

PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (PSY)

Courses numbered 500-799 are considered Graduate-level coursework. Courses numbered 800+ are considered professional/first-professional-level courses.

Subject-area course lists indicate courses currently active for offering at the University of Louisville. Not all courses are scheduled in any given academic term. For class offerings in a specific semester, please contact the School of Medicine student records coordinator (natalie.harper@louisville.edu).

Course Fees

Some courses may carry fees beyond the standard tuition costs to cover additional support or materials. Program-, subject- and course-specific fee information can be found on the Office of the Bursar website (<http://louisville.edu/bursar/tuitionfee/>).

PSY 816. Special Project-Psychiatry 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Permission of instructor.

Description: This course allows students to pursue special interest in clinical psychiatry, research or psychiatric education. Off-campus sites depend upon special project.

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PSY 830. Behavioral Science and the Law 1 Unit

Description: Second-year elective. This course provides students with an introduction to the legal issues encountered in psychiatric practice.

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PSY 901. Clinical Clerkship in Psychiatry 7.5 Units

Description: Required Third-year clerkship. The six-week clerkship is designed to introduce the students to basic psychiatry through intensive clinical experiences, didactic lectures and self-instructional materials. Students learn to recognize and treat patients with psychiatric disorders and to assist in the treatment of psychiatric emergencies. The major emphasis in this competency-based curriculum is on development of psychiatric skills for the primary care physician. Students serve a six-week rotation on one of the following services: Child Psychiatric Services, Norton Psychiatric Clinic, Emergency Psychiatry, University Hospital Inpatient Service, Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic, Adult Consultation/Liaison Psychiatry, VA Medical Center or the Trover Clinic in Madisonville, KY. Students are expected to participate in case conferences, attend seminars, attend weekly departmental grand rounds and participate in the daily schedule of the clinical services to which they are assigned. Each student i

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PSY 905. Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Rotation 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-standing; this rotation must be scheduled with the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry and the AHEC Office.

Description: This four-week clinical experience will be obtained in various psychiatric practices or programs in rural Kentucky. The student will be encouraged to participate in the community to gain an understanding of how the community characteristics affect medical care delivery.

Note: Method of Evaluation is observation of performance.

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PSY 906. Clinical Elective/Urban 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing.

Description: This elective allows the student to obtain clinical experience in the private practice of a local psychiatrist. The student must complete the Off-Campus Request Form and have it approved by the departmental course director.

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PSY 907. Clinical Elective/Off-Campus 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing.
Description: A clinical experience may be obtained in an approved program in psychiatry under the supervision of a full-time member of the faculty of a duly recognized educational or research institution. The student must complete the Off-Campus Request Form and have it approved by the departmental course director.
Note: Method of Evaluation is observation of performance.

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PSY 908. Special Project-Psychiatry 1-4 Units

Prerequisite(s): Third-year standing.
Description: This is a two-, three-, or four-week research elective for clinical students. Each student will be assigned to a faculty member to work on a mutually agreed upon research activity pertaining to clinical psychiatry. At the end of the elective the student will be required to write a paper describing their work.
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PSY 910. Ambulatory Rotation-Psychiatry 1-4 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.
Description: AR Selective. In this four-week experience, students will function as acting interns with faculty supervision. During the rotation, students will conduct diagnostic evaluations on new and established patients. Students will participate in medication management and provide supportive psychotherapy. Students also may participate in specialty clinics (e.g., mood disorder and anxiety disorder). All cases will have 1:1 student/preceptor supervision.
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PSY 911. Adult Consultation/Liaison 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.
Description: This four-week elective will be offered on the Adult Psychiatry Consultation/Liaison Service. The student will have supervised, direct clinical responsibility for working with medical and surgical patients at University of Louisville Hospital and Norton Hospital for whom psychiatric consultation is requested and will be a full-time member of the consultation team. The team approach will be emphasized, which will prepare the student to coordinate their knowledge and skills with those in other medical disciplines. The student will learn to organize their clinical findings and recommendations in a manner that will increase effectiveness as a consultant. The student will be required to participate in a weekly didactic seminar covering issues relevant to the field of psychiatric consultation-liaison, a literature seminar and case conferences. More intensive work in special areas of psychiatric liaison is available for students who request it.
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PSY 913. Child Psychiatry 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.
Description: This four-week elective offers the opportunity to gain experience with acute inpatients, outpatients and emergencies. There will be opportunities to learn about the use of psychotropic drugs in children, as well as other areas of common interest to Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry. The student will be expected to attend and participate in all clinical case conferences and rounds. This elective should be useful to those interested in working with children and families in future practice.
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PSY 914. In-Patient Psychiatry 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.

