

Psychology Program

Purpose Statement

The psychology program commits itself to developing majors with pre- professional training and non-majors with basic knowledge of and skills in psychology. The program achieves this purpose when its students:

- have acquired knowledge and skills requisite for entry into selected professions, especially pre-professional careers in the behavioral sciences
- have acquired knowledge and skills requisite for entry into graduate programs in psychology and related fields
- have bridged the gap between theory and practice through internships
- can critically analyze human and nonhuman behavior through exposure to psychological theories and research methods
- have enhanced their sensitivity and appreciation of diversity and inclusion issues by studying cultural expectations and approaches to psychological adjustment different from their own

In addition to preparing its majors, psychology contributes to the general education program and serves other majors.

Students who wish to double major in psychology and sociology need have only one emphasis.

Psychology Major

Core Requirements (41 hours)

- G-PY 101** Introduction to Psychology (3 hours)
- PY 204** Child and Adolescent Development (3 hours)
- PY/SO 303** Social Psychology (3 hours)
- PY 305** Abnormal Psychology (3 hours)
- PY/SO 308** Counseling (3 hours)
- PY/SO 335** Research Methods I (4 hours)
- PY 336** Research Methods II (4 hours)
- PY/SO 375** Junior Seminar (1 hour)
- PY 405** Personality Theories (3 hours)
- PY 415** Learning, Memory, and Cognition (3 hours)
- *PY 450** History and Systems of Psychology (3 hours)
- PY/SO 474** Scientific Writing for the Behavioral Sciences (2 hours)
- *PY/SO 475** Senior Seminar/Thesis (2 hours)
- G-MA 221** Elementary Applied Statistics (4 hours)

Child Development Emphasis (12 hours)

- PY 254** Parent-Child Relations (3 hours)
- PY 354** Child Development and Social Policy (3 hours)
- PY 454** Applied Behavior Analysis and Youth (3 hours)
- PY 470** Developmental Psychopathology (3 hours)

Health and Human Services Emphasis (12 hours)

- SO 260** Introduction to Human Services (3 hours)
- SO 365** Social Work in American Society (3 hours)
- PY 430** Health Psychology (3 hours)
- SO 470** Social Gerontology (3 hours)

Total: 53 hours

Recommended courses for Students interested in Human Services careers

- PY/SO 210** Human Sexuality (3 hours)
- G-SO 101** Introduction to Sociology (3 hours)
- G-SO 202** Minorities in the U.S. (3-4 hours)
- SO 206** Social Problems (3-4 hours)
- G-SO 246** Marriage and Family (3-4 hours)

As much practical experience in human service placements as possible.

Psychology Minor

Requirements (12 hours + 6 elective hours)

G-PY 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 hours)

PY 204 Child and Adolescent Development (3 hours)

PY/SO 303 Social Psychology (3 hours)

PY 305 Abnormal Psychology (3 hours)

Additional Psychology elective to total 18 hours