

# Psychology

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The psychology program, part of the Social Sciences Department, approaches psychology as an academic discipline, a profession, and a science. Faculty present the field of psychology as one that is diverse and exciting. All faculty members hold a Ph.D. degree in a specialized area of psychology and actively pursue professional and research interests. Students can collaborate with faculty members on a variety of projects and programs. Students may work with professional service providers in an off-campus field experience, gaining job-relevant skills and knowledge in a clinical, educational, or human services setting.

Program goals:

- Demonstrate command of theory, concepts, and methods in the core content areas of psychology (learning/memory, developmental, abnormal, clinical/counseling, and social/organizational).
- Compete successfully in entering B.A.-level human services-related jobs or graduate programs in psychology.
- Use critical thinking skills in evaluating psychological theory, research, and practice and apply accepted methods and principles of research in developing, conducting, and reporting an original psychology research project.
- Appreciate the role of psychology as a science and practice aimed at improving human welfare and understand the professional/ethical responsibilities that accompany this role.
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal relationship skills and a sense of professionalism in interactions with others (such as peers, clients, research participants, professionals, administrators).
- Communicate written and oral information in accordance with professional and scholarly standards.

## Major in Psychology

11 course credits:

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

PSY 270 Perspectives in Psychology I (½)

PSY 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis

PSY 421 Advanced Research Methods and Data Analysis

PSY 470 Perspectives in Psychology II (½)

One course credit from

PSY 422 Advanced Human Learning

PSY 423 Advanced Social Psychology

PSY 424 Advanced Clinical Psychology

PSY 425 Advanced Human Development

Four core elective course credits from

PSY 135 Biology of the Mind

PSY 222 Learning, Memory, and Cognition

PSY 224 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 225 Life Span Human Development

PSY 240 Social Psychology

PSY 314 Psychological Tests and Measurements

One PSY elective 300 or higher (excluding PSY 381)

One PSY elective course credit (excluding PSY 381)

By completing the psychology major, students have met the requirements for OCAC/ILAC.

## DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Students majoring in psychology benefit from a concentration of

courses in one or more related disciplines, such as business, computer science, economics, philosophy, political science, social work, or community sociology. A course sequence fitting students' career objectives should be planned in consultation with a psychology faculty member.

## Minor in Psychology

6 course credits:

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

PSY 321 Research Methods and Data Analysis

One course credit 300 or 400 level PSY course (excluding PSY 381 and PSY 450)

Two electives from

PSY 135 Biology of the Mind

PSY 222 Learning, Memory, and Cognition

PSY 224 Abnormal Psychology

PSY 225 Life Span Human Development

PSY 240 Social Psychology

One PSY elective course credit (excluding PSY 270 and PSY 381)

## Psychology Teaching

For the psychology teaching major and endorsements, see Education Department listings.