

Psychology

In keeping with the mission of the College, the Psychology program seeks to provide all students a deeper understanding of the factors that contribute to human behavior and attitudes, and to assist in the development of interpersonal communication skills that contribute to the students' ability to become active and responsible members of their communities. The program prepares majors to enter graduate school in psychology or related fields, to enter professional training programs, or to obtain employment in a wide variety of fields in which they can apply the knowledge, research experience and analytical skills learned in their program. The Psychology program provides majors both a breadth of knowledge in a wide range of fields within the discipline of psychology and depth of knowledge in a specific area.

Learning Outcomes: Psychology

1. Students will be able to describe the theory, methodology, and research findings of key areas of psychology.
2. Students will examine critically and evaluate the literature of psychology and communicate effectively in written and oral reports.
3. Students will be able to effectively analyze and synthesize information from diverse areas.
4. Students will demonstrate an awareness of ethical concerns and dilemmas in psychological research with both animal and human subjects.

Honors in Psychology

A student majoring in Psychology may, upon recommendation by the department faculty and certification by the Dean of the College, receive the designation "Honors in Psychology" after successful completion of the following:

1. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on all course work, and a 3.3 or better on all course work required for the major in Psychology;
2. A minimum of 6 credits of honors course work in Psychology;
3. An honors thesis or project on a topic approved by the program faculty; and,
4. A defense of the honors thesis or project in a comprehensive oral examination before an examining committee which includes a faculty member from the discipline, one faculty member from outside the discipline, and one additional examiner.

Internships in Psychology

The clarification of educational and personal goals and values is a major objective for psychology internship students. An internship can enhance learning in the academic world and provide an opportunity to apply and test knowledge of psychology in a practical professional world setting. Internships are open to juniors and seniors with a 2.5 GPA or better and may be taken during any academic term. Internships can be arranged with a variety of institutions and agencies across the country. Internships in the Psychology program consist of an academic component as well as site work and should be arranged in consultation with a Psychology faculty member.

Major in Psychology, B. A.

47-49 Credits

The plan of study for a Psychology major is constructed in consultation with an advisor selected from the Psychology faculty. The major is designed to prepare students to enter graduate school in Psychology or related fields (e.g. social work, business administration), to enter professional training programs (e.g. medical school, law school), or to obtain employment in a wide variety of fields following graduation. Psychology majors obtain breadth by taking the introductory survey course and several core courses. Majors acquire depth by selecting appropriate electives and pursuing research and internship opportunities in consultation with faculty advisors. Credit towards the major should be distributed as follows:

Required Courses:	25 Credits
BIO 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
MAT 205 Statistics	4
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 150 Departmental Seminar*	2
PSY 202 Research Methods in Psychology	4
PSY 232 Biopsychology	3
PSY 350 Departmental Seminar*	2
PSY 445 History and Systems (Senior Seminar)	3

* The Departmental Seminar must be taken once in the freshman or sophomore year and once in the junior year.

Additional Requirements: 22-24 Credits

- Choose one from the following two courses: 3
 - PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development
 - PSY 230 Adulthood and Aging
- Choose two from the following four courses: 6
 - PSY 231 Personality in Social Context
 - PSY 243 Sensation, Perception, Cognition, and Action
 - PSY 244 Abnormal Psychology
 - PSY 260 Psychology in Legal Contexts
- Two upper level courses from the following: 6
 - PSY 415 Counseling II
 - PSY 433 Cognitive Neuroscience
 - PSY 434 Perception
 - PSY 438 Applied Psychology
 - PSY 440 Psychology of Persuasion & Influence
 - PSY 490 Special Studies in Psychology
- Minimum of one credit in the following: 1-3
 - PSY 395/495 Internship in Psychology
 - PSY 398/498 Research or Teaching Practicum
 - PSY 399/499 Guided Independent Study in-Psychology
- Additional credits from upper level (300-400) courses** 6

**RST 307 or RST 308 may be counted as a major elective.

Contract Major in Psychology (B.A.) 48-51 Credits

For students whose needs are different from the standard major in Psychology, a contract major may be arranged in consultation with the Psychology faculty. A contract major differs from the standard Psychology major in that it combines courses from psychology with courses from related disciplines to build a major that integrates an interdisciplinary theme. Some examples of contract majors include behavioral neuroscience, psychology and business, psychology with pre-law emphasis, psychology and religion, psychology and philosophy, psychology and communications, psychology and art, quantitative psychology, psychology and music, and others as appropriate to the interests and goals of individual students.

Required Courses: 18 Credits

- MAT 205 Statistics 4
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology 3
- PSY 150 Departmental Seminar* 2
- PSY 202 Research Methods in Psychology 4
- PSY 350 Departmental Seminar* 2
- PSY 445 History and Systems (Senior Seminar) 3

*The Departmental Seminar must be taken once in the freshman or sophomore year and once in the junior year.

Additional Requirements: 30-33 Credits

- Two courses from the following: 6
 - PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development
 - PSY 232 Biopsychology
 - PSY 244 Abnormal Psychology
 - PSY 260 Psychology in Legal Contexts
- Two courses from the following: 6
 - PSY 314 Counseling Psychology
 - PSY 433 Cognitive Neuroscience
 - PSY 434 Perception
 - PSY 438 Applied Psychology
 - PSY 440 Psychology of Persuasion & Influence
 - PSY 490 Special Studies in Psychology
 - PSY 495 Internship in Psychology
- Additional credits from upper level (300-400) PSY courses** 6

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- Supporting course credits which contribute to the theme of the contract, with at least 3 of the required 12-15 credits at the 300-400 level

Minor in Psychology

26 Credits

A minor in Psychology consists of a minimum of twenty-six (26) credits, including PSY 101, MAT 205, PSY 202, two (2) of the following survey courses (PSY 220, 232, 244), and nine (9) upper level credits.

Required Courses:

11 Credits

- MAT 205 Statistics 4
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology 3
- PSY 202 Research Methods in Psychology 4

Additional Requirements:

15 Credits

- Two courses from the following: 6
 - PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development
 - PSY 232 Biopsychology
 - PSY 244 Abnormal Psychology
- Additional credits from upper level (300-400) PSY courses 9