#### I. Rationale

The Philosophy and Psychology Department's Research Thrusts focus on current issues like poverty alleviation, inequality and diversity, health and well-being, labor and organizational management, climate concerns and environmental issues, and technological advancement directly impacting the community. By encouraging collaboration between philosophy, psychology, and other disciplines, the department fosters a diverse and enriching research environment. By examining the philosophical and psychological aspects of these issues, incorporating indigenous perspectives, and developing culturally and socially sensitive solutions, the department aims to contribute to social transformation and address global and local contemporary challenges.

#### II. Description

The Philosophy and Psychology Department (PPD) provides a unique opportunity to integrate the resources of both disciplines to promote an innovative research environment focused on understanding the human experience and enhancing individual and social well-being in Cavite and throughout the Philippines.

The following research thrusts encourage interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty members and students in philosophy and psychology, as well as connections to other disciplines within the institution and with partner institutions in the region. By focusing on themes relevant to Cavite and the Philippines as a whole, the department may make a significant contribution to the university's goal of social transformation.

By conducting rigorous and socially relevant research, the Philosophy and Psychology Department aims to contribute to the DLSUD's mission of social transformation while also establishing interdisciplinary research in the region.

## III. PPD's Research Thrusts:

- 1. Philosophical and Psychological Dimensions of Social Issues
- 2. Mental Health and Well-being in the Philippine Context
- 3. Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Sciences

# 1. Philosophical and Psychological Dimensions of Social Issues

# 1.1. Labor migration and its impact on families and communities

- 1.1.1. Social Psychology
- 1.1.2. Ethics
- 1.1.3. Integration between social psychology and ethics

## **1.2. Challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in Cavite**

- 1.2.1. Social Psychology
- 1.2.2. Integration between environmental ethics and social psychology

- 1.3. Psychological and Philosophical implications of rapid social, cultural, and technological changes in the Philippines
  - 1.3.1. Social and Cultural Psychology
  - 1.3.2. Philosophy of Technology
  - 1.3.3. Integration between Social and Cultural Psychology with Philosophy of Technology

#### 1.4. The Philosophical and Psychological Implications of AI in Education and Industries in the Philippines

- 1.4.1. Cognitive Psychology
- 1.4.2. Ethics, Political Philosophy
- 1.4.3. Metaphysics, Philosophy of the Mind
- 1.4.4. Integration between Cognitive Psychology with Philosophy (Ethics, Political Philosophy, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind)

#### 2. Mental Health and Well-being in the Philippine Context

- 2.1. Exploring the philosophical and psychological foundations of indigenous Filipino concepts of well-being
  - 2.1.1. Filipino Philosophy
  - 2.1.2. Filipino Psychology Sikolohiyang Filipino
  - 2.1.3. Integration between Filipino Philosophy, and positive psychology

#### 2.2. Investigating the cultural and religious influences on mental health

- 2.2.1. Filipino Axiology
- 2.2.2. Cultural Psychology
- 2.2.3. Integration between cultural psychology and axiology

# 2.3. Developing culturally sensitive and evidence-based interventions for mental health promotion in the Philippines

- 2.3.1. Clinical Psychology
- 2.3.2. Integration between clinical psychology and Filipino philosophy
- 2.3.3. LGBTQ Psychology
- 2.3.4. Psychology of Exceptional Individual
- 2.3.5. Multicultural Counseling and Psychology

#### 2.4. The effects of social media on mental health and well-being

- 2.4.1. Media Psychology
- 2.4.2. Cognitive Psychology
- 2.4.3. Integration between Media Psychology and Ethics

#### 2.5. Environmental degradation and its impact on mental health and behavior

- 2.5.1. Environmental Psychology
- 2.5.2. Environmental Ethics
- 2.5.3. Integration between Environmental Psychology and Ethics

#### 2.6. Individual and community resilience, coping mechanisms, and meaningmaking processes.

- 2.6.1. Social Psychology
- 2.6.2. Existentialism and Postmodernism
- 2.6.3. Integration between Existentialism and Social Psychology
- 2.6.4. Integration between Postmodernism and Social Psychology

#### 3. Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Sciences

#### 3.1. The nature of consciousness and its relationship to the brain

- 3.1.1. Philosophy of Mind
- 3.1.2. Cognitive Neuroscience
- 3.1.3. Integration between Philosophy of mind and Cognitive neuroscience

#### 3.2. Free will and moral responsibility in the light of contemporary neuroscience

- 3.2.1. Moral Psychology
- 3.2.2. Integration between Philosophy of Mind and Moral Psychology

#### 3.3. The ethical implications of artificial intelligence and cognitive development

- 3.3.1. Philosophy of Technology
- 3.3.2. Cognitive Psychology
- 3.3.3. Integration between Philosophy of Technology and Cognitive Psychology

#### IV. Priority Research Projects/Topics:

- 1. Labor migration and its impact on families and communities
- 2. Environmental degradation and its impact on mental health and behavior
- 3. Challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in Cavite
- 4. Investigating the cultural and religious influences on mental health
- 5. Intersectionality of LGBTQ Psychology and Filipino Culture
- 6. The ethical implications of artificial intelligence and cognitive development
- 7. Psychological and Philosophical implications of rapid social, cultural, and technological changes in the Philippines
- 8. Individual and community resilience, coping mechanisms, and meaning-making processes.
- 9. The Philosophical and Psychological Implications of AI in Education and Industries in the Philippines

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