

Registrar's Office Initiated Equivalencies

This process will establish guidelines to enter transfer course equivalencies by the Registrar's Office for approved courses. These guidelines will be created by the CLAS department and approved by both the department head and the CLAS Dean's Office. The guidelines will lay out the criteria to determine what conditions a transfer course must meet to the CU Denver equivalent. These course equivalencies will be managed by the Registrar's Office and will apply to new incoming students.

The established guidelines will be given to the Registrar's Office. The courses meeting the conditions described within the listed guidelines will be given the appropriate transfer equivalencies without requiring additional departmental approval. These equivalencies will be done with the condition that the decisions made during this process are available for review by the CLAS department. Below is a set of general guidelines that all courses used in the Registrar's Office Initiated Equivalencies process will be subject to. Please see the attached pages following for specific guidelines for each course involved in the process.

CU Denver Course	Course Title
PSYC 1000	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 1005	Introduction to Psychology II
PSYC 2060	Psychology Applied to Everyday Life
PSYC 2220	Biological Basis of Behavior
PSYC 3145	Industrial and Organizational Psychology
PSYC 3205	Human Development I: Child Psychology
PSYC 3215	Human Development II: Adolescence and Adulthood
PSYC 3235	Human Sexuality
PSYC 3305	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 3405	Family Psychology
PSYC 3415	Experimental Social Psychology
PSYC 3611	Psychology of Women
PSYC 3615	Positive Psychology
PSYC 4455	Theories of Personality
PSYC 4485	Psychology of Cultural Diversity
PSYC 4500	Psychotherapy
PSYC 4511	History of Psychology
PSYC 4730	Clinical Psychology: Ethics and Issues
PSYC 3144	Human Cognition
PSYC 3222	Principles of Learning Behavior
PSYC 3254	Introduction to Animal Behavior
PSYC 3262	Health Psychology

Each course used in the Registrar's Office Initiated Equivalencies process must met the following criteria:

- Has the same or similar department pre-fix
- Has a similar course title
- Similar course content to CU Denver course (as determined by course description)
- Institution must be appropriately accredited
- Specific addition criteria as listed on subsequent pages

PSYC 3263	Hormones and Behavior
PSYC 3265	Drugs, Brain and Behavior
PSYC 3810	Neuropsychology
PSYC 3822	Aging, Brain and Behavior
PSYC 4054	Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYC 4164	Psychology of Perception

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PSYC 1000 Introduction to Psychology

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CU Denver Description:

Introduces the scientific study of behavior, including an overview of the biological basis of behavior, sensation or perception, states of consciousness, learning and memory, thinking and language, intelligence, motivation and emotion.

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match(or similar)-Introductory Psychology, Intro to Psych, General Psychology, Foundations of Psychology

Check course catalog for whether there are one or two courses introducing psychology. If only one course, award equivalency for PSYC 1000 and PSYC 1005. If two courses, award credit for which of the two course descriptions is a better match.

PSYC 1000 KEY TERMS (Specific Topics Covered in 1000): biological basis of behavior, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning and memory, thinking and language, intelligence, motivation and emotion

PSYC 1005 Introduction to Psychology II

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CU Denver Description:

Introduces the scientific study of behavior, including an overview of the history of psychology, development, personality, psychological disorders, therapy, health psychology and social behavior. PSYC 1000 is not a prerequisite for this course.

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match(or similar)-Introductory Psychology, Intro to Psych, General Psychology, Foundations of Psychology

PSYC 1000 KEY TERMS (Specific Topics Covered in 1005): history of Psychology, development, personality, psychological disorders and therapy, health Psychology, social behavior

Check course catalog for whether there are one or two courses introducing psychology. If only one course, award equivalency for PSYC 1000 and PSYC 1005. If two courses, award credit for which of the two course descriptions is a better match.

PSYC 2060 Psychology Applied to Everyday Life

CU Denver Description:

A primer in psychological principles applied to everyday situations. Covers topics such as learning, stress and health, attraction and love, and personality. Max hours: 3 Credits.**Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Applied Psychology

PSYC 2220 Biological Basis of Behavior

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CU Denver Description:

Introduces the biological basis of behavior. This course will feature concepts like neurons, synaptic and hormonal transmission, and physiological set-points. Behavior of simple (invertebrate) and complex organisms (vertebrates) will be related to the activity of specific brain neural networks. Prereq: PSYC 1000 or BIOL 2051.

