

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

As prerequisites for acceptance into the B.A. in Psychology, students must complete the following as a "Pre-psychology major." Upon completion of the requirements, the student's major will be changed automatically from "Pre-psychology" to "Psychology" status. Following formal entrance to the Psychology major, students may proceed with PSYC 3311 and the following upper-division courses meeting requirements in the major: PSYC 3355, PSYC 3357, PSYC 3359, PSYC 3360, PSYC 3362, PSYC 3363, PSYC 3364, PSYC 3377, or PSYC 3386, along with the 4000-level culminating experience courses. Students enrolled in a Pre-psychology course will be allowed to enroll in PSYC 3311 for the following semester with the understanding that all Pre-psychology requirements will be completed successfully by the start of that semester. Prior to completing the prerequisites that comprise the Pre-psychology major, students who have completed PSYC 1100 may enroll in select upper division Psychology courses, the exceptions being noted above.

There are two formal concentrations within the Psychology B.A..These are Biological Psychology and Industrial-Organizational Psychology. In declaring a major, students have three options. They can select **General Psychology (no formal concentration)**, **Biological Psychology**, or **Industrial-Organizational Psychology**.

Through regular advising and the guidance of our faculty, students who opt for the **General Psychology** degree will be able to create an individualized plan including an informal concentration in any of a number of subareas within psychology such as clinical/counseling psychology, social psychology, developmental psychology, cognitive psychology, and experimental psychology.

Requirements to enter the B.A. in Psychology

General Education Basic Skills in English (A1) (3)	3
General Education Basic Skills in Mathematics (A3) (3)	3
Psychology Courses (15)	
PSYC 1100 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 1101 Psychology as a Major	2
PSYC 2210 Psychological Statistics	4
PSYC 2220 Brain and Behavior	3
PSYC 2211 Introduction to Psychological Research	3
Total Units	21

Students may earn no grade lower than a "C" (2.0) in each of these courses. In addition, students must have a GPA of 2.5 in the Pre-psychology major and an overall University GPA of 2.25.

Students are encouraged to complete PSYC 1101 early in the curriculum. Students should complete PSYC 3311 by the end of their junior year.

Requirements (49-50 units)

Total units required for graduation: 120

Requirements for the B.A. in Psychology

Required Courses for the Psychology B.A. (25-26)

PSYC 1100 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 1101 Psychology as a Major	2
PSYC 2210 Psychological Statistics	4
PSYC 2211 Introduction to Psychological Research	3
PSYC 2220 Brain and Behavior	3
PSYC 3311 Research Methods in Psychology	4
Three units chosen from:	3
PSYC 3382 Social Psychology	
PSYC 3390 Abnormal Psychology	
Advanced Culminating Experience (3-4 units) (includes Writing Designation)	3-4
Students select a course in consultation with a Psychology Department advisor	

Concentration (24)

Students must complete the requirements of one of the concentrations listed below.	24
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Total Units 49-50

Students enrolling in the Psychology Honors Program during their senior year will take PSYC 5597 and PSYC 5598 in addition to the above requirements.

Concentrations (24 units)

General Psychology Concentration (24 units)

(Program Code: PSYC)

PSYC 2201 Developmental Psychology	3
or PSYC 3324 Developmental Psychobiology	
Students may substitute PSYC 2240 for this requirement. Students may only apply one of PSYC 2201 or PSYC 2240 to the Psychology major.	
PSYC 3360 Cognitive Psychology	3
or PSYC 3364 Perception	
Three units chosen from:	3
PSYC 3359 Evolutionary Psychology	
PSYC 3362 Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 3363 Biological Psychology	
Six units chosen from:	6
PSYC 3355 Industrial Psychology	
PSYC 3357 History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 3377 Tests and Measurements	
PSYC 3386 Introduction to Psychotherapy	
Upper Division Psychology Electives	9
Students intending to apply to doctoral programs in psychology are encouraged to take the following courses: PSYC 3357, PSYC 3377, PSYC 4410, PSYC 5953.	
Total Units	24

For the General Psychology Concentration, the Advanced Culminating Experience requirement is typically met by choosing a course from either the Advanced Experimental Psychology Option (PSYC 4431, PSYC 4432, PSYC 4433, PSYC 4434, PSYC 4435, PSYC 4436,

PSYC 4437, or PSYC 4438) or the Advanced Seminar in Psychology Option (PSYC 4421, PSYC 4422, PSYC 4423, PSYC 4424, PSYC 4425, PSYC 4426, PSYC 4427, or PSYC 4428).

