

Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 79 hours (55 upper-division hours)

► **Required Core Courses (57 hours):**

PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
PSYC 122	Psychology Seminar*	3
PSYC 130	Introduction to the Psychology Major*	1
PSYC 322	Research Design	4
PSYC 323	Introduction to Experimental Psychology	4
PSYC 334	Child Development	3
PSYC 334L	Child Development Laboratory	1
PSYC 344	Psychology of Personality	4
PSYC 364	Social Psychology	4
PSYC 394	Colloquium**	3
PSYC 436	Physiological Psychology	4
PSYC 444	History and Systems of Psychology	4
PSYC 445	Learning and Memory	4
PSYC 490	Issues in Religion, Ethics, and the Human Sciences****	4
PSYC 499	Systematic Issues in Psychology	4

At least one of the following courses:

PSYC 390	Gender Issues (3)	3
SOCI 355	“Racial” and Ethnic Relations (3)	3
At least one of the following courses:		3
PSYC 435	Psychology of Religion (3)	3
SOCI 435	Sacred and Profane in Society (3)	3

► **Required Core Electives (11 hours):**

At least 11 additional hours from the following:** 11

PSYC 240	Health Psychology (4)	4
PSYC 260	Death and Dying (4)	4
PSYC 335	Adolescent Development (3)	3
PSYC 358	Abnormal Psychology (4)	4
PSYC 360	Psychopharmacology (3)	3
PSYC 368	Principles of Counseling (4)	4
PSYC 390	Gender Issues (3)	3
PSYC 399	Research Seminar (1-2)	1-2
PSYC 435	Psychology of Religion (3)	3
PSYC 457	Psychological Testing (4)	4
PSYC 481	Field Work in Psychology Seminar (1)	1
PSYC 491	Field Work in Psychology (1-2)	1-2

► **Required Cognate Courses (11 hours):**

ANTH 124	Cultural Anthropology	4
SOCI 121	Introduction to Sociology	4
STAT 322	Statistical Methods	3

Recommended Cognate Course:

Any college-level biology course with lab: *This recommendation is usually met by BIOL 102 or by any one of BIOL 111,112,113.*

Major in Psychology, B.A.

A minimum of 68 hours (52 upper-division hours)

Core and cognate requirements are the same as those for the B.S. degree except the 11 hours of core electives aren't required.

* Must be taken before the junior year.
 ** Must be taken each quarter of the sophomore and junior years.
 *** Transfer courses (generally limited to upper-division hours) may be approved by the department.
 **** Applies to G.E. requirement II.E.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students can:

- Demonstrate respect for the core department values of free inquiry, diversity, responsible citizenship, and service to God and humanity.
- Demonstrate recognition of the moral tensions, and appreciation of the common values, between the professions and the Christian faith.
- Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of psychology.
- Demonstrate competence in information-gathering and synthesis, including research skills, data analysis, and interpretation.
- Demonstrate high levels of skill in thinking critically.
- Demonstrate effective communication in APA style, writing, speaking, and in interpersonal and collaborative contexts.
- Demonstrate the application of their psychological knowledge and skills in personal, social, and organizational areas.
- Demonstrate a realistic understanding of the broad range of career options available to a psychology major.

Occupational Information

What can I do with this major?

Psychologists are typically employed by educational or medical institutions, government agencies, private industry, and business. They can also be self-employed in the areas of clinical and counseling psychology. Many psychologists combine at least two of the following fields of work: teaching, counseling, research, and consultation.

Bachelor level employment opportunities exist both inside and outside the mental health arena. For example, we have had students with a bachelor's degree gain employment as a research assistant for a community psychologist, a worker at an after school mentoring program, a case worker at a psychiatric facility, a research coordinator at a cancer center, and a public relations officer.

Additional Education Required?

After a bachelors degree is earned a masters degree can be earned following one to two years of work as a graduate student; a doctoral degree requires approximately four to five years of work beyond the bachelors degree. Some students go straight into a doctoral program from college. Areas of graduate school specialization include but are not limited to: clinical, child, consumer, counseling, experimental, forensic, health, industrial, personality, physiological, school, social and sports psychology.

Public Sector vs. Denominational

Most denominational openings are in medical and higher educational settings.

Job Outlook

According to current U.S. Department of Labor projections, the employment of psychologists is expected to grow 12 percent from 2008 to 2018, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Job prospects should be the best for people who have a doctoral degree from a leading university in an applied specialty, such as counseling or health, and those with a specialist or doctoral degree in school psychology. Master's degree holders in fields other than industrial-organizational psychology will face keen competition.

General Education Requirements

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-01 or A-02, Summary of General Education Requirements: B.S. or B.A. degree.

How to Construct Your Own Program

1. Counsel with your advisor.
2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
5. For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

What the Degree Includes

- A total of 192 quarter hours including:
1. A minimum of 60 upper division hours.
 2. General Education requirements.
 3. Major requirements.
 4. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

For More Information

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Sample Four-Year Program

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed and to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

First Year	F	W	S
General Psychology	4	-	-
Psychology Seminar	-	3	-
Introduction to Psychology Major	-	1	-
Introduction to Sociology	-	-	4
Human Physiology*	-	5	-
PC Spreadsheets*	-	-	1
College English	4	4	-
Religion	3	-	3
Exercise Science	1	1	1
General Education/Electives	4	2	7
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Second Year	F	W	S
Child Development	3	-	-
Child Development Lab	1	-	-
Colloquium	.5	.5	.5
Cultural Anthropology	4	-	-
Introduction to Statistics	-	4	-
Statistical Methods	-	-	3
Psychology of Personality**	4	-	-
Social Psychology*,**	-	4	-
General Education/Electives	3.5	7.5	12.5
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Third Year	F	W	S
Research Design*	4	-	-
Intro to Experimental Psychology*	-	4	-
Gender Issues or "Racial" and Eth. Rel.**	-	-	3
Physiological Psychology**	4	-	-
Learning and Memory*,**	-	-	4
Psyc. of Religion or Sacred & Prof. in Soc.	3	-	-
Colloquium (junior year)	.5	.5	.5
General Education/Electives	4.5	11.5	8.5
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Fourth Year	F	W	S
History and Systems of Psychology	-	4	-
Systematic Issues in Psychology	4	-	-
Issues in Religion, Ethics, & Human Sci.	-	-	4
General Education/Electives	12	12	12
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* Lab required

** May be taken in either the Second Year or the Third Year.