

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

The Psychology Major curriculum is structured to ensure an exploration of the diversity of topics that compose the modern field of Psychology. It provides courses in which students can think deeply and critically about human behavior, mental life, and the nature of inquiry into the human condition. Furthermore, it is designed to provide students with a foundation in both the natural science and social science perspectives in Psychology with enough flexibility and depth to prepare undergraduates for any number of career paths.

Our discipline is a broad one in which we study human behavior from multiple perspectives, from the biological to the social/cultural. Introduction To Psychology (PSYC 100) surveys the intellectual range of the field. Majors are then required to further sample this breadth in taking one course from each of Psychology's fundamental areas (Biological Processes; Cognitive and Behavioral Processes; and Individual, Social, and Cultural Processes). Moreover, Majors also take a required two-semester sequence of courses—Statistics (PSYC 200) and Research Methods (PSYC 201)—in which they learn the methodological tools that psychologists use to investigate psychological phenomena. Majors further investigate specific areas within the discipline with four developing interest courses, one of which must be an advanced course. The department also provides students with ample opportunity to work independently under the individual direction of their professors, including courses for advanced study (PSYC 470 Directed Readings) and research (PSYC 480 Research Projects). Our faculty is actively engaged in research on a variety of topics, including the neurobiology of learning and memory, comparative cognition, cognitive development in children, interpersonal coordination, the neuropsychological basis of attention, social and cultural psychology, emotional dysregulation and eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive process and stigma. Psychology majors have presented papers at regional and national undergraduate and professional meetings and have published their work in professional journals.

Department Advanced Placement Policy

Students with AP credit in psychology (a score of 4 or 5) are awarded advanced placement in the curriculum and forfeit that credit if they take Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 100). AP credit counts toward the minimum number of courses required in the major. Students with AP credit in Psychology should contact the department chair to discuss enrollment in an appropriate 200-level course.

Requirements

Majors must take a minimum of 10 courses in psychology.

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Required courses:

PSYC 100	Introduction To Psychology
PSYC 200	Statistics
PSYC 201	Research Methods

Select one course in each of the following areas:

Biological Processes:	
PSYC 221	Physiology and Behavior
PSYC 222	Sensation & Perception
PSYC 235	Cognitive Neuroscience

Cognitive and Behavioral Processes:	
PSYC 223	Animal Learning
PSYC 225	Developmental Psychology
PSYC 236	Cognition & Memory
PSYC 237	Psychology of Language
PSYC 238	Judgment and Decision Making

Individual, Social, and Cultural Processes:	
PSYC 214	Life-Span Development
PSYC 226	Personality and the Life Story
PSYC 227	Social Psychology
PSYC 228	Psychology of Adolescence
PSYC 229	Psychopathology
PSYC 267	Motivation and Goal Pursuit

Three electives at any level including the following courses or any non-required course (e.g., any fundamental area or advanced course):

PSYC 239	Psychology & Aging
PSYC 244	Health Psychology
PSYC 254	Psychology and Law
PSYC 256	Animal Minds

One elective at the 300 level:

PSYC 305	History & Theory
PSYC 314	Science, Medicine & the Holocaust
PSYC 315	Biology of Mental Disorders
PSYC 316	Drug Abuse: Brain and Behavior
PSYC 321	Neuroanatomy & Behavior
PSYC 326	Cognition Across Cultures
PSYC 327	Predictive Coding in the Brain
PSYC 328	Adolescent Health
PSYC 332	Processes in Psychotherapy
PSYC 334	Eating and Its Disorders
PSYC 337	Substance Use and Recovery
PSYC 338	Consciousness & Control
PSYC 342	Seminar: Gender-Role Development
PSYC 350	Intervention and Social Change
PSYC 353	Seminar: Language Thought and Culture
PSYC 354	Psychology of Stigma
PSYC 355	Seminar: Resilience and Development
PSYC 362	Cognitive Neuropsychiatry
PSYC 363	Psychology & Economic Behavior
PSYC 364	Psychopathology In Cinema
PSYC 370	Mindfulness Meditation Prayer

Note: Academic advisors can assist students in selecting courses that help provide a coherent, well-integrated program of study.