

## BS/AB Degree in Psychology 2019-20

The psychology major is designed to provide the student with a broadly based program in behavioral science. The psychology major may be pursued as a component of a general liberal arts background, as preparation for a variety of service oriented occupations, or as a basis for graduate study in psychology and related fields.

Starting in 2019-20, Psychology is offered as Bachelor of Science (BS) or Applied Baccalaureate (AB) degree. The Psychology Major is the same in both the BS and AB degrees.

For students completing the BS degree, in addition to the major, the student is encouraged to select a minor (typically 27 credit hours) in a field that will support and broaden one's intended use of psychology. Specific courses in the minor are selected with the help of an advisor in the minor field.

The total credits needed for a BS degree is 180, comprised of 56 credits in psychology, along with general education requirements, optional minor, and general electives.

Students earning the BS degree in psychology are also required to take MTH 105 or higher.

Students earning an AB degree follow specific AB degree requirements. For more information, see your psychology advisor.

**For students in catalog years 2013-2015\*** Formal admission is required for the psychology major. Students must complete PSY 201, 202 and 301 and achieve sophomore standing (45 or more credit hours) before applying to the psychology major. Students are admitted to the psychology major based on the following criteria.

- A GPA of 2.67 in all psychology courses completed and
- A cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all college work.

\* Students in these catalogs have different math and CS requirements than listed above.

**Requirements for students starting in catalog year 2016+.** There is no formal application to the Psychology major. Psychology majors must have a grade of C- or better in courses used to satisfy the major requirements. Note that there are different math and computer science requirements depending on catalog year. For more information, see your psychology advisor.

## Requirements for Psychology Major

The psychology major requires a total of 56 credit hours, including a 36-hour core and 20 hours of electives. Of the 56 credits, 40 credits must be upper division (maximum 16 credits of lower division) taken in psychology or selected gerontology courses.

REQUIRED CORE.....36  
All psychology majors complete the required core

PSY	201, 202	General Psychology	8
PSY	301	Intro to Research Methods	4
PSY	311	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY	334	Social Psychology	4
PSY	360	Cognitive Psychology	4
PSY	467	Quantitative Methods	4
PSY	468	Research Methods	4
PSY	443,445, 446,447, 448, or 449	Industrial/Organizational (choose one)	4
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ELECTIVES.....20

Students should choose these additional 20 hours with an advisor's assistance. Maximum 4 credits of P/NC coursework can count as electives in the psychology major. PSY 410 cannot be counted as an elective in the psychology major.

TOTAL PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR.....56

### Lower Division Courses

PSY	201	General Psychology	4
PSY	202	General Psychology	4

### Upper Division Courses

PSY	300	Introduction to the Major: Careers & Opportunities	4
PSY	301	Intro to Research Methods	4
PSY	310	Building Resilience in Children	4
PSY	311	Developmental Psychology	4
PSY	328	Mental Health	4
PSY	334	Social Psychology	4
PSY	336	Intro to Forensic Psychology	4
PSY	349	Behavior Modification	4
PSY	350	Evolutionary Psychology	4
PSY	360	Cognitive Psychology	4
PSY	390	Theories of Learning	4
PSY	398*	Graduate Study in Psychology	4
PSY	399*	Special Studies	1-4
PSY	406	Special Individual Studies	4
PSY	407	Seminar	4
PSY	409*	Psychology Practicum	4
PSY	410,411*	Mentoring I & II (4 credits each)	4
PSY	415/515	Psychology of Sports	4

PSY	420	Advanced Topics in Geropsychology	4
PSY	423	Interviewing & Appraisal	4
PSY	425	Drug & Alcohol Assessment	4
PSY	426	History of Psychology	4
PSY	427	Crisis Assessment & Intervention	2
PSY	435/535	Theories of Personality	4
PSY	437/537	Advanced Social Psychology	4
PSY	438	Advanced Forensic Psychology	4
PSY	439	Positive Psychology	4
PSY	443	Psychology of Teamwork	4
PSY	445	Intro to Industrial/Organizational Psych	4
PSY	446	Psychology of Leadership	4
PSY	447	Organizational Consulting	4
PSY	448	Topics in Organizational Psychology	4
PSY	449	Psychology of Creativity	4
PSY	450/550	Abnormal Psychology	4
PSY	451/551	Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSY	458	Language Development	4
PSY	460	Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar	1-4
PSY	461/561	Psychopharmacology	4
PSY	463/563	Childhood Psychopathology	4
PSY	465/565	Motivation	4
PSY	467	Quantitative Methods	4
PSY	468	Advanced Research Methods	4
PSY	473	Sensation & Perception	4
PSY	480/580	Infancy & Childhood	4
PSY	481/581	Middle & Late Childhood	4
PSY	482/582	Adolescence	4
PSY	483/583	Adulthood & Aging	4
PSY	484/584	Death, Dying & Grief	4
PSY	487/587	Cross-Cultural Psychology	4
PSY	488/588	Theories of Development	4
PSY	489/589	Specific Topics in Dev Psych	4
PSY	492/592	Psychology of Women	4

\*requires instructor approval

## Gerontology Options

The following Gerontology courses can count as electives for the Psychology major

GERO 120	Medical Terminology	4
GERO 320	Intro to Aging	4
GERO 360	Cognitive & Physical Changes in Aging	4
GERO 370	Aging & Mental Health	4
GERO 407	Seminar	4
GERO 430	Palliative Care & Chronic Illness	4
GERO 455	Social Ties & Aging	4
GERO 480	Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias Management	4

## Occupational and Advanced Educational Opportunities

The goal of the Psychology Program is to prepare students for success in their chosen occupation and/or for further advanced study. To find out how well we were meeting this goal, we surveyed majors who graduated from the Psychology program between 2001-2010.

Overall, Alumni were satisfied with their experiences with over 90% being satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of instruction received, accessibility of psychology faculty, and interactions with psychology faculty, and overall experience with the psychology major.

When asked about employment, 86% of Alumni indicated that they were currently working or volunteering. Alumni reported working in a variety of occupational fields with diverse job titles including social worker, geriatric care manager, adolescent counselor, attorney, teacher, registered nurse and physician's assistant.

When asked about further education, 38% of Alumni reported that they were in the process of or had completed further education, with the majority completing a Master's degree. Receiving a degree in psychology prepared Alumni to succeed in diverse graduate programs in social work, clinical/counseling, education, business, law and medical fields.

Combined, these results suggest that an undergraduate degree in psychology prepared graduates to take on a wide range of advanced educational and occupational opportunities.

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