PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (B.A.)

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

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

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: Yes

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major 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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<td>Psychology Freshmen Advising Seminar (Required for first semester freshmen)</td>
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Core Courses

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

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 (offered in Manchester only)
PSYC 581 Child Development

Depth (700-level) courses

Select two of the following courses from Group I: 8
PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement
PSYC 710 Visual Perception
PSYC 712 Psychology of Language
PSYC 713 Psychology of Consciousness
PSYC 716 Cognitive Neuroscience

Select two of the following courses from Group II: 8
PSYC 717 Behavioral Medicine
PSYC 741W Special Topics (examples: Fundamentals of Substance Abuse, Neuroscience of Memory, Fundamentals of Cognitive Science, Neurobiology of Spatial Cognition & Memory)

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 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.

### Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings in psychology.
- Understand basic research methods in psychology including design, data analysis, and interpretation; and utilize this knowledge to conduct their own psychological research, with an appreciation of the ethical issues involved in human and non-human research.
- Engage in scientific reasoning and problem solving so that they can evaluate the quality and implications of scientific research.
- Write empirical research reports and literature reviews in American Psychological Association style and present findings from scientific research.