

Summer 16 Advanced Topics/400 Level Course Description

830:421:H2 Adv Topics in Social Psychology Issues in Psychology: Myths and Misconceptions

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LSHB115, M-Th 12:10-2:00pm, 7/11-8/17

Prerequisites:830:200 and a psychology lab (830:302, 830:306, 830:312, 830:314, 830:323, 830:332, 830:342)

This course will explore common myths and misconceptions in popular psychology. Popular misconceptions will be used as a vehicle for determining how to distinguish factual from fictional claims in pop psychology. In addition, some of the great debates in psychology will be analyzed, such as nature vs. nurture and determinism vs. free will. This course will also provide an opportunity for students to consider issues which cut across previous course boundaries and thus help achieve an overview of the field. Furthermore this course will polish skills in written and spoken communication and engage critical analysis of theories and research.