

BA/BS/AB Degree in Psychology

The psychology major is designed to provide the student with a broadly based program in behavioral science. The psychology major may be pursued as a component of a general liberal arts background, as preparation for a variety of service oriented occupations, or as a basis for graduate study in psychology and related fields.

For students completing a BA or BS degree, in addition to the major, the student also selects a minor (27 credit hours) in a field which will support and broaden one's intended use of psychology. Specific courses in the minor are selected with the help of an advisor in the minor field.

Liberal Arts Core Curriculum	55
Psychology Major	56
Electives/Other Requirements	42
Minor	27
Total Degree	180

Students earning a BS degree in psychology are also required to take at least 12 hrs. of math/computer science/quantitative literacy courses according to the following specifications: PSY 467Q, PSY 468QW, CS 121 or higher and MTH 111 or higher with the exception of MTH 243.

Students earning a BA degree need MTH 105 or higher, CS 101 or higher and also need to complete 2 years of a foreign language. (See catalog for more specific details)

Students earning an AB degree follow specific AB degree requirements. For more information, see your psychology advisor.

For students in catalog years 2010-2015 Formal admission is required for the psychology major. Students must complete PSY 201, 202 and 301W and achieve sophomore standing (45 or more credit hours) before applying to the psychology major. Students are admitted to the psychology major based on the following criteria.

- A GPA of 2.67 in all psychology courses completed and
- A cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all college work.

New requirements for students starting in catalog year 2016. There is no formal application to the Psychology major. Psychology majors must have a grade of C- or better in courses used to satisfy the major requirements. Students with an earlier catalog year can change to 2016 or later catalog year, however all degree requirements including major, minor, LACC, and BA/BS/AB must follow the same catalog year. For more information, see your psychology advisor.

Requirements for Psychology Major

The psychology major requires a total of 56 credit hours, including a 36 hour core and 20 hours of electives. (40 credits must be upper division, maximum 16 credits of lower division) taken in psychology or selected gerontology courses.

REQUIRED CORE.....36
All psychology majors complete the required core

PSY	201, 202	General Psychology	8
PSY	301W	Intro to Research Methods	4
PSY	311	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY	334D	Social Psychology	4
PSY	360	Cognitive Psychology	4
PSY	467Q	Quantitative Methods	4
PSY	468QW	Research Methods	4
PSY	443,445, 446,447, 448, or 449	Industrial/Organizational (choose one)	4
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ELECTIVES.....20
Students should choose these additional 20 hours with an advisor's assistance. Maximum 4 credits of P/NC coursework can count as electives in the psychology major. PSY 410 cannot be counted as an elective in the psychology major.)

TOTAL PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR.....56

Lower Division Courses

PSY	201	General Psychology	4
PSY	202	General Psychology	4

Upper Division Courses

PSY	300	Introduction to the major: Careers & Opportunities	4
PSY	301W	Intro to Research Methods	4
PSY	311	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY	328	Mental Health	4
PSY	334D	Social Psychology	4
PSY	336	Intro to Forensic Psychology	4
PSY	349	Behavior Modification	4
PSY	350	Evolutionary Psychology	4
PSY	360	Cognitive Psychology	4
PSY	390	Theories of Learning	4
PSY	398*	Graduate Study in Psychology	4
PSY	399*	Special Studies	1-4
PSY	406/506*	Special Individual Studies	4
PSY	407/507	Seminar	4
PSY	409*	Psychology Practicum	4
PSY	410,411*	Mentoring I & II (4 credits each)	4
PSY	415/515	Psychology of Sports	4
PSY	420	Advanced Topics in Geropsychology	4

PSY	423	Interviewing & Appraisal	4
PSY	425/525	Drug & Alcohol Assessment	4
PSY	426	History of Psychology	4
PSY	427/527	Crisis Assessment & Intervention	1
PSY	435/535	Theories of Personality	4
PSY	437/537	Advanced Social Psychology	4
PSY	438	Advanced Forensic Psychology	4
PSY	439	Positive Psychology	4
PSY	443	Psychology of Teamwork	4
PSY	445	Intro to Industrial/Organizational Psych	4
PSY	446	Psychology of Leadership	4
PSY	447	Organizational Consulting	4
PSY	448	Topics in Organizational Psychology	4
PSY	449	Psychology of Creativity	4
PSY	450/550	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY	451/551	Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSY	458	Language Development	4
PSY	460	Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar	1-4
PSY	461/561	Psychopharmacology	4
PSY	463/563	Childhood Psychopathology	4
PSY	465/565	Motivation	4
PSY	467Q	Quantitative Methods	4
PSY	468QW	Advanced Research Methods	4
PSY	473	Sensation & Perception	4
PSY	480/580	Infancy & Childhood	4
PSY	481/581	Middle & Late Childhood	4
PSY	482/582	Adolescence	4
PSY	483/583	Adulthood & Aging	4
PSY	484/584	Death, Dying & Grief	4
PSY	487D/587	Cross-Cultural Psychology	4
PSY	488/588	Theories of Development	4
PSY	489/589	Specific Topics in Dev Psych	4
PSY	492/592	Psychology of Women	4

*requires division approval

Gerontology Options

The following Gerontology courses can count as electives for the Psychology major

GERO 120	Medical Terminology	4
GERO 320	Intro to Gerontology	4
GERO 360D	Cognitive & Physical Changes in Aging	4
GERO 370	Aging & Mental Health	4
GERO 407*	Seminar	4
GERO 430D	Palliative Care & Chronic Illness	4
GERO 455	Social Ties & Aging	4
GERO 480	Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias	4

Occupational and Advanced Educational Opportunities

The goal of the Psychology Program is to prepare students for success in their chosen occupation and/or for further advanced study. To find out how well we were meeting this goal, we surveyed majors who graduated from the Psychology program between 2001-2010. Surveys were mailed to 663 Alumni, and 125 were returned completed (19% response rate). Of those responding 82% were Female and 18% were Male. The mean age was = 29.59 years (SD = 7.29). The mean reported GPA at graduation was 3.50 (SD = .32), and 26% earned a BA degree while 74% earned a BS.

Overall, Alumni were satisfied with their experiences with over 90% being satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of instruction received, accessibility of psychology faculty, and interactions with psychology faculty, and overall experience with the psychology major.

When asked about employment, 86% of Alumni indicated that they were currently working or volunteering. Income varied, however 40% earned 40,001 or more for the past year. Alumni reported working in a variety of occupational fields with diverse job titles including social worker, geriatric care manager, adolescent counselor, attorney, teacher, registered nurse and physician's assistant.

When asked about further education, 38% of Alumni reported that they were in the process of or had completed further education, with the majority completing a Master's degree. Receiving a degree in psychology prepared Alumni to succeed in diverse graduate programs in social work, clinical/counseling, education, business, law and medical fields.

Combined, these results suggest that an undergraduate degree in psychology prepared graduates to take on a wide range of advanced educational and occupational opportunities.

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