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match(or similar) - Biological Psychology (intro/ lower division level), Brain and Behavior, Neuroscience (intro/ lower division level), Behavioral Neuroscience (intro / lower division level), Physiological Psychology (intro/ lower division level), Cognitive Neuroscience (usually intro/ lower division level), Biological Foundations in Psychology (intro / lower division level)

Should have either Introductory level Biology or Introductory level / General or Foundational Psychology as prerequisite.

PSYC 2220 KEY TERMS (Specific Topics Covered in 2220): neurons, neural anatomy, neurotransmission, hormones, homeostasis, behavior of simple (invertebrate) and complex (vertebrate) organisms in relation to physiology / neurochemistry

PSYC 3145 Industrial and Organizational Psychology

CU Denver Description:

Surveys the fields of industrial and organizational psychology. These fields apply psychological principles to improving productivity and satisfaction in the workplace. Topics include motivation, leadership, group processes, team functioning, occupational health, selection and training of employees, and performance management. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Industrial Psychology, Organizational Psychology, I/O Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology

PSYC 3205 Human Development I: Child Psychology

CU Denver Description:

Studies human development covering birth, infancy, toddler, preschool and school-aged child. Covers biological, cognitive and social processes. Prereq: PSYC 1000 or 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. Semester Hours: 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Child Psychology, Child Development, Child & Adolescent Development

PSYC 3215 Human Development II: Adolescence & Adulthood

CU Denver Description:

Study of human development from adolescence through adulthood and aging. Covers biological, cognitive, and social processes. Prereq: PSYC 1000, or PSYC 1005, or PSYC 3205 must be complete before students can enroll. Max hours: 3 Credits. Semester Hours: 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Adult Development, Life-Span Development, Developmental Psychology, Human Growth & Development, Adult Psychology, Adolescent Development, Adolescent Psychology, Psychology of Aging

PSYC 3235 Human Sexuality

CU Denver Description:

Examines the physiological, psychological, and social psychological bases of human sexuality. Research on the range of sexual behaviors, individual sexual response, sexual development, sexual dysfunction, and variants of sexual orientation. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. Semester Hours: 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Sexuality, Psychology of Sexuality, Human Sexuality, Sexual Behavior, Psychology of Sexual Behavior, Psychology of Human Sexuality

PSYC 3305 Abnormal Psychology

CU Denver Description:

This course applies a scientific approach to the examination of the symptoms, etiologies, and treatments of mental illnesses, including disorders of mood, anxiety, stress, addictions and those seen in childhood and older age.

Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. Semester Hours: 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Abnormal Psychology, Intro to Abnormal Psychology, Psychopathology, Intro to Psychopathology, Deviant Personality, Abnormal Behavior

PSYC 3405 Family Psychology

CU Denver Description:

Overview of theory and research pertaining to marital and family structure, functioning and dynamics. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Family Psychology, Psychology of the Family, Marriage and the Family

PSYC 3415 Experimental Social Psychology

CU Denver Description:

Surveys the field of Social Psychology, the study of the way in which cognitions, emotions, and behaviors are influenced by the presence, or perceived presence, of others. Heavily focuses on experimentation and experimental methods within the field of Social Psychology. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Social Psychology, Introduction to Social Psychology

PSYC 3611 Psychology of Women

CU Denver Description:

Reviews psychological theories and research of women's social, cultural, emotional and behavioral experience. Examines the sociocultural context of women's experience and explores women's socialization, developmental issues, cognitive abilities and achievement motivation, personality variables, stereotypes, psychological disorders, victimization, intimacy and sexuality. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. Semester Hours: 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Psychology of Women, Psychology of Gender, Sex Differences

PSYC 3615 Positive Psychology

CU Denver Description:

This course provides an introduction to the science of positive traits, subjective experiences and institutions. It focuses on the empirical study of the factors that enable humans to flourish, develop resilience, mature and master life's challenges. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours: 3 to 3**

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Positive Psychology

PSYC 4455 Theories of Personality

CU Denver Description:

An in-depth look at several major theories of personality, including those from psychodynamic, behavioral, and humanistic schools of thought. Students are required to think actively and abstractly, and communicate their ideas in papers and classroom contributions. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 1005. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours: 3 to 3**

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Personality, Theories of Personality, Introduction to Personality, Psychology of Personality

PSYC 4485 Psychology of Cultural Diversity

CU Denver Description:

Studies diversity in the development of the individual across Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American cultures. The experience of self, role of the family, expression of emotions, and psychology of prejudice are emphasized. Prereq: Six semester hours of psychology, sociology, and/or anthropology in any combination. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours: 3 to 3**

