

Department of Psychology

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Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science

- Psychology

Minor

- Psychology

The psychology department will also consider proposals from students who wish to pursue the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree.

Department Statement

The mission of the psychology department is to support the university and the larger community by providing a personalized learning environment and meaningful learning experiences that foster academic excellence, instill ethics and values and encourage a life-long love of learning. Through lectures, reading, research, discussions, laboratory experiences, practical/service experiences, writing assignments, and other academic and scholarly activities, psychology students develop the knowledge, understanding, discipline, and skill that enables them to function personally and professionally as informed and responsible citizens.

The psychology department offers an academic major and minor, an education minor, and it serves students through courses that fulfill general education requirements as well as foundation requirements for other academic professional programs.

Goals

The psychology department will:

1. Provide expert classroom instruction.
2. Provide expert laboratory and research application experience.
3. Provide expert professional/agency practicum experience and service.
4. Meet or exceed the standards set by the American Psychological Association for undergraduate education.

Outcomes/Objectives

1. Psychology courses will be taught by qualified faculty members with expertise in their areas of teaching.
2. Students will demonstrate a well-rounded knowledge and understanding of psychology (its language, methodologies, findings, and applications).
3. Psychology laboratories and research opportunities will be offered by faculty members with expertise in the areas of their laboratory/research activities.
4. Students will demonstrate their ability to conduct scientific inquiry within the domain of psychology by designing research activities, using assessment and other information, collecting tools, statistically analyzing and interpreting data.
5. Students (graduate school track) will develop and demonstrate their ability to locate, analyze, and communicate scientific findings.

6. Psychology professional/agency practicum experiences will be offered and/or supervised by faculty members with expertise in the area of their practice and service activities.
7. Students (professional/agency track) will develop and demonstrate their professional expertise in professional/agency settings.
8. The psychology curriculum will meet or exceed the standards set by the American Psychological Association for undergraduate education in course offerings, content, activities, and assessment.
9. Students will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct as published by the American Psychological Association. **Note: Students involved in animal studies will demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the National Animal Care Committee guidelines for the ethical use and care of animals in research.**

Degree Requirements

A total of 36 credits, with a grade of "C-" or better, is required for a major in psychology. No more than 12 lower division credit hours (1000 and 2000 level courses) may be counted toward this total of 36 credits.

Psychology	
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	
Course Number and Title	Credits
General Education Core (see page 105)	
Core Course Requirements	17-18
Knowledge Areas Requirements (must take PSY 1010*)	19
University Requirements	
BA Degree – Foreign Language/ASL Requirement (16 hours or proficiency test) BS Degree – Math or Science minimum requirement (12 hours)	
Foundation Courses (6 hours)	
PSY 2010 Models, Methods, and Professional Issues	3
PSY 3010 Statistics in Psychology	3
Methods Courses (6 hours)	
(At least two of the following are required)	
PSY 3400 Experimental Analysis of Behavior (Lab 3401)	3
PSY 3410 Research Design	3
PSY 3430 Principles of Assessment	3
PSY 4915 Senior Project: Independent Research I	3
<i>(PSY 3410 is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for PSY 4915 (Senior Project: Independent Research I))</i>	
Developmental Courses (3 hours)	
(At least one of the following is required)	
PSY 3210 Infant and Child Development	3
PSY 3220 Adolescent Development	3
PSY 3230 Adult Development and Aging	3

**PSY 1110 Lifespan Development is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for these developmental courses.*

Mind/Body Courses (3 hours)	
(At least one of the following is required)	
PSY 3600 Stress and Pain	3
PSY 3650 Health Psychology	3
PSY 4510 Biopsychology (Lab 4511)	3
PSY 4550 Drugs and Behavior	3
Capstone Courses (3 hours)	
(At least one of the following is required)	
PSY 4905 History and Systems	3
PSY 4910 Senior Project: Literature Review	3
PSY 4925 Senior Project: Independent Research II	3
Electives (15 hours)	
A grade of C- or better is required in PSY 1010, 2010, and 3010. Additional psychology courses from the department's offerings are required to complete at least 36 total credit hours.	
Comments: PSY 4890 Internship does not count toward the major. Exceptions to these requirements must receive departmental approval. Students are encouraged to work closely with an academic advisor to plan their psychology program.	
Students may select an area of emphasis for their major: Biological Psychology; Clinical/Counseling Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Human Services Psychology; Social/Environmental Psychology. The specific requirements for each emphasis are available from the Psychology Department.	
Free Electives (includes completing minor, B.A./B.S. requirements)	48
Total Credits, B.A. or B.S. degree	120

**This course does not count toward the 36 credits required for the major*

Psychology Minor	
A total of 18 credits with a grade of "C-" or better is required for a minor in psychology.	
Prerequisite course	
PSY 1010 General Psychology (<i>This course does not count toward the 18 credits required for the minor.</i>)	3
Electives	
Sufficient Psychology courses from the department's offerings are required to complete at least 18 total credits.	
Comments: No more than 6 lower division credits (1000 or 2000 level courses) may be counted toward the minor. PSY 4890 Internship does not count toward the minor.	
Attention: Students are encouraged to work closely with the department's academic advisor to plan their psychology program. Academic Advisor: Jennifer Hedrick GC 308D (435) 865-8248	
Total Credits	18

