

Psychology

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Psychology Courses

Program Goals

Students will gain a comprehensive understanding and/or application of the following:

- Knowledge Base in Psychology
- Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking
- Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World
- Communication
- Professional Development

Objectives

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behavior. Psychology offers an academic major leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, as well as an academic minor. The psychology curriculum provides students with an academic and experiential background for graduate study in psychology and/or employment in social service, research, and other settings where an understanding of human behavior, thought, and emotion is relevant. The curriculum in the psychology major gives students a breadth of background while also allowing some specialization. A major or minor in psychology is for students who have a general interest in understanding behavior and its determinants.

Program Requirements

Students must maintain at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA in courses required for the psychology major and minor. To fulfill the requirements for a major in psychology, students must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours of coursework in psychology. Students are encouraged to participate in a field experience in psychology (PSYC 340) and may apply a maximum of 5 credit hours of field experience coursework to the major. For students considering graduate school, high academic achievement in upper-division courses, including Quantitative Research Methods, 400-level coursework, and gaining research experience is strongly recommended.

Students must meet the college-wide graduation requirements in addition to the Psychology major:

- 124 total hours
- 30 upper division hours
- WCore requirements

Psychology Major

Requirement Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
I. World Language Requirement	8	
Psychology majors must complete eight credit hours in a single world language.		
II. Lower Division Courses	24	
DATA 220 Introduction to Statistics (4)		
PSYC 105 Bust That Psych Myth (4)		
PSYC 255 Career Exploration (2)		PSYC 105 and sophomore standing
PSYC 270 Thinking and Writing for Psychology (2)		PSYC 105 and sophomore standing
Take three courses from this list:		
NEURO 205 Brain and Behavior (4) or		
PSYC 209 Cognitive Psychology (4)		PSYC 105
PSYC 203 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (4)		
PSYC 216 Social Psychology (4)		PSYC 105
PSYC 252 Personality Theories (4)		PSYC 105
III. Upper Division Courses	18-20	
PSYC 390 Quantitative Research Methods (4)		DATA 220, PSYC 270
Take three 300-level courses from at least two different Groups from Groups A-D (12)		PSYC 270 and corresponding 200-level or WCore course from NEURO 205 or PSYC 203, 209, 216, or 252
One 400-level course (2-4)		NEURO 302
IV. Electives	8	
Eight credits of PSYC or NEURO coursework.		
TOTAL HOURS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR	58-60	

300-Level Course Groups

Group A

PSYC 300 Special Topics Courses labeled as Group A (Offered on a semester-by-semester basis)

PSYC 315 Human Services Practicum

PSYC 358 Methods of Counseling

PSYC 362 Psychological Disorders

PSYC 363 Exploring Addictions

Group B

PSYC 300 Special Topics Courses labeled as Group B (Offered on a semester-by-semester basis)
 PSYC 301 Child Development
 PSYC 305 Adolescent Development
 PSYC 334 Psychology of Masculinities (Counts for Group B or C)
 PSYC 335 Psychology of Women (Counts for Group B or C)
 PSYC 345 Learning, Memor, and Motivation (Counts for Group B or D)

Group C

PSYC 300 Special Topics Courses labeled as Group C
 PSYC 318 Health Psychology
 PSYC 325 Multicultural Psychology
 PSYC 335 Psychology of Women (Counts for Group B or C)
 PSYC 388 Environmental Psychology
 PSYC 356 Sources of Social Influence

Group D

NEURO 300 Special Topics Courses labeled as Group D (Offered on a semester-by-semester basis)
 NEURO 305 Human Brain Development
 NEURO 306 Behavioral Neuroscience and Lab

Recommended Plan of Study for Psychology

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Freshman Year	PSYC 105 WCore Languages I	200-level course WCore Languages II
Sophomore Year	200-level course Classes from other programs	200-level course PSYC 270 PSYC 255 DATA 220
Junior Year	300-level course PSYC 390	300-level courses
Senior Year	300-level courses	400-level seminar

Psychology with Emphasis in Cognitive Science

Requirement Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
I. World Language Requirement	8	

Psychology majors must complete eight credit hours in a single world language.

II. Lower Division Courses	28	
DATA 220 Introduction to Statistics (4)		
NEURO 205 Introduction to Brain and Behavior (4)		
PSYC 105 Bust That Psych Myth (4)		
PSYC 209 Cognitive Psychology (4)		PSYC 105
PSYC 255 Career Exploration (2)		PSYC 105 and sophomore standing
PSYC 270 Thinking and Writing for Psychology (2)		PSYC 105 and sophomore standing
<i>Take two courses from this list:</i>		
PSYC 203 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (4)		
PSYC 216 Social Psychology (4)		PSYC 105
PSYC 252 Personality Theories (4)		PSYC 105
III. Upper Division Courses	18-20	
PSYC 390 Quantitative Research Methods (4)		DATA 220, PSYC 270
Two 300-level courses from Groups A-C (8)		PSYC 270 and corresponding WCSBS or 200-level course from PSYC 203, 216, or 252
<i>Take one course from the following:</i>		
NEURO 306 Behavioral Neuroscience (4)		NEURO 205
NEURO Special Topics in Neuroscience (4) <i>as advised</i>		
<i>Take one course from the following list:</i>		
NEURO 408 Cognitive Neuroscience (4)		PSYC 105, NEURO 205, DATA 220, and PSYC/NEURO 390 or NEURO/PSYC 302
NEURO 409 Advanced Topics in Neuroscience (2)		PSYC 105, BIOL 204, NEURO 205, and PSYC/NEURO 390 or NEURO 302
NEURO 430 Independent Research Thesis (2-4)		NEURO 302 or 390
PSYC 434 Social Neuroscience (4)		NEURO/PSYC 390 or NEURO 302, and PSYC 216 or NEURO/PSYC 205
IV. Electives	8	
Eight credits of PSYC or NEURO coursework.		
TOTAL HOURS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR WITH COGNITIVE SCIENCE EMPHASIS	62-64	

Recommended Plan of Study Psychology with Emphasis in Cognitive Science

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Freshman Year	PSYC 105 WCore Languages I	200-level course NEURO 205 WCore Languages II
Sophomore Year	PSYC 209 200-level course WCore	PSYC 270 PSYC 255 DATA 220
Junior Year	300-level course PSYC 390	NEURO Group D 300/400 Level Coursework
Senior Year	300-level course	NEURO Group D 300/400 Level Coursework

Psychology Minor

To fulfill the requirements for a minor in psychology, students must complete a minimum of 20 credit hours in psychology and neuroscience.

Requirement Description	Credit Hours	Prerequisites
I. Required Courses	14	
DATA 220 Introduction to Statistics (4)		
PSYC 105 Bust That Psych Myth (4)		
PSYC 270 Thinking and Writing for Psychology (2)		PSYC 105 and sophomore standing
PSYC 390 Quantitative Research Methods (4)		DATA 220, PSYC 270
II. Psychology Electives	8	
<i>Take one course from the following list:</i>		
NEURO 205 Brain and Behavior (4)		
PSYC 203 Lifespan Developmental Psychology (4)		
PSYC 209 Cognitive Psychology		PSYC 105
PSYC 216 Social Psychology (4)		PSYC 105
PSYC 252 Personality Theories (4)		PSYC 105
Take one 300-level course from Groups A-D (4)		Corresponding 200-level course
TOTAL HOURS FOR PSYCHOLOGY MINOR	22	