

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Consciousness Psychology

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** PSY 2710

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** This course will investigate the phenomenon of consciousness through the study of conscious experiences and different states of awareness. Students will examine consciousness research in the areas of neuroscience, sensory perception, sleep and dreaming, hallucinogenic and entheogenic drug experiences, mental health therapies, meditation, ritual, peak experiences, and more. Students will explore these concepts through class discussions, activities, and projects. Students will also develop an understanding of cultural diversity as it relates to individuals' experiences across different states of consciousness.

Prerequisite: ENG 1510.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

**SUNY**

Social Sciences

**JCC**

Cultural Understanding  
Scientific Reasoning

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe major concepts and theories of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  2. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
  3. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
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**Topics Covered:**

- Defining consciousness
  - Altered states of consciousness
  - History of the study of consciousness
  - Physiology
  - Religious and mythological influences
  - Theoretical influences from the field of psychology
  - Creativity
  - Research on states of consciousness
  - Current trends in transpersonal psychology
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Spring 2025