Description: This four-week elective, UL 5 East, offers a comprehensive clinical psychiatry experience including inpatient, outpatient and emergency work with patients involving examination, diagnosis and treatment. The student will be given clinical supervision in acute, general psychiatry, psychopharmacology and in general medicine. The exposure is to an active general hospital acute service, with emphasis on psychotic, encephalopathic, depressed and substance abuse patients. The student will work with the various mental health specialties, including psychiatric social work, clinical psychology, psychiatric nursing and pastoral counseling. Students will be able to attend and participate in all clinical conferences, case presentations, departmental lectures, seminars and Grand Rounds.

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PSY 916. Adult Psychiatry-Norton's 1-4 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.

Description: This four-week elective offers clinical experience at the Norton Psychiatric Clinic, primarily on the adult inpatient unit. The student will have an opportunity to observe and participate in the evaluation and treatment of a variety of psychiatric disorders. The student will work as part of the psychiatric team that includes psychiatrists, nurses, social workers and psychologists. The student will have an opportunity to observe individual and group psychotherapeutic techniques as well as become acquainted with the various drug and somatic treatment modes used on the service.

Note: Method of Evaluation is observation of performance.

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PSY 919. Emergency Psychiatry 1-16 Units

Prerequisite(s): Fourth-year standing; this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.

Description: This two- or four-week elective in the Emergency Psychiatry Division at University of Louisville Hospital provides students with an opportunity, unavailable elsewhere in the University, to evaluate a large number of psychiatric patients, thereby developing diagnostic skills to a very high degree. Supervision is provided by senior residents in psychiatry and preceptor. There is an opportunity for crisis intervention and some focus on brief psychotherapeutic techniques in selected patients to interested students. Also, there may be opportunity for research projects focused on the mental health care delivery system in appropriate situations.

Note: Method of Evaluation is observation of performance.

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PSY 924. Clinical Forensic Psychiatry 1-4 Units

Prerequisite(s): Third-year standing; PSY 901; and this rotation must be scheduled through the clinical coordinator in Psychiatry.

Description: This four-week elective at the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center will provide clinical experience for students in the field of forensic psychiatry. Students will function as active members of the treatment team and will participate in the evaluation and treatment of patients referred by the courts or correctional facilities. Areas of clinical activity will include evaluations of competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility. Psychiatric consultation to the Kentucky State Reformatory will also be available. Students will participate in the preparation of comprehensive reports to the court and also have the opportunity to observe court testimony by the attending psychiatrist. All student activities will be supervised by the attending psychiatrist.

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PSY 926. Geriatric Inpatient Psychiatry

2-4 Units

Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Prerequisite(s): 4th year standing.

Description: This elective can be 2 or 4 weeks and will be offered on the Geriatric Inpatient Psychiatry unit at Frazier Rehab/Jewish hospital in conjunction with the UL Peace staff. Students will have supervised direct clinical responsibility for working with geriatric patients involving exams, diagnosis and treatment. The clinical focus will be on the c=various psychopathologies that are seen in a unit dedicated to acute geriatric psychiatric treatment including mood, anxiety, psychotic and cognitive disorders. Students will work with team members from various mental health specialties, including psychiatric social work, clinical psychology and psychiatric nursing. Students will attend and participate in all clinical conferences, case presentations, lectures, seminars and Grand Rounds. For class offerings for a specific term, refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://htmlaccess.louisville.edu/classSchedule/setupSearchClassSchedule.cfm>)
