

Requirements of the Psychology Major/Minor

The psychology major requires a total of 35 semester hours. Courses are divided into 3 categories: required courses, core courses, and electives. Required courses include 15 semester hours that must be taken in sequence (101, 201/202, and 420), as well as PSYCH 415 sometime in the junior or senior year. Majors are also expected to complete 12 semester hours in core courses. This requires majors to complete four courses from the following list, including at least two from the 300 level (231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 302, 303, 315, 318, 320, 325, 327, 335, 340). Finally, majors are expected to complete 6 semester hours of electives, including at least one 300 level course. Elective courses are any of the following (250, 251, 282, 290, 345, 350, 351, 352) or any core course after the core course requirement is completed.

Required Courses (17 semester hours)

- PSYCH 101 (4) Introduction to Psychology
- PSYCH 201 (4) Research Methods I: Statistics
- PSYCH 202 (4) Research Methods II: Synthesis and Communication
- PSYCH 415 (2) Readings in Psychology
- PSYCH 420 (3) Research Seminar

Core Courses (12 semester hours, at least 2-300 level courses)

- PSYCH 231 (3) Child Development
- PSYCH 233 (3) Social Psychology
- PSYCH 235 (3) Theories of Counseling
- PSYCH 237 (3) Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- PSYCH 239 (3) Health Psychology
- PSYCH 241 (3) Adult Development
- PSYCH 243 (3) Mind, Brain, and Behavior
- PSYCH 302 (4) Advanced Experimental Psychology
- PSYCH 303 (3) Drugs and Behavior
- PSYCH 315 (3) Learning and Motivation
- PSYCH 318 (3) Biopsychology
- PSYCH 320 (3) Cognition
- PSYCH 325 (3) Advanced Counseling Seminar
- PSYCH 327 (3) Sensation and Perception
- PSYCH 335 (3) Abnormal Psychology
- PSYCH 340 (3) Personality

Elective Courses (6 semester hours, at least 1-300 level course)

- PSYCH 250 (3) Special Topics
- PSYCH 251 (1-3) Research Practicum
- PSYCH 282 (3) Cultural Psychology
- PSYCH 290 (2) Cross Cultural Psychology Practicum
- PSYCH 345 (3) Animal Behavior
- PSYCH 350 (1-4) Special Topics
- PSYCH 351 (1-3) Independent study
- PSYCH 352 (1-3) Internship in Psychology

Psychology Minor:

A minor in psychology consists of a minimum of 19 semester hours, including: PSYCH 101, PSYCH 202, plus 4 core courses / electives (2 must exceed the 300 level).

Sample 4-year Course Plan for Psychology Major:

| | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
|----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Freshman Year | PSYCH 101 ^a | Core 200 level course MATH106 |
| Sophomore Year | PSYCH 201 ^{b,d} Core 200 level course | PSYCH 202 ^b |
| Junior Year | PSYCH 415 ^c Core 300 level course | Core 300 level course |
| Senior Year | PSYCH 420 Elective course | Elective course |

Notes:

a Psych 101 is a pre-requisite for all other Psych courses.

b The department recommends taking the Research Methods sequence, Psych 201 and 202, during the sophomore year, although the junior year is acceptable also.

c Psych 415 is acceptable any time during the junior or senior years, and can be retaken for credit. Psych 201 and 202 are pre-requisites.

d The department strongly recommends taking MATH 106 (Elementary Statistics) *prior to* PSYCH 201.

Preferable 4-year Course Plan for Psychology Major with Off-Campus Study:

| | Fall Semester | Spring Semester |
|----------------|--|---|
| Freshman Year | <u>PSYCH 101</u> ^a | Core 200 level course |
| Sophomore Year | <u>PSYCH 201</u> ^{b,d} Core 200 level course | <u>PSYCH 202</u> ^b |
| Junior Year | <u>Off-Campus Study</u> | Core 300 level course PSYCH 415 ^c |
| Senior Year | <u>PSYCH 420</u> Elective course Core 300 level course | Elective course |

Notes:

Off-Campus study is recommended for the fall of your junior year, but can be scheduled at other times. If you are interested in studying off-campus for a semester, be sure to take Psyc201 and Psyc202 in your sophomore year in order to make scheduling in your junior year more flexible.