

Department of Psychology

Philosophy and Goals

The Psychology Department is designed to prepare students for entry into professional degree programs or employment in applied professional programs that offer human services. Students who successfully complete the degree in psychology are expected to have:

- An understanding of the theories, principles, methods, and applications that define the discipline of psychology.
- The critical and analytical thinking skills needed to solve problems that are germane to the human condition.
- Research skills that include formulating hypotheses, selecting appropriate research designs for the questions asked, using and interpreting data analyses for descriptive and inferential research.
- Communication skills using APA writing style and oral communication in group settings.
- A passion for improving the human condition using a holistic biopsychosocial perspective.

Majors for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Psychology

Minors for the Bachelor of Arts Degree

Psychology

Psychology For Secondary Education

Major in Psychology

I. Major Program Requirements

34 (1-4) semester credits of psychology courses:

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| PSY 105 | General Psychology |
| PSY 203 | Developmental Psychology |
| or PSY 227 | Child Psychology |
| and PSY 228 | Adolescent Psychology |
| PSY 216 | Social Psychology |
| PSY 222 | History and Systems in Psychology |
| PSY 304 | Theories and Research in Counseling Psychology |

- PSY 305 Junior Seminar
- PSY 306 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 307 Learning and Cognition
- PSY 309 Research Methods I
- PSY 310 Research Methods II
- PSY 414 Physiological Psychology

One of the following:

- PSY 417 Practicum
- PSY 418 Practicum
- PSY 425 Psychology Internship
- PSY 486 Readings, Research or Teaching
- PSY 499 Honors Thesis

II. Other Program Requirements

- BI 102 Human Biology
- MA 207 Elementary Statistics

To earn a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology, students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all of the courses listed under “Major Program Requirements.”

Comprehensive Field Test in Psychology: Students are required to take the Comprehensive Field Test in Psychology during the Fall Semester of their Senior Year at a time and place designated by the department. Some graduate schools will require the GRE test in addition to this field test.

III. Program Recommendations

- CS 101 Survey of Computer Science

Note: All degree students should review requirements for graduation as described in this catalog.

Minor in Psychology

Minor Program Requirements

Twenty-one (21) semester credits of psychology courses chosen with the advice of faculty in the Psychology Department.

Minor in Psychology for Secondary Education

I. Minor Program Requirements

Eighteen (18) semester credits of psychology courses, including:

- PSY 105 General Psychology
- PSY 216 Social Psychology
- PSY 228 Adolescent Psychology
- PSY 306 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 309 Research Methods I

II. Other Program Requirements

- PSY/ED 229 Educational Psychology
- ED 344 Secondary Social Studies

Note: Read “Acceptance into Teacher Education Program,” see index for page number.