Psychology - B.S.

The curriculum in psychology includes courses in the major content areas of psychology. The program provides course work emphasizing the fundamental concepts and techniques of this basic behavioral science. In addition to course work, the program provides for experience in conducting and analyzing laboratory and field research.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: with the exception of PSY 215, PSY 216, PSY 312, PSY 393, PSY 456, PSY 459, and PSY 565, courses with a PSY prefix are generally not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement. Therefore, be sure to keep this requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found in the Arts and Sciences section of the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Bulletin.

UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
   Choose one course from approved list

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
   Choose one course from approved list

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
   PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology
   or approved equivalent transfer course

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
   Choose one course from approved list

V. Composition and Communication I
   CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I

VI. Composition and Communication II
   CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II

VII. Quantitative Foundations
   Choose one course from approved list

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
   PSY 215 Experimental Psychology
   or
   PSY 216 Applications of Statistics in Psychology

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
   Choose one course from approved list

X. Global Dynamics
   Choose one course from approved list

UK Core hours: 35-36

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

Select one of the following (completed by Advanced Lecture/Lab):

- PSY 534 Child Psychopathology
- PSY 535 Psychological Testing
- PSY 561 Advanced Topics of Foundations of Clinical Psychology (Subtitle required)
- PSY 562 Advanced Topics in Cognitive Psychology (Subtitle required)
- PSY 563 Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology (Subtitle required)
- PSY 564 Advanced Topics in Learning (Subtitle required)
- PSY 565 Advanced Topics in Neuroscience (Subtitle required)
- PSY 566 Advanced Topics in Social Psychology (Subtitle required)

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR): 3

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (placement exam recommended) 0-14

II. Disciplinary Requirements
   a. Natural Science (partially completed by PSY 312; and to complete this requirement, consider PSY 456 as the Advanced Lecture/Lab or PSY 565 as the Capstone or PSY 393 or PSY 459 as electives)
   b. Social Science (completed by Premajor and Major Requirements)
   c. Humanities 6

III. Laboratory or Field Work (completed by Premajor Requirement)

IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement 0-3

V. Electives 6

College Requirement hours: 15-32

Premajor Requirements

*PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 4

or

*PSY 11-- 3

*PSY 195 Orientation to Psychology 1

*PSY 215 Experimental Psychology 4

Premajor hours: 8-9

*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.

*This requirement is fulfilled for students who have completed a 3-credit introductory psychology course at an accredited college or university, or who have scored a 3 on the Advance Placement Psychology Test.

Major Core Requirements

PSY 216 Applications of Statistics in Psychology 4

PSY 310 Cognition 3

PSY 312 Brain and Behavior 3

PSY 314 Social Psychology and Cultural Processes 3

PSY 323 Developmental Psychology 3

Major Core hours: 16

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Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department
Students must complete Option A or Option B plus the capstone course.

Option A – Breadth
Students must take 6 credit hours of PSY electives from the list below.
PSY 120 The Science of Happiness ......................................................... 3
PSY 160 Human Sexuality ........................................................................ 3
PSY 302 Psychology in Business and Industry ......................................... 3
PSY 305 Introduction to Neuroscience Techniques ................................. 4
PSY 313 Personality and Individual Differences ..................................... 3
PSY 320 Introduction to Forensics: Psychology and Legal Issues .......... 3
PSY 330 The Neuroscience of Serial Killers .......................................... 3
PSY 331 The Psychology of Adjustment .................................................. 3
PSY 333 Abnormal Psychology ................................................................. 3
PSY 350 Careers in Psychology ................................................................. 3
PSY 360 Behavioral Genetics ................................................................. 3
PSY 375 Special Topics in Psychology ..................................................... 3
PSY 424 Human Senses and Perception ................................................. 3
PSY 459 Neuropharmacology: Drugs and Behavior .............................. 3

Subtotal: Option A: .......................................................... 6

Option B – Depth
Students must complete one advanced lecture/lab course from the list below.
PSY 427 Cognitive Processes .................................................................. 4
PSY 430 Research in Personality .............................................................. 4
PSY 440 Research in Social Psychology ................................................. 4
PSY 450 Learning .................................................................................. 4
PSY 456 Behavioral Neuroscience ........................................................ 4
PSY 460 Processes of Psychological Development ................................ 4
PSY 52 Evolutionary Psychology ........................................................... 4

Subtotal: Option B: .......................................................... 4

Capstone
PSY 495 Senior Thesis Seminar and
PSY 496 Senior Thesis Research ............................................................. 8
or one of the following:
PSY 496 Senior Thesis Research ............................................................. 4
PSY 499 Senior Internship in Psychology ............................................... 3
PSY 500 History and Systems of Psychology .......................................... 3
PSY 534 Child Psychopathology .............................................................. 3
PSY 535 Psychological Testing ................................................................. 3
PSY 561 Advanced Topics of Foundations of Clinical Psychology (Subtitle required) ............................................................. 3
PSY 562 Advanced Topics in Cognitive Psychology (Subtitle required) .... 3
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PSY 565 Advanced Topics in Neuroscience (Subtitle required) ............. 3
PSY 566 Advanced Topics in Social Psychology (Subtitle required) ........ 3

Subtotal: Capstone: .......................................................... 3-8

From Outside the Major Department
Choose 14-16 hours outside Psychology at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy College requirements can also be counted here.

Subtotal: .................................................................................. 14-16

Electives
Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation:
Option A Electives: ................................................................................ 9
Option B Electives: ................................................................................ 7

Total Minimum Hours
Required for Degree ........................................................................ 120

†Course used toward completion of the College Natural Science requirement.