COURSE: PSY 101: General Psychology   3 credits

INSTRUCTOR: **SEMESTER/YEAR:** Spring 2017

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Designed as a foundation course and prerequisite to other psychology courses, general psychology introduces the data, concepts, theories, principles and methods of contemporary psychology while examining the dynamic factors that influence behavior.
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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to:
- Identify the purposes, components, advantages, disadvantages, and explanatory powers of psychological data and methodology.
- Develop a deeper appreciation of the behavioral principles and applicable biological, physiological and chemical processes that influence human behavior.
- Predict behaviors and mental processes from the perspective of particular psychological principles or theories and cultural contexts.
- Utilize critical thinking skills to evaluate the validity of psychological principles, concepts, theories, methods, and statements dealing with behavior and mental processes.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:
- Critically analyze and evaluate issues derived from the Social Sciences utilizing appropriate methodologies.
- Demonstrate how culture, society and diversity shape the role of the individual within society and human relations across cultures.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.