



### **Twin Cities Campus**

## **Child Psychology B.S.**

*Institute of Child Development*

**College of Liberal Arts**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2016
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 50 to 52
- Degree: Bachelor of Science

Child psychology focuses on behavioral development from the prenatal period to maturity in the areas of cognition, ethology, genetics, language, learning, perception, and social behavior. The Institute of Child Development, housed in the College of Education and Human Development, offers a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of science, and a minor in child psychology through the College of Liberal Arts (CLA). All undergraduate child psychology courses are considered CLA courses and count toward the CLA graduation requirements. Majors may not receive a second major or baccalaureate degree in psychology.

The bachelor of science program places a stronger emphasis on research in the field of developmental psychology. With a combination of intensive training in developmental psychology and in-depth directed research, the program prepares students for graduate study in psychology, education, medicine, law, sociology, and other behavioral sciences.

### **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

### **Admission Requirements**

Students must complete 2 courses before admission to the program.

An introduction to psychology course must be completed before admission into the major. Students may formally declare the major with CPSY 2301 in progress.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

#### **Required prerequisites**

##### **Preparatory Courses**

###### **Introduction to Psychology**

[PSY 1001](#) - Introduction to Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)

###### **Introduction to Child Psychology**

[CPSY 2301](#) - Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)

or [CPSY 3301](#) - Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)

### **General Requirements**

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

### **Program Requirements**

Students may earn no more than one undergraduate degree in child psychology: a BA, a BS, or a minor. Students may combine the BS in child psychology with the minor in psychology.

CLA degrees require that students complete 48 credits of upper-division coursework taken at the 3xxx, 4xxx, or 5xxx level.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the appropriate first year experience course sequence.

#### **Foundational Courses**

Take two courses for a total of 7 to 8 credits.

[CPSY 3308W](#) - Introduction to Research Methods in Child Psychology [WI] (4.0 cr)

[EPSY 3264](#) - Basic and Applied Statistics [MATH] (3.0 cr)

or [SOC 3811](#) - Social Statistics [MATH] (4.0 cr)



or [STAT 3011](#) - Introduction to Statistical Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)

or [PSY 3801](#) - Introduction to Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)

### Core Courses

Take a minimum of 9 courses and 27 credits. Take CPSY 4310 for a minimum of 3 credits.

[CPSY 4310](#) - Special Topics in Developmental Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

[CPSY 4331](#) - Social and Personality Development (3.0 cr)

[CPSY 4329](#) - Biological Foundations of Development (3.0 cr)

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CPSY 4311](#) - Behavioral and Emotional Problems of Children (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4313W](#) - Disabilities and Development [WI] (4.0 cr)

Take 2 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CPSY 4341](#) - Perceptual Development (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4343](#) - Cognitive Development (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4345](#) - Language Development and Communication (3.0 cr)

Note: CPSY 4996 may be taken for a maximum of 3 credits.

Take 3 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CPSY 1334](#) - Global Issues on Children and Youth in Society [CIV] (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4302](#) - Infant Development (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4303](#) - Adolescent Psychology (3.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4336](#) - Development and Interpersonal Relationships (3.0 cr)

- CPSY 4996 ~~{Inactive}~~ (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

### Directed Research

Take a minimum of 6 credits of CPSY 4994.

[CPSY 4994](#) - Directed Research in Developmental Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

### Senior Project

#### Non-Honors Sequence

[CPSY 4347W](#) - Child Psychology Capstone [WI] (3.0 cr)

#### or Honors Sequence

Honors students seeking to fulfill the honors thesis need to take CPSY 3360H in the fall of their junior year. CPSY 4994V should be taken for 2 credits, and it is typically taken in both fall and spring of a student's senior year.

[CPSY 3360H](#) - Child Psychology Honors Seminar (2.0 cr)

CPSY 4994V ~~{Inactive}~~ [WI] (1.0 - 6.0 cr)

### Upper Division Writing Intensive within the Major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- [CPSY 3308W](#) - Introduction to Research Methods in Child Psychology [WI] (4.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4313W](#) - Disabilities and Development [WI] (4.0 cr)

- [CPSY 4347W](#) - Child Psychology Capstone [WI] (3.0 cr)