

Psychology- Bachelor of Arts

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You must have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA for all psychology courses attempted and for which a letter grade has been earned. All courses used to satisfy basic departmental requirements must be taken for a letter grade. If you wish to transfer courses from another institution to meet requirements for the major, we strongly recommend you have those approved IN ADVANCE by the Lead Departmental Advisor.

Departmental Honors

Students with both a cumulative and major GPA of 3.25 are eligible to apply to complete an honors thesis, which requires the support of a faculty advisor for the project. Departmental honors candidates complete PSY 480 (minimum 4; maximum 6), in which they write and present a thesis. PSY 400 is strongly recommended.

Recommended Courses of Study

This department offers a single major; all majors are encouraged to take a variety of courses in psychology. For flexible career planning, the department suggests courses of study consistent with your career goals. Choose those courses with your academic advisor.

Program Requirements

(minimum of 36 semester hours in PSY)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology (pre- or co-requisite PSY 112, or PSY 112M) ¹	3
Take one of the following:		1
PSY 112	Foundational Experiences in Psychology	
PSY 112M	Foundational Experiences for Majors	
Take the following three courses in this order. PSY294 is a prerequisite for most 300 level and above courses:		
STA 261	Statistics ²	4
PSY 293	Introduction to Psychological Statistics	4
PSY 294	Writing and Research Methods in Psychology (pre or co-requisite PSY 112 or PSY 112M)	4
Select at least one course from each breadth area: Biopsychology, Cognitive, Developmental, Individual and Social group ³		15
Additional requirements:		
Select one of the following two courses:		3
PSY 410	Capstone Seminar in Psychology: The Multiple Determinants of Behavior	
PSY 458	Capstone Seminar in Neuroscience	
Approved area of focus ⁴		6-9

Select three 300-level or higher courses, at least one of which must be at the 400-level (this does not include PSY 410 or PSY 458). ⁵

Additional courses to make up minimum of 36 semester hours in psychology

Total Credit Hours 40-43

- ¹ If you have taken EDP 101, you cannot receive credit for it and PSY 111, so the department will count it as meeting the requirement for PSY 111.
- ² Consult with the chief departmental advisor if you have taken a statistics course other than STA261 (e.g., STA/ISA 125 or STA301).
- ³ Please see below for a list of courses that will count for each of these areas.
- ⁴ Must take 3 courses within a single area of focus; 1 course may overlap with the breadth area requirement.
- ⁵ PSY 294 is a prerequisite for nearly all courses at or above the 300-level.

Breadth Areas

Biopsychology

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 251	Introduction to Biopsychology	3
PSY 351	Advanced Biopsychology	4
PSY 356	Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 451	Cognitive Neuroscience	3
PSY 452	Structured Research Experience in Behavioral Neuroscience II	3
PSY 456	Advanced Biological Bases of Behavior	3
PSY 458	Capstone Seminar in Neuroscience	3
Completion of 3 courses from this list will satisfy the biopsychology area of focus		

Cognitive

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 271	Survey of Perception, Action, and Cognition	3
PSY 372	Learning & Cognition	3
PSY 374	Psychology of Language and Thought	3
PSY 375	Laboratory in Perception, Action, and Cognition	4
PSY 376	Psychology of Judgment, Decision Making, and Reasoning	3
PSY 451	Cognitive Neuroscience	3
PSY 470	Seminar in Cognition	3
PSY 473	Human Factors/Ergonomics	4
PSY 474	Advanced Cognitive Processes	3
Completion of 3 courses will satisfy the cognitive area of focus		

Developmental

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 231	Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 331	Infant Development	3

PSY 332	Child Development	3
PSY 333	Adolescent Development	3
PSY 334	Adulthood and Aging	3
PSY 430	Seminar in Developmental Psychology	3

Completion of PSY 231 and two other courses will satisfy the developmental area of focus

Individual

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 241	Personality	3
PSY 242	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 343	Psychopathology	3
PSY 345	Childhood Psychopathology and Developmental Disabilities	3
PSY 440	Special Topics in Psychopathology	3

Completion of PSY 242, PSY 343, & PSY 345 will satisfy the psychopathology area of focus

Social

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 221	Social Psychology	3
PSY 324	Advanced Social Psychology	3
PSY 325	Psychology of Prejudice and Minority Experience	3
PSY 326	Psychology of Gender	3
PSY 327	Intro to Social Cognition	3
PSY 420	Seminar in Social Psychology	3

Completion of PSY 221 and two other courses will satisfy the social area of focus

Additional Areas of focus

Culture & Diversity

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 210	Psychology Across Cultures	3
PSY 327	Intro to Social Cognition	3
PSY 331	Infant Development	3
PSY 332	Child Development	3
PSY 333	Adolescent Development	3
PSY 343	Psychopathology	3
PSY 420	Seminar in Social Psychology	3
PSY 430	Seminar in Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 440	Special Topics in Psychopathology	3

Completion of PSY 210 and two other courses will complete this area of focus

Decisions, Leadership, & Organization

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 221	Social Psychology	3
PSY 271	Survey of Perception, Action, and Cognition	3

AND 1 course from:

PSY 210	Psychology Across Cultures
PSY 325	Psychology of Prejudice and Minority Experience

AND 1 course from:

PSS 310	Introduction to Industrial and Organizational Psychology
PSY 326	Psychology of Gender
PSY 327	Intro to Social Cognition
PSY 376	Psychology of Judgment, Decision Making, and Reasoning
PSY 473	Human Factors/Ergonomics

PSY 325 may be used as the 3rd course if student takes PSY 210.

A seminar can also be used if the topic is relevant- ask the department for a list and complete a department petition form prior to graduation.

Persuasion, Intervention & Behavioral Change

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSY 221	Social Psychology	3
PSY 334	Adulthood and Aging	3
PSY 374	Psychology of Language and Thought	3
PSY 473	Human Factors/Ergonomics	4

A seminar can also be used if the topic is relevant- ask the department for a list and complete a department petition form prior to graduation.

Completion of PSY 221 and two other courses will complete this area of focus

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology meet the College of Arts and Science writing in the major requirement by completing the following course: PSY 294.