PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR (B.A.)
UNHM

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Description

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. The UNH Manchester psychology program provides students with a broad background in psychology, introducing them to both the experimental and clinical perspectives in the field.

The psychology program, through its independent study and internship programs, offers opportunities for participation in cooperating New Hampshire mental health, human services, and rehabilitation facilities. Students have worked in hospitals, halfway houses, mental health centers, and other agencies. The department also invites guest speakers to discuss important issues in the field and sponsors a Psychology/Neuropsychology Club.

Psychology graduates find employment as trained research assistants, mental health aides in a wide variety of human services agencies, social welfare caseworkers, teachers in special education programs, and professionals in government, business, and industry. It is normally expected that students who wish to do professional work in the field of psychology will pursue graduate training at the M.A., M.S., Ph.D., or Psy.D. level.

Requirements

Students majoring in psychology must complete a minimum of 128 credits, satisfy the University’s Discovery Program and foreign language requirements, and complete 44 credits with a minimum of C- in each course and a 2.0 overall grade-point average in all major requirements.

Transfer students who elect to major in psychology must complete at least 24 credits in the program at UNH/UNH Manchester to qualify for the degree in psychology. Transfer students must earn a total of 44 approved credits for completion of the psychology major. The department’s academic advisers will determine the distribution of these credits. 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.

The courses listed below are offered on the UNH Manchester and/or Durham campuses; specific course selections should be discussed with the adviser. Exceptions to the requirements for the major require a petition to the department.

Program Requirements

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500-level breadth courses

Group I: Select two courses of the following: 8
- PSYC 511 Sensation and Perception
- PSYC 512 Psychology of Primates
- PSYC 513 Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 521 Behavior Analysis
- PSYC 522 Behaviorism
- PSYC 531 Psychobiology

Group II: Select two courses of the following: 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

700-level depth courses (at least three must be taken at UNH)

Group I: Select two courses of the following: 8
- PSYC #702 Advanced Statistics and Research Methodology
- PSYC 705 Tests and Measurement
- PSYC 710 Visual Perception
- PSYC 712 Psychology of Language
- 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 737 Behavioral Medicine
- PSYC 741 Advanced Topics
- PSYC 741W Advanced Topics

Group II: Select two courses of the following: 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 758 Health Psychology
- PSYC 762 Counseling
- PSYC 763 Community Psychology
- PSYC 780 Prenatal Development and Infancy
- PSYC 783 Cognitive Development
- PSYC 785 Social Development
- PSYC 791 Advanced Topics
- PSYC 791W Advanced Topics
- PSYC 793 Internship

Capstone Requirement (taken in senior year)

See below

Total Credits: 44

1 May be substituted for a group I or group II course, but they may not both be used to fill the same group.
Discovery Capstone:

1. PSYC 793 Internship: This will count towards fulfilling the capstone and a group II 700 level psychology course. By taking PSYC 793 Internship, the capstone will be considered fulfilled.

2. PSYC 795 Independent Study: Students can designate a 4 credit independent study as their capstone experience. The capstone designation form must be filled out and students will be registered for PSYC 798 Capstone, a 0 credit course to reflect the capstone experience is fulfilled. This can count towards the capstone and as a 402 replacement course.

3. One 700 level course designated as capstone. A capstone designated 700 level course will count towards fulfilling the capstone and a 700 level course. The capstone designation form must be filled out and students will be registered for PSYC 798 Capstone, a 0 credit course to reflect the capstone experience is fulfilled. See guidelines below:

   • You may take any 700 level Psychology course in your senior year (90+ completed credits) for Capstone credit.
   • At the beginning of the semester, ask your professor about the possibility of taking the course for Capstone credit. Remember that your professor is not obligated to designate a course for Capstone credit. Please be respectful in approaching your professor, and if the answer is no, please accept this decision.
   • Meet and discuss with your professor what you will be doing to constitute your Capstone experience. In some cases, it will be an extra assignment; in others it will involve the expansion of existing class work. Your professor will use his/her professional discretion to determine what constitutes as your Capstone experience.
   • Fill out the Capstone Designation Form (found in the Psychology office); both you and your professor will need to sign it. Submit the form to the Psychology Department Office.
   • The Psychology Department will register you for PSYC 798 Capstone, a 0 credit course so that it reflects on your degree evaluation.

Students who plan to transfer to Durham should consult with their advisor.

For more information about the psychology program, contact John Sparrow, program coordinator, at john.sparrow@unh.edu or the UNH Manchester Office of Admissions (unhm.admissions@unh.edu) at (603) 641-4150.