PSY-P 106 Honors Psychology is an introduction to the field of psychology--its methods, theories, and subfields. Unlike P103, P106 offers a smaller class size, greater classroom discussion and far deeper analysis of the course material. You will learn about a wide variety of topics in psychology, which will provide you with a better understanding of human thought and behavior and provide a solid foundation for your understanding of standing of human thought and behavior and provide a solid foundation for There is still space available, so take advantage of this window of opportunity and enroll today!

Psi Chi is holding a t-shirt contest for it's members. Submissions are due January 9, the 1st day of spring semester. The winner may send their submissions to Kelly (our secretary) at kedshots@iusb.edu. The winner will receive a $25.00 gas gift card.

Future Psi Chi events currently being planned:

- "What to do with a Bachelors Degree" - a talk for the spring semester (date and time TBA)
- Graduate application workshop (date and time TBA)

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Dates to Remember:

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We are offering two advanced labs in Spring 2012. If you plan on taking an advanced lab, you need to fill out an authorization form (available in the psychology office, DW 2119) and meet with the professor to be authorized. Your professor will let you know how to prepare for the class so you are ready to go on the first day.

**ADVANCED LABS FOR SPRING 2012**

P471 Advanced Lab in Developmental and Social Psychology, taught by Dr. Carolyn Schult
DW 2133, 520-4118 eschult@iusb.edu
Description: This course will offer you the opportunity to design and execute your own research project in developmental and social psychology. You will create your own research project, collect and analyze the data, and will write up an APA-styled research paper. At the end of the semester, students will present their findings in a poster session. Potential students will need to work prior to registration to narrow down their interests and find an appropriate model for their research. Thus, you should meet with Dr. Schult as soon as possible to discuss your potential research project. This class typically fills quickly and given the amount of work that is required before the first day of class, being on a waitlist is not a good option.

P481 Advanced Lab in Clinical Psychology, taught by Dr. Daniel DeBrule
DW 2169, 520-4119 ddebrule@iusb.edu
Description: The Clinical advanced lab is geared to better understand facets of mental illness, treatment, ethics, and novel problems that can be examined within the general psychology subject pool. Clinical populations that are currently in treatment are seldom used, but participants may be recruited for specific purposes from other locations. Projects on suicide prevention and anxiety or mood disorder are especially encouraged for this lab. Dr. DeBrule has mentored over 20 students in the clinical lab, and many have the opportunity to present their projects at research conferences, particularly if those projects feature some type of experimentation.

The advanced lab course is designed as a culmination of your psychology courses, and involves the creation of an original research idea, a detailed review of the relevant literature, a methodology stating specifics of how you will conduct your study, IRB approval, collection of data, analysis of results, interpretation/discussion of your findings, and a poster/verbal presentation of all of the above. Dr. DeBrule will provide lectures regarding general and specific research methods within clinical psychology, ethical considerations in research, the IRB process, and many other tutorials, however, it is ultimately the student’s responsibility to quickly and effectively select a research topic, obtain IRB approval, and collect data on their project for presentation.

**What is Psychology?**
Psychology is the study of the mental processes and behavior. The term psychology comes from the Greek word psyche meaning "breath, spirit, soul" and the logia meaning "study of." Psychology emerged from psychophysics and philosophy and is closely linked to other disciplines including sociology, medicine, linguistics and anthropology.
Psychology Lab News…

Are you interested in becoming a Teaching Assistant and working in the Psychology Lab next semester? If you believe you are qualified and meet all of the requirements, please contact Professor Laura Talcott at ltalcott@iusb.edu or 574-520-4326

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FACULTY NEWS & NOTES

- Dr. Daniel DeBrule is looking for additional research assistants that have a strong GPA and good references for either the suicide research team or writing, anxiety, and mood research team. For more information, please contact Dr. DeBrule at ddebrule@iusb.edu

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Happy Holidays to Everyone
from the Indiana University South Bend
Psychology Department

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Psychology Is All Around You

Psychology is not just an academic subject that exists only in classrooms, research labs and mental health offices. The principles of psychology can be seen all around you in everyday situations. The television commercials and print ads you see everyday rely on psychology to develop marketing messages that influence and persuade people to purchase the advertised products. The websites you visit on a regular basis utilize psychology to understand how people read, use and interpret online information.

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Academic Advising

The IU South Bend Psychology Department requires that all students (majors, minors, associate degree students) be advised at least once each year by a faculty advisor in psychology. If you don’t know who your advisor is, contact the Psychology Department Secretary either in person in room DW2119, by email calmague@iusb.edu, or by phone 574-520-4393.