

Psychology Major

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology degree was developed to enable students to think scientifically about behavior and mental processes, develop research and assessment skills, and to use those skills to solve everyday problems. Students who complete the degree in psychology may choose to work in various fields such as assessment, advising, research, and crisis prevention and intervention. Additionally, students may choose to attend graduate school in order to work in fields such as clinical psychology, educational psychology, social work, marriage and family counseling, rehabilitation counseling, and school counseling. The broad application of psychology in other disciplines makes the courses suitable for students from other majors. The guidelines provided by the American Psychological Association (2013) for undergraduate psychology majors were used to develop the program and student learning outcomes.

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Psychology major, students will be able to perform the following:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of psychological concepts and theories (Content).
2. Understand research design, analysis, and interpretation (Content and Critical Thinking).
3. Develop critical thinking skills (Critical Thinking).
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the formal regulations that govern professional ethics in psychology (Content).
5. Demonstrate proficiency in using technology (Content).
6. Develop written and oral communication skills (Communication).
7. Recognize, understand and respect diversity (Content).

Program Outcomes

As a result of successful completion of the Psychology Program, graduates will have completed the following:

1. Attained a variety of relevant courses in psychology which will enhance personal, academic, and career goals;
2. Demonstrated basic principles of research design and analysis;
3. Used APA style in written assignments;

4. Explored ethical principles for psychologists in academic and applied settings;
5. Prepared applications for graduate and professional school; and
6. Developed meaningful professional direction for life after graduation.

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Major in Psychology

Required courses for the major in Psychology

The major in Psychology consists of a minimum of 43 hours. Required courses are:

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 230	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 231	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 232	Child Psychology	3
PSY 233	Psychology of Learning	3
PSY 321	Junior Thesis Seminar	3
PSY 330	Research Methods in Psychology	3
PSY 332	Educational Psychology	3
PSY 333	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSY 334	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 335	Social Psychology	3
PSY 336	Elementary Statistical Methods and Design	3
PSY 421	Senior Thesis Seminar	3
PSY 430	Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Relations	3
PSY 432	Theory of Psychometric Instruments	3
PSY 433	Clinical Assessment	3

Minor in Psychology

Required courses for the minor in Psychology

A minor in psychology consists of a minimum of 21 credit hours. The following courses are required for a minor in psychology:

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 230	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 231	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 233	Psychology of Learning	3
PSY 334	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 335	Social Psychology	3
	PSY Elective	3
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Total Credits		66

Major in Psychology FRESHMAN YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
REL 131	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
ENG 131	English Composition I	3
MAT 131	Algebra	3
HUM 130	African American Heritage	3
STI 111	Orientation	1

FRESHMAN YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
REL 132	Introduction to the New Testament	3
ENG 132	English Composition II	3
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
BIO 131	Life Science	3
PSY 230	Introduction to Psychology	3
STI 114	Orientation II	1

SOPHOMORE YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-level Religion	3
PSY 232	Child Psychology	3
PHY 131	Physical Science	3
CSC 121	Critical Thinking in Digital Age	2
HPR 121	Lifetime Wellness	2
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

SOPHOMORE YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 231	History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY 233	Psychology of Learning	3
SPE 232	Public Speaking	3
	300-level Religion	3
LOG 330	Logic	3
BUS 210	Financial Literacy	1

JUNIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Students may take 3 credits of electives this semester.

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 321	Junior Thesis Seminar	3
PSY 332	Educational Psychology	3
PSY 333	Adolescent Psychology	3
PSY 334	Abnormal Psychology	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

JUNIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Students may take 4 credits of electives this semester.

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 330	Research Methods in Psychology	3
PSY 335	Social Psychology	3
PSY 336	Elementary Statistical Methods and Design	3
EDU 310	Test Taking Strategies	1
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (1 credit)	1

SENIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Students may take 6 credits of electives this semester.

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 421	Senior Thesis Seminar	3
PSY 430	Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Relations	3
PSY 432	Theory of Psychometric Instruments	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

SENIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Students may take 12 credits of electives this semester.

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 433	Clinical Assessment	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3