PSYCHIATRY (PSYT)

Courses

PSYT 525. Fundamentals of Behavioral Science. 3 Units.
Supports the organ system curriculum in the freshman year. Provides a basic introduction to human development across the life cycle; mind-body interaction, including psychosomatic issues; patient adherence; the doctor-patient relationship and boundaries; and pain management, end-of-life care, child and elder abuse, domestic violence, and sexuality. Utilizes lecture, patient interview, a reflection paper, and roundtable discussion with clinicians from various specialties to help students integrate these often difficult concepts into real-life experience.

PSYT 526. Psychopathology. 4.5 Units.
Supports the organ system curriculum in the sophomore year. Covers details of mental status examination using lecture and video materials to ensure students are equipped with the basic tools for psychiatric information gathering. Provides advanced exposure to and understanding of psychiatric disease and diagnosis through a systematic, in-depth approach to psychiatric disorders that follows the structure of the DSM-V—including mood, anxiety, psychotic, trauma, childhood, somatic, personality and sexual disorders. Uses a combination of lecture, film, small-group activities, case presentations, in-class faculty-led interviews, faculty-observed student interviews, and several psychodynamic formulations to teach diagnostic criteria, etiology, and clinical course—including common comorbidities and psychopharmacologic and psychodynamic treatment options for each disorder.

PSYT 599. Psychiatry Directed Study. 1.5-18 Units.

PSYT 701. Psychiatry Clerkship. 1.5-9 Units.
Third-year, six-week clerkship that is paired with a separate four-week neurology clerkship—with clinic sites chosen based on students’ interest. Includes a required one-week addiction medicine rotation, as well as a two- and three-week rotation that provides exposure to child, adolescent, and adult populations. Student participation in an interactive, case-based lecture series that includes text readings with time-limited online quizzes. In-house quizzes and examinations that focus on identifying student areas of strength and weakness while on rotations, as well as meetings with the clerkship director prior to completion of the clerkship to assist students struggling on these structured examinations. Requires a clinical OSCE with a focus on the student’s ability to diagnose mental illness, develop patient rapport, and identify risk factors for suicide and homicide; as well as two reflection papers identifying ongoing issues of interpersonal transference toward patients, conflict management in patient care, and other recommended topics.

PSYT 891. Psychiatry Elective. 1.5-27 Units.
Offers fourth-year medical students the opportunity to take electives with psychiatry faculty in child and adult settings. An intensive reading/discussion course in religion and psychiatry.