Biological Psychology Concentration (24 units)

(Program Code: PBIO)

Biological psychology represents a course of study focusing on the neurological and physiological bases of human behavior. You will study such things as the brain processes implicated in various psychological disorders, the neurological basis of addiction, and the specific ways in which psychotropic drugs influence the brain and behavior.

PSYC 3363	Biological Psychology	3
PSYC 4442	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
Three units chosen from:		3
PSYC 3355	Industrial Psychology	
PSYC 3385	Personality Psychology	
PSYC 2201	Developmental Psychology	
	or PSYC 224 Introduction to Child Development	
Three units chosen from:		3
PSYC 3359	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSYC 3360	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 3364	Perception	
Foundations of Biopsychology		
Six units chosen from:		6
PSYC 3362	Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 3365	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 5538	Introduction to Psychopharmacology	
Upper-division Biopsychology Electives		
Six units chosen from:		6
PSYC 3318	Health Psychology	
PSYC 3324	Developmental Psychobiology	
PSYC 3333	Drugs and Behavior	
PSYC 3339	Methods in Human Neuroscience	
PSYC 3357	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 3359	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSYC 3362	Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 3365	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 3367	Neuropsychiatric Disorders	
PSYC 4410	Advanced Psychological Statistics	
PSYC 4423	Advanced Seminar in Psychology: Biological	
PSYC 4426	Advanced Seminar in Psychology: Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 5538	Introduction to Psychopharmacology	
PSYC 5539	Current Methods in Neuroscience	
PSYC 5562	Neural Mechanisms of Learning and Memory	
PSYC 5567	Neural Substrates of Psychiatric Disorders	
Total Units		24

For the Biological Psychology concentration, the Advanced Culminating Experience requirement is typically satisfied by taking either PSYC 4433 (Experimental Psychology: Biological) or PSYC 4436 (Experimental Psychology: Learning and Motivation).

Students intending to apply to doctoral programs in biopsychology are encouraged to take appropriate course work in biology, chemistry, and physics.

Industrial and Organizational Psychology Concentration (24 units)

(Program Code: PYIO)

Industrial/Organizational Psychology concerns the psychology of the workplace. I/O psychologists are concerned with personnel selection, gender equity in work settings, understanding and improving relations between employer and employee, program evaluation, employee mental health, and many other issues regarding the interface between psychology and business.

PSYC 3354	Organizational Psychology	3
PSYC 3355	Industrial Psychology	3
PSYC 3377	Tests and Measurements	3
Six units chosen from:		6
PSYC 3360	Cognitive Psychology	
PSYC 3362	Learning and Motivation	
PSYC 3363	Biological Psychology	
PSYC 3364	Perception	
Three units chosen from:		3
PSYC 2201	Developmental Psychology (may substitute PSYC 2240 for PSYC 2201 with department consent)	
PSYC 3357	History and Systems of Psychology	
PSYC 3385	Personality Psychology	
A minimum of six units chosen from:		6
PSYC 3340	Stereotyping, Prejudice and Discrimination	
PSYC 4410	Advanced Psychological Statistics	
PSYC 5540	Work, Retirement, and Leisure	
PSYC 5582	Diversity, Work, and Family	
PSYC 5583	Occupational Health Psychology	
PSYC 5575	Internship	
PSYC 5953	Independent Study	
Total Units		24

For the Industrial-Organizational Psychology concentration, the Advanced Culminating Experience requirement is typically satisfied by taking either PSYC 4428 (Advanced Seminar in IO Psychology) or PSYC 4438 (Experimental Psychology: Industrial and Organizational).