Programs of study

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Undergraduate majors gain knowledge about the various areas of psychology including motivation, memory, learning, emotion, development, social and organizational behavior, and psychopathology.

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CAREERS

The types of entry-level jobs for which undergraduate psychology majors are typically prepared for are those that use people skills, analytical skills, writing skills and research skills. Because of these skills, psychology majors are competitive for jobs in a variety of areas, including administrative support, public affairs, education, business, sales, service industries, health, the biological sciences and computer programming. The program also provides preparation for graduate training at both the master’s and doctoral levels.

REQUIREMENTS

The minimum number of semester credit hours required for this degree, including the core curriculum requirements, is 120. Thirty-nine of the total semester credit hours required for the degree must be at the upper-division level.

All candidates for this degree must fulfill the core curriculum requirements and the degree requirements, which are listed below.

A. 36 semester credit hours in the major, 24 of which must be at the upper-division level

1. 12 semester credit hours of lower-division courses

   a. PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology

   b. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following:
      - PSY 2503 Developmental Psychology
      - PSY 2513 Abnormal Psychology
      - PSY 2523 Personality
      - PSY 2533 Social Psychology

   c. 3 semester credit hours selected from the following:
      - PSY 2543 Theories of Learning
      - PSY 2573 Psychology of Thought

2. 24 semester credit hours of upper-division courses

   a. PSY 3403 Experimental Psychology
      PSY 3413 Experimental Psychology Laboratory

   b. 6 semester credit hours selected from the following:
      - PSY 3103 Cognition
      - PSY 3153 Sensation and Perception
      - PSY 4113 Cognitive Development
      - PSY 4143 Memory
      - PSY 4163 Sensory Processes
      - PSY 4213 Social Cognition
      - PSY 4293 Visual Information Processing
      - PSY 4323 Psychology of Language
      - PSY 4333 The Perception of Sound

   c. 12 semester credit hours of upper-division courses in psychology. No more than 3 hours of Independent Study, Internship in Psychology, or Honors Thesis may be counted toward this requirement.

B. 12 semester credit hours of support work outside of psychology. The courses taken to meet this requirement must have a common focus and must be approved by the student’s faculty adviser. A list of the sets of courses that meet this requirement is available from the student’s academic adviser. Completing a minor outside psychology may satisfy this requirement.

C. PSY 2073, Statistics for Psychology, or approved substitute (Prerequisites: MAT 1023, MAT 1033, or MAT 1073, and one psychology course.)

Note: Requirement C must be satisfied before enrolling in PSY 3403 and PSY 3413, and should be completed during the freshman or sophomore year.

D. 27 semester credit hours of electives

MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

All students pursing a minor in psychology must complete 18 semester credit hours.

A. 6 semester credit hours of required courses

   PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology (this course may be used to satisfy the core curriculum requirement in Social and Behavioral Sciences: Social and Behavioral Sciences.)
   PSY 3403 Experimental Psychology (concurrent enrollment in PSY 3413 waived; prerequisite of PSY 2073 or equivalent required.)

B. 3 additional semester credit hours selected from the following:

   - PSY 2503 Developmental Psychology
   - PSY 2513 Abnormal Psychology
   - PSY 2523 Personality
   - PSY 2533 Social Psychology

C. 3 additional semester credit hours selected from the following:

   - PSY 2543 Theories of Learning
   - PSY 2573 Psychology of Thought

D. 6 additional upper-division semester credit hours of psychology courses, no more than 3 hours of which may be in Independent Study or Internship

To declare a minor in psychology, obtain advice, or seek approval of substitutions for course requirements, students should consult the undergraduate advisor in the College of Liberal and Fine Arts Advising Center.

Information gathered from the 2006–2008 undergraduate catalog.
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