

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

The psychology major provides a broad and rigorous base of knowledge and skills in the discipline while offering students freedom in shaping a program to suit their individual needs.

Our undergraduate program prioritizes critical, scientific thinking, teaching you to analyze psychological behavior and processes. We emphasize three primary goals in your undergraduate education:

- To prepare you for graduate study in psychology;
- To enable you to apply psychological skills and knowledge in psychology-related careers, and;
- To foster your understanding of complex human behavior as it is encountered in our personal and vocational lives.

Students officially begin the major with PSYC 1200 Foundations of Psychology, which offers an overview of the field and is a prerequisite for the majority of upper-level psychology courses. Psychology majors gain expertise in research methods by studying PSYC 2000 Statistics and then PSYC 2010 Research Methods Lab. Three content courses at the intermediate level provide majors with breadth through surveys of the knowledge about at least one basic process (e.g., learning, sensation and perception, cognition) and one complex process (e.g., abnormal, development, personality, social). Two courses at the advanced level offer students detailed and in-depth explorations of a variety of subject matters. The capstone course gives students an opportunity to integrate diverse areas of psychology or to interrelate psychology with other disciplines.

All students are required to take at least one content laboratory course beyond Research Methods Lab, which provides hands-on learning and skills in data analysis and research report writing. In addition to the variety of alternatives offered in the requirements mentioned above, the psychology major allows students to pursue individual interests and goals by including one course at any level that the student chooses as an elective. Finally, one advanced, capstone, or elective course must be a designated diversity course.

A grade of C- or better is required for each course counted toward the major requirement. In addition, a student must earn an overall psychology GPA of 2.0 or higher to fulfill the requirements of the major.

CIP Code

42.0101 - Psychology, General.

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