PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (B.A.)

https://cola.unh.edu/psychology/program/psychology-ba

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.

Requirements

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.

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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
- PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement
- PSYC 710 Visual Perception
- PSYC 712 Psychology of Language (or PSYC 712W)
- PSYC 713 Psychology of Consciousness
- PSYC 716 Cognitive Neuroscience
- 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)

Select two of the following courses from Group II: 8
- PSYC 702 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology
- PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement
- PSYC 755 Psychology and Law
- PSYC 756 Psychology of Crime and Justice
- PSYC 757 Psychology of Happiness
- 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, Adolescence)

Total Credits 44

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.

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 declare the major and/or register for PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology.

Major department courses may not be used to satisfy Discovery category requirements except for PSYC 402 Statistics in Psychology, which may be applied to the QR Discovery or to the major, but not both, and except in the case of psychology being the second 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 Honors/Understanding the Human Brain may not be used for this purpose.)

Transfer Students

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.

Additional Notes

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.