

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR OR MINOR**

(For students admitted Fall 2021 and after)

Core foundational courses in the psychology major are offered 2-3 times per year, at least every Fall and every Winter. Each lab is offered once per year. Most courses in Required Courses I and Required Courses II vary between annual or semi-annual offerings. Check availability online.

**A PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIRES:**

- a total of **43 credits in Psychology** including
  - all of the **required FOUNDATION COURSES**
  - **at least one course from each area listed under REQUIRED COURSES I**
  - **at least two courses listed under REQUIRED COURSES II**
  - at least **two LAB COURSES**
  - a **Minor other than Psychology**

**A PSYCHOLOGY MINOR REQUIRES:**

- a total of **18 credits in Psychology** including
  - PSYC 100
  - **At least one course in three of the areas listed under REQUIRED COURSES I\***

**NON-PSYCH RECOMMENDED COURSES:**

PHIL 114	(3)	Introduction to Logic
COMM 105B	(3)	Public Speaking <b>OR</b> COMM 105C (3) Introduction to Comm.: Argumentation
SOC 111	(3)	Introduction to Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 112 (3) Introduction to Anthropology

**FOUNDATION COURSES:****Required Non-Psych Foundation Courses: Both of the following are required (8 credits)**

BIOL 111A	(4)	Principles of Biology <b>OR</b> BIOL 104B (3) Human Biology <b>OR</b> BIOL105A (4) Science of Life
MATH 103	(4)	Intermediate Algebra

**Required Psych Foundation Courses: All of the following are required (23 credits)**

PSYC 100	(4)	General Psychology
PSYC 202	(3)	Scientific Foundations of Psychology
PSYC 299	(4)	Statistics
PSYC 302	(2)	Computer Applications in Data Analysis
PSYC 305	(4)	Experimental Psychology
PSYC LABS	(1+1)	(Choose 2 labs listed below after you complete 305)
PSYC 488	(4)	History and Systems

**PSYCHOLOGY LABS (1 credit each) (2 credits total required)**

**Note:** All labs (except 373L) have the following psychology prerequisites: 100, 202, 299, 302, & 305

PSYC 311L	Developmental Lab	(pre- or co-req: PSYC 210, 311, 314, 410, or 415)
PSYC 320L	Learning Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 320)
PSYC 330L	Motivation Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 330 or PSYC 370)
PSYC 335L	Comparative Psych Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 335)
PSYC 340L	Physiological Psych Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 340, 345, or 346)
PSYC 345L	Sensation & Perception Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 340, 345, or 425)
PSYC 350L	Social Psychology Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 350 or PSYC 380)
PSYC 370L	Personality Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 370 or PSYC 330)
PSYC 373L	Clinical Interviewing Lab	(co-requisite: PSYC 373)
PSYC 425L	Cognitive Psychology Lab	(pre- or co-requisite: PSYC 345 or PSYC 425)

## **REQUIRED COURSES I:**

(psych major: at least one course from each of the 4 areas)

(psych minor: at least one course from 3 of the 4 areas)

### **Biological Foundations in Psychology**

PSYC 335 (4) Comparative Psychology

PSYC 340 (4) Physiological Psychology

PSYC 346 (4) Neuropsychology

### **Learning/Cognitive Psychology**

PSYC 320 (3) Psychology of Learning

PSYC 345 (3) Sensation & Perception

PSYC 425 (3) Cognitive Psychology

### **Developmental Psychology**

PSYC 210 (4) Applications in Human Development

PSYC 311 (4) Theories & Research in Child Development [psych minors take PSYC 310 instead]

PSYC 410 (4) Lifespan Human Development

PSYC 415 (4) Psych of Adult Development & Aging

### **Personality/Social Psychology**

PSYC 330 (3) Motivation

PSYC 350 (3) Social Psychology

PSYC 370 (3) Theories of Personality

PSYC 455 (3) Group Dynamics

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## **REQUIRED COURSES II:**

(psych major: at least any 2 courses from this list)

(psych minor: remaining credits to reach 18 total)

PSYC 314 (3) Infant Development

PSYC 343 (3) Psychology of Sleep and Dreams

PSYC 367 (3) Behavior Modification

PSYC 372 (4) Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 373 (3) Clinical Interviewing

PSYC 374 (3) Psychological Disorders of Childhood & Adolescence

PSYC 375 (4) Psychological Assessment

PSYC 380 (4) Cultural Psychology

PSYC 385 (4) Psychology of Sex, Gender, & Sexuality

PSYC 400 (4) Advanced Statistics

PSYC 405 (4) Non-Experimental Research Methods

PSYC 420 (4) Psychology of Language

PSYC 430 (3) Psychoanalytic Theory

PSYC 453 (3) Industrial/Organizational Psychology

PSYC 470 (4) Health Psychology

PSYC 483 (3) Field Placement Experience

## **Other Psychology Course Offerings:**

### Mentored Instruction in Psychology

PSYC *TBA* (4) Study Abroad in Psychology  
PSYC 393 or 493 (1-3) Directed Readings in Psychology  
PSYC 394 (1-4) Independent Research in Psychology  
PSYC 396 or 496 (1-4) Field Studies in Psychology  
PSYC 483 (3-5) Field Placement Experience  
PSYC 491 (1-4) Workshop in Psychology  
PSYC 494 (1-4) Senior Research in Psychology  
PSYC 495 (1-4) Independent Lab/Studio in Psychology  
PSYC 497 (2) Senior Seminar in Psychology  
PSYC 498 (3) Honors Thesis in Psychology  
PSYC 499 (1-4) Teaching of Psychology

### Non-Major Courses in Psychology

PSYC 310 (3) Child Psychology  
PSYC 313 (4) Child Development in Education  
PSYC 315 (3) Adolescent Psychology  
PSYC 317 (3) Educational Psychology

## **WHEN TO TAKE WHAT:**

### *Freshman year*

- PSYC 100
- MATH 103
- BIOL 111A **OR** BIOL 104B **OR** BIOL 105A

### *Sophomore year*

- PSYC 202 (3) Scientific Foundations of Psychology (Take before or with PSYC 299)
- PSYC 299 (4) Statistics (Must take PSYC 202 previously or concurrently)
- PSYC 302 (2) Computer Applications in Data Analysis  
(Take with PSYC 305; prerequisites are PSYC 202 and PSYC 299)
- PSYC 305 (4) Experimental Psychology (Take with PSYC 302; prerequisites are PSYC 202 and PSYC 299)

### *Junior year/1st semester Senior year*

- Courses from Required Courses I and II and Labs

### *Last semester of Senior year*

- PSYC 488 (4) History and Systems  
Note: Must be taken after all required psychology coursework is complete, or during the same semester in which you will finish all other required psychology coursework.

## **OTHER THINGS YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO:**

### *Sophomore/Junior/Senior year*

- Become an active and engaged member of Psych Club and Psi Chi (the national honor society in psychology), and PRIME (peer-mentoring for psychology majors).
- Attend the Graduate School Preparation Seminar (held in October each year).
- Develop a relationship with at least 2-3 faculty members who have interests similar to yours for advice, mentoring, and possible letters of recommendation.
- If you are thinking of graduate school, participate in research with a faculty member.
- Gain hands-on experience in a relevant setting through internships, volunteering, local jobs, or fieldwork; ask faculty about what opportunities are available.