

Course Description

PCO2731 | Human Relations | 3.00 credits

This course emphasizes an understanding of the challenges in human relationships and the principles governing the behavior of individuals and groups, including works from the Western canon. Students will explore fundamental social and behavioral science concepts to analyze patterns of interaction and techniques for effective interpersonal relations. The course provides a framework for examining past and present social, political, and economic issues through the lens of established scientific principles.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will analyze the principles of human behavior by:

- 1. Examining patterns of individual and group interactions
- 2. Evaluating the factors that influence decision-making and behavior
- 3. Identifying key theories and concepts in social and behavioral sciences

Competency 2: The student will explore challenges in human relationships by:

- 1. Investigating the dynamics of effective interpersonal communication
- 2. Assessing strategies for resolving conflicts in personal and group settings
- 3. Analyzing case studies to understand the complexities of social interactions

Competency 3: The student will apply social and behavioral science concepts to real-world issues by:

- 1. Interpreting historical and contemporary examples of social, political, and economic challenges
- 2. Using established scientific principles to evaluate societal trends and behaviors
- 3. Developing evidence-based solutions to address current social problems

Competency 4: The student will engage with works from the Western canon by:

- 1. Analyzing foundational texts related to human behavior and relationships
- 2. Comparing insights from classical works with modern social science research
- 3. Synthesizing ideas from historical writings to inform contemporary understanding of interpersonal dynamics

Learning Outcomes

- · Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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