

# PSY 233 : PSYCHOLOGY OF VIOLENCE & AGGRESSION

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## Transcript title

Psych of Violence Aggression

## Credits

4

## Grading mode

Standard letter grades

## Total contact hours

40

## Lecture hours

40

## Recommended preparation

WR 060 (or higher) or minimum placement Wr/Comm Level 5.

## Course Description

Addresses the developmental, social, physiological and cultural aspects that contribute to violence and aggression as well as the legal issues involved. Includes an overview of the theories of aggression, as well as factors influencing family violence, violent children, mob mentality, hate crimes, war and terrorism, stalking, sex crimes and murder.

## Course learning outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate familiarity with the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings and historical trends in the research on violent behavior.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of methods and research designs used to empirically study violence and aggression.
3. Students will understand and apply knowledge about the psychology of violent behavior to personal, social and organizational issues.
4. Students will respect and use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to violent behavior.
5. Students will be able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a discipline.

## General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science
- Cultural Literacy