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Cultural Diversity, Cross-Cultural Psychology, Multicultural Psychology

PSYC 4500 Psychotherapy

CU Denver Description:

Overview of the major systems of psychotherapy, including psychoanalysis, person-centered therapy, family therapy, cognitive or behavioral approaches, and relationships among the various approaches. Prereq: PSYC 1000, 1005, 2090, 2220, 3090 and 6 upper-division elective credits in psychology. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours: 3 to 3**

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Psychotherapy, Introduction to Psychotherapy, Counseling Theories, Introduction to Counseling, Theories of Counseling, Counseling, Theories of Psychotherapy

PSYC 4511 History of Psychology

CU Denver Description:

Development of psychological theories since 500 B.C. Schools of psychology and their adherents. Readings of primary and secondary sources. Prereq: PSYC 1000, 1005, 2090, 2220, 3090 and 6 upper-division credits in psychology. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours: 3 to 3**

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – History of Psychology, History and Systems of Psychology

PSYC 4730 Clinical Psychology: Ethics & Issues

CU Denver Description:

An in-depth exploration of the values and ideas that guide professional practice in psychology, including professional codes of conduct and philosophical ethical principles. Topics include confidentiality, informed consent, competence, integrity and respect. Prereq: 1000, 1005, 2090, 2220 and 3090. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Ethics in Psychology, Clinical Psychology Ethics

PSYC 3144 - Human Cognition

CU Denver Description:

Studies information processing in humans, with emphasis on memory, thinking and language. Prereq: PSYC 1000. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Cognitive Processes, Cognitive Psychology, Learning and Cognition

PSYC 3222 Principles of Learning and Behavior

CU Denver Description:

Introduces the scientific study of learning and behavior, focusing on "Behaviorism." Principles of operant and classical conditioning are discussed. A particular emphasis is placed on the relevance and application of these principles to understanding human behavior and psychopathology. Prereq: PSYC 1000. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Psychology of Learning & Memory, Learning and Memory Processes, Principles of learning, Behaviorism, Behaviorist Psychology

PSYC 3254 Introduction to Animal Behavior

CU Denver Description:

Surveys the behavior of nonhuman animals, emphasizing the evolution through natural selection. Prereq: One semester of general biology, biological anthropology, or other course emphasizing evolutionary perspective. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Psychology of Animal Behavior, Animal Behavior Patterns,

PSYC 3262 Health Psychology

CU Denver Description:

An overview of the scientific study of attitudes, behaviors, and personality variables related to health and illness. Emphasis is on the interaction of biological, psychological, and social factors that cause illness and influence its treatment and prevention. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Health Psychology, Self Health & Culture,

PSYC 3263 Hormones and Behavior

CU Denver Description:

The hormonal regulation of behavior will be the primary focus of this course. Topics include: hormonal basis of sexual differentiation and behavioral differences, parental behavior, biological rhythms, aggression, mood and stress. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Behavioral Endocrinology, Brain and Hormones, Hormones, Brain and Behavior

PSYC 3265 Drugs, Brain and Behavior

CU Denver Description:

Explores the pharmacological, biological, and behavioral basis of drug effects. Topics include mechanisms of drug action, brain reward pathways, role of environment and history on drug effects, and the impact of science on drug abuse and medication development. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Drugs and Behavior, Psychological Aspects of Drugs

PSYC 3810 Neuropsychology

CU Denver Description:

Brain organization and function and its relationship to human memory, language, perception, and other cognitive abilities. Covers the application of clinical neuropsychology to working with individuals that have neurological disorders. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Neuropsychology

PSYC 3822 Aging, Brain and Behavior

CU Denver Description:

Examines the aging process, behavioral changes during senescence and the accompanying changes in the aged brain. Changes that are part of healthy aging are studied, as will age-related brain disorders. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Psychology of Aging

PSYC 4054 – Behavioral Neuroscience

CU Denver Description:

The morphological, neurochemical and physiological bases of behavior. Emphasis is on structure and function of the brain. Prereq: PSYC 1000, 1005, 2090, 2220, 3090 and 6 upper-division elective credits in psychology. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Upper division course,

Title and content match (or similar) – Physiological Psychology, Biological Psychology, Biopsychology

PSYC 4164 Psychology of Perception

CU Denver Description:

Studies sensory processes and perceptual variables. Covers processes related to vision, audition, gustation and olfaction. Prereq: PSYC 1000 and 2220. Max hours: 3 Credits. **Semester Hours:** 3 to 3

Specific guidelines to be met:

Title and content match (or similar) – Perception, Sensation and Perception