

The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Psychology Major (BS)

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About

Psychology is the basic and applied science of mind and behavior. Psychologists use the methods of both natural and social science to advance our knowledge and understanding of thought, emotion, and behavior in humans and other organisms. Psychologists also apply this knowledge to improve the conditions of individuals and society. The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences offers two majors in psychology, a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with a Psychology major and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with a Psychology major.

Required Major Courses (53 credits)

Program Notes:

- Courses taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis cannot be used to satisfy requirements for the major, except for PSY 2100: Seminar in Professional Development.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|---------------|--|----------------|
| | PSY 1000 or PSY 1001 | 3 |
| PSY 2000 | Intro Statistics | 3 |
| PSY 2050 | Research Methods in Psy. | 3 |
| PSY 2100 | Sem Professional Development | 1 |
| PSY 4200 | Biopsychology | 3 |
| PSY 4500 | Cognitive Psychology | 3 |
| | Psychology Foundation Courses for B.S. | 9 |
| | Psychology Electives for B.S. | 6 |
| BIO 2105 | General Biology I | 4 |
| BIO 2106 | General Biology II | 4 |
| CSC 1051 | Algorithms & Data Struc I | 4 |
| | Mathematics for Psychology B.S. | 7-8 |
| | Capstone: PSY 5150 or PSY 5250 | 3 |

Core Curriculum Requirements (27 credits)

Psychology BS Majors meet the following core requirements in the major and therefore are omitted from the summary below:

- Core Math (3 cr)
- Social Sciences (6 cr)
- Natural Science (8 cr)

| Course | Title | Credits |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| ACS 1000 | Ancients | 3 |
| ACS 1001 | Moderns | 3 |
| THL 1000 | Faith, Reason, and Culture | 3 |
| PHI 1000 | Knowledge, Reality, Self | 3 |
| ETH 2050 | The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob | 3 |
| | Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course) | 3 |
| | History (1 course) | 3 |
| | Fine Arts (1 course) | 3 |
| | Upper-Level Theology (1 course) | 3 |
| | Language Requirement | |
| | Diversity Requirement (2 courses) | |

Free Elective Requirement (42 credits)

Students with a Psychology BS primary major have forty-two (42) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 53 credits
- **Core Credits:** 27 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 42 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.

SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Psychology BS as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.