

Major in Psychology, B. A.

46-48 Credits

The plan of study for a Psychology major is constructed in consultation with an advisor selected from the Psychology faculty. The major is designed to prepare students to enter graduate school in Psychology or related fields (e.g. social work, business administration), to enter professional training programs (e.g. medical school, law school), or to obtain employment in a wide variety of fields following graduation.

Psychology majors obtain breadth by taking the introductory survey course and several core courses in the following domains: 1) learning and cognition; 2) social processes and personality; 3) biological bases of behavior and mental processes; and 4) developmental psychology. Majors learn how psychological concepts, theories, and research are applicable to individual and societal problems by taking at least two applied psychology courses, by taking the introductory survey course and several core courses. Majors acquire depth by selecting appropriate electives and pursuing research and internship opportunities in consultation with faculty advisors. Credit towards the major should be distributed as follows:

Required Courses:

30 Credits

BIO 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4 credits
MAT 225 Introductory Statistics	3 credits
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
PSY 150 Departmental Seminar*	2 credits
PSY 202 Research Methods in Psychology	4 credits
PSY 232 Biopsychology	3 credits
PSY 244 Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
PSY 260 Psychology in Legal Contexts	3 credits
PSY 350 Departmental Seminar*	2 credits
PSY 445 History and Systems	3 credits

* The Departmental Seminar must be taken once in the freshman or sophomore year and once in the junior year.

Additional Requirements:

16 - 18 Credits

Choose one from the following two courses:	3 credits
PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development	
PSY 230 Adulthood and Aging	
Two upper level courses from the following:	6 credits
PSY 433 Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY 434 Perception	
PSY 438 Applied Psychology	
PSY 440 Psychology of Persuasion & Influence	
PSY 490 Special Studies in Psychology	
Minimum of one credit in the following:	1-3 credits
PSY 395/495 Internship in Psychology	
PSY 398/498 Research or Teaching Practicum	
PSY 399/499 Guided Independent Study in-Psychology	
Additional credits from upper level (300-400) courses	6 credits

Contract Major in Psychology (B.A.)

47-50 Credits

For students whose needs are different from the standard major in Psychology, a contract major may be arranged in consultation with the Psychology faculty. A contract major differs from the standard Psychology major in that it combines courses from psychology with courses from related disciplines to build a major that integrates an interdisciplinary theme. Some examples of contract majors include behavioral neuroscience, psychology and business, psychology with pre-law emphasis, psychology and religion, psychology and philosophy, psychology and communications, psychology and art, quantitative psychology, psychology and music, and others as appropriate to the interests and goals of individual students.

Required Courses:

17 Credits

MAT 225 Introductory Statistics

3 credits

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

3 credits

PSY 150 Departmental Seminar*

2 credits

PSY 202 Research Methods in Psychology

4 credits

PSY 350 Departmental Seminar*

2 credits

PSY 445 History and Systems (Senior Seminar)

3 credits

* The Departmental Seminar must be taken once in the freshman or sophomore year and once in the junior year.

Additional Requirements:

30-33 Credits

Two courses from the following:

6 credits

PSY 220 Child and Adolescent Development

PSY 232 Biopsychology

PSY 244 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 260 Psychology in Legal Contexts

Two courses from the following:

6 credits

PSY 314 Counseling Psychology

PSY 433 Cognitive Neuroscience

PSY 434 Perception

PSY 438 Applied Psychology

PSY 440 Psychology of Persuasion & Influence

PSY 490 Special Studies in Psychology

PSY 495 Internship in Psychology

Additional credits from upper level (300-400) PSY courses

6 credits

Supporting course credits which contribute to the theme of the contract,

12-15 credits

with at least 3 of the required 12-15 credits at the 300-400 level