

The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

Psychology Major (BA)

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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 (31 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 or PSY 4500	3
	Psychology Foundation Courses for B.A.	9
	Psychology Electives for B.A.	6
	Capstone: PSY 5150 or PSY 5250	3

Core Curriculum Requirements (38 credits)

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

- Social Sciences (6 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
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	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 (53 credits)

Students with a Psychology BA primary major have fifty-three (53) required free elective credits.

Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 31 credits
- **Core Credits:** 38 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 53 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 BA 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.