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1. **Course Number:** PSY 219
Course Title: Psychology of Women

2. **Description:** This course is designed for both females and males wishing a broader understanding of the physiological, psychological, and sociological determinates of female growth and development. It concentrates on developmental issues and contemporary role expectations, conflicts, and the status of women within a culturally defined role throughout the life cycle.

3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - A. **Knowledge Base of Psychology of Women**
Students will demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in the Psychology of Women. The methods of assessment used to gauge these outcomes are classroom participation, role play, small group activity and presentation.
 - B. **Research Methods in Psychology of Women**
Students will understand and apply basic research methods in psychology to the psychology of women, including research design, data analysis, and interpretation.
 - C. **Critical Thinking Skills in Psychology of Women**
Students will respect and use critical thinking, skeptical inquiry, and when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to the Psychology of Women. The student will identify and evaluate the source, context, and credibility of information and avoid being swayed by appeals to emotion or authority. After completing the course, the student should be able to discuss a wide variety of topics in the development of women over the life span such as sex and gender, personality, psychosocial, sexuality, aging and violence against women.
 - D. **Applications of Psychology of Women**
Students will understand and apply psychological, psychobiological and psychosocial principles and viewpoints to the Psychology of Women.
 - E. **Values in Psychology of Women**
Students who successfully complete the course work will evaluate both psychological and socio-cultural contexts and values assumed in the development of women. Students will recognize the importance of ethical behavior in all areas of psychology including the psychology of women. The student will recognize and respect human diversity and understand that psychological explanations of women may vary across populations and contexts. After completing the course, the student will understand and be able to discuss the effect of socialization and culture on the behavior and experiences of women, as well as, the effects of social conditions and relationships on women's well-being in different cultures.

4. **Credits:** 3 credits

5. **Satisfies a General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences

6. **Prerequisite:** PSY101

7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Varies

8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Assessment methods used to measure these outcomes are written assignments, tests, class discussion, and small group activity. Evaluation is based on examination, written papers, class participation and class presentation.

9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**