliations and affinities; social influence; aggression and anti-social behaviors; prejudice, stereotyping, and discrimination; and collective behavior. The reception and application of social psychology in the Chinese context also will be discussed.

*For a full list of course available at the center, please click <u>here</u>.

**Course offering depends on enrollment.

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