

PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (B.A.)

<http://cola.unh.edu/psychology>

Description

The psychology major provides students with a broad education, while also allowing some specialization. The program exposes students to the scientific study of behavior and encourages an increased understanding of the behavior of humans and animals.

Students who wish to declare psychology as a major after enrolling in the University should consult with the department's academic counselor for application procedures and criteria.

Students majoring in psychology must complete 44 credits with a minimum grade of C- in each course and a 2.0 overall average in all major requirements. The psychology department does not accept other departments' statistics courses toward the psychology major. Students who have taken a statistics course other than PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology must pass a competency exam in order to apply to the major and/or register for PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology. Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements except in the case of a second or dual major. (PSYC 401 Introduction to Psychology cannot be used to fulfill a Social Science; PSYC 571 Pioneers of Psychology cannot be used to fulfill a Historical Perspective.) Students who use PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology for the QR Discovery requirement must take an additional psychology course that is eligible for major credit to replace PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology in the major. (PSYC 595 Applications of Psychology or PSYC 440A may not be used for this purpose.)

Requirements

Core Courses

PSYC 401	Introduction to Psychology	4
PSYC 402	Statistics in Psychology	4
PSYC 502	Research Methods in Psychology	4

Breadth (500-level) courses

Select two of the following courses from Group I: 8

PSYC 511	Sensation and Perception
PSYC 512	Psychology of Primates
PSYC 513	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 521	Behavior Analysis
PSYC 522	Behaviorism (offered in Manchester only)
PSYC 531	Psychobiology

Select two of the following courses from Group II: 8

PSYC 552	Social Psychology
PSYC 553	Personality
PSYC 561	Abnormal Behavior
PSYC 571	Pioneers of Psychology
PSYC 581	Child Development
PSYC 582	Adult Development and Aging (offered in Manchester only)

Depth (700-level) courses

Select two of the following courses from Group I: 8

PSYC 702	Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology ¹
PSYC 705	Tests and Measurement ¹
PSYC 710	Visual Perception
PSYC 712	Psychology of Language (or PSYC 712W)
PSYC 713	Psychology of Consciousness
PSYC 720	Animal Cognition
PSYC 722	Behaviorism, Culture, and Contemporary Society
PSYC 731	Brain and Behavior
PSYC 733	Drugs and Behavior
PSYC 735	Neurobiology of Mood Disorders
PSYC 736	Attention Disorders
PSYC 737	Behavioral Medicine
PSYC 741	Advanced Topics (examples: Behavioral Neuroscience, ReShaping People: A History) or PSYC 741 Advanced Topics

Select two of the following courses from Group II: 8

PSYC 702	Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology ¹
PSYC 705	Tests and Measurement ¹
PSYC 755	Psychology and Law
PSYC 756	Psychology of Crime and Justice
PSYC 758	Health Psychology
PSYC 762	Counseling
PSYC 763	Community Psychology
PSYC 775	Madness in America
PSYC 780	Prenatal Development and Infancy
PSYC 783	Cognitive Development
PSYC 785	Social Development
PSYC 791	Advanced Topics (examples: Culture and Human Development, Psychology and Race, Psychology for Sustainability, Autobiographical Memory) or PSYC 791 Advanced Topics
PSYC 793	Internship

Total Credits 44

¹ PSYC 702 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology & PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement can be used for group I or group II but cannot be used for the same group.

Note: Most offerings have one or more prerequisite courses. Students (with the help of their advisers) are expected to select breadth courses that will later enable them to select depth courses appropriate to their interests and career goals.

The Discovery Program capstone requirement, taken during the senior year, may be fulfilled by completing one of the following options:

1. The honors-in-major program with an honors project; honors seminar, and research presentation;
2. a 4-credit capstone designated independent study project (PSYC 795 Independent Study);
3. PSYC 793 Internship;
4. Capstone-designated 700-level course.

Transfer students who elect to major in psychology must complete at least 24 credits in the program at UNH to qualify for the degree in psychology. Transfer students must earn a total of 44 approved credits for completion of the psychology major. The distribution of these credits

will be determined by the department's academic counselor. Transfer students should note that courses are allotted only the number of credits granted by the original institution (after adjustments for semester-hour equivalents). Thus, students transferring from an institution at which courses carry less than four credits each must make up for any credit deficit created by acceptance of transfer credits into the psychology major. Only courses taken in a psychology department can be transferred into the psychology major. Of the four 700-level courses required for the major, at least three must be taken at UNH.

Specific course selections should be discussed with advisers. Exceptions to the requirements for the major require compelling circumstances and a petition to the department.

Psychology majors planning to go on to graduate study in psychology are advised to include PSYC 702 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology and/or PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement among their courses.

Candidates for a degree must satisfy all of the University Discovery Program requirements in addition to satisfying the requirements of each individual major program. Bachelor of arts candidates must also satisfy the foreign language proficiency requirement.