

# **Common Course Outline**

## **PSYC 220**

### **Applied Learning Theory**

**3 Credits**

## **The Community College of Baltimore County**

### **Description**

**PSYC 220 – 3 credits – Applied Learning Theory** explores psychological learning principles and research; focuses on procedures that modify and maintain behavioral change; includes methods of observing, analyzing, changing, and maintaining behavior.

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**Pre- and/or Co-requisites:** PSYC 101

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Recognize difference in theoretical approaches to learning
2. Analyze philosophical issues related to the learning processes
3. Identify and analyze key components associated with classical conditioning
4. Identify and analyze key components associated with operant conditioning
5. Assess the key components associated with cognitive approaches to learning
6. Determine appropriate methods and techniques for investigating learning outcomes
7. Apply learning principles to a variety of practical scenarios
8. Demonstrate an understanding of individual learning styles
9. Identify and analyze ethical considerations associated with the learning processes

### **Major Topics**

- I. Theoretical approaches to the learning process
- II. Associative learning: Classical conditioning
- III. Associative learning: Operant conditioning
- IV. Relational learning: Cognitive approaches
- V. Methods and techniques for investigating learning protocols
- VI. Behavioral assessment
- VII. Behavioral modification
- VIII. Cognitive behavior modification
- IX. Application of learning principles to clinical settings
- X. Differences in learning styles
- XI. Ethical issues

### **Course Requirements**

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

**Grading/exams**

In-class examinations, short answer or essay questions

Written Assignments: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments. Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.

**Other Course Information**

This course is an approved 3-credit elective course in the Department of Behavioral Sciences.

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