Duluth Campus

Psychology B.A.Sc.

Psychology

College of Education and Human Service Professions

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 56
- The online major is designed to extend UMD's outreach by targeting students who would have a difficult time re-locating in order to earn a bachelor's degree. Likewise, there is a potential collaboration with the UM Crookston campus to provide an opportunity for students currently enrolled at that campus to earn a psychology degree.
- Degree: Bachelor of Applied Science

The bachelor of applied science (B.A.Sc.) in psychology provides students with a firm grounding in the methods, history, and content areas of the discipline. Students are prepared for graduate study leading to advanced degrees in psychology or for paraprofessional positions requiring some application of research or human service delivery skills. The core curriculum covers the research methods used in the scientific study of behavior, and surveys theories, findings, and historical applications in a variety of psychology subfields. Students apply their methodology training to a topic of their choice in a faculty-supervised independent research project during the design and methodology courses of the core curriculum. In addition, the core curriculum requires some exposure to the main areas of the discipline. Students also have the opportunity to focus their study toward either graduate training or paraprofessional employment through their selection of elective courses (recommended as "tracks"), independent studies, or internships. Students should consult with faculty advisors to select appropriate elective courses to meet their career goals.

Students may qualify for department, college or University awards and scholarships. Please visit https://cehsp.d.umn.edu/students/scholarships. Students are encouraged to present their research findings at the Twin Ports Undergraduate Psychology Conference or the National Council for Undergraduate Research.

Distance Education - Many psychology courses are available online. An online major is available to students who have completed an associate degree or Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MTC) or have verification of registration from a transfer institution where completing remaining credits for AA degree or MTC. The requirements for the online major are identical to those of the existing major but are structured to facilitate the delivery in the online medium. The online psychology major admits students every fall semester. Please call the Department of Psychology or visit the website at https://cehsp.d.umn.edu/departments-centers/psy for more information.

Honors Requirements: Senior students who have a minimum GPA of 3.80 within the psychology major and also have an overall GPA minimum of 3.00 may earn department psychology honors by doing one of the following: 1) complete an honors research project (PSY 3986) under the supervision of a psychology faculty member; 2) earn a grade of B or higher in a 5XXX-level psychology course; or 3) apply for and conduct a UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project) under the supervision of a psychology faculty member. Students must apply to the psychology department to be considered for departmental honors by the UMD deadline to apply for graduation in their final term. Students eligible for honors are urged to consult with their advisors or a psychology department faculty member on how they wish to pursue departmental honors before the end of their junior year.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)
- completely online (all program coursework can be completed online)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 24 credits before admission to the program.

Freshmen students are usually admitted to pre-major status before admission to this major

A GPA above 2.0 is preferred for the following:

- 2.50 already admitted to the degree-granting college
- 2.50 transferring from another University of Minnesota college
- 2.50 transferring from outside the University

Students are admitted to UMD as pre--psychology majors. Pre--psychology majors who have an overall GPA of 2.50, a minimum of 24 completed credits, and have taken PSY 1003 -General Psychology or equivalent may declare psychology as a major by contacting the Psychology Department. Students with other declared majors who meet these requirements may declare psychology as a major by contacting the CEHSP Advising and Academic Services Office. Progress towards completion of degree requirements is continuously tracked by the UMD Registrar's APAS system.

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To apply for admission to the online major, graduates from partner community colleges must have a 2.50 GPA. It is best if students have already completed a course in general psychology. Admissions are for fall only.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites
Introductory Course (1 cr)
This course will be waived for transfer students or students who change colleges from a college where it is not required.

Register course for 1 credit.
UST 1000 - Learning in Community (1.0 - 2.0 cr)

General Requirements

The Board of Regents, on recommendation of the faculty, grants degrees from the University of Minnesota. Requirements for an undergraduate degree from University of Minnesota Duluth include the following:

1. Students must meet all course and credit requirements of the departments and colleges or schools in which they are enrolled including an advanced writing course. Students seeking two degrees must fulfill the requirements of both degrees. However, two degrees cannot be awarded for the same major.
2. Students must complete all requirements of the Liberal Education Program.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 120 semester credits.
4. At least 30 of the last 60 degree credits earned immediately before graduation must be awarded by UMD.
5. Students must complete at least half of their courses at the 3xxx-level and higher at UMD. Study-abroad credits earned through courses taught by UM faculty and at institutions with which UMD has international exchange programs may be used to fulfill this requirement.
6. If a minor is required, students must take at least three upper division credits in their minor field from UMD.
7. The minimum cumulative UM GPA required for graduation will be 2.00 and will include only University of Minnesota coursework. A minimum UM GPA of 2.00 is required in each UMD undergraduate major and minor. No academic unit may impose higher grade point standards to graduate.
8. Diploma, transcripts, and certification will be withheld until all financial obligations to the University have been met.

Program Requirements

1. 20 credits of PSY 3xxx or higher applied to the B.A.Sc. must be taken in residence at UMD.

2. Degree candidates must complete at least 30 degree credits at UMD. At least 20 of the last 30 degree credits immediately before graduation must be taken at UMD.

3. A minor program or 18 additional 3xxx credits or higher outside the major.

4. Compliance with general regulations governing granting of degrees. Students are required to review their degree status in the CEHSP Student Advising & Academic Services Office early in their senior year.

5. Students are strongly encouraged to take advanced writing before taking PSY 3021.

6. Students are encouraged to select at least 1 personal experience that fosters engagement with psychology: active membership in Psi Chi & Psychology Club; peer advisors; becoming a research and/or teaching assistant in cooperation with a psychology faculty member; applying for a UROP or conducting research or a project through guided independent study PSY 3994, 3986, 3989. Students can have a supervised internship experience in an organization PSY 3011, prereq 3010.

7. To qualify for admission to the online program, students who have completed an AA degree or MN Transfer Curriculum or have verification of registration from transfer institution where completing remaining credits. Students are admitted every fall semester.

Study abroad: psychology students may elect to study abroad using the many opportunities UMD offers. Information is available at www.d.umn.edu/ieo.

Core Requirements (35 - 41 cr)
Core A
Note: PSY 3020 or 5052, 3021, 3022 must be completed in sequence. PSY 2003, 3020 are prereqs for PSY 3021.
PSY 1003 - General Psychology [LE CAT, SOC SCI] (4.0 cr)

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PSY 2003 - Psychology: Discipline and Profession (1.0 cr)
PSY 3021 - Experimental Design and Methodology (4.0 cr)
PSY 3022 - Applied Methods and Measurement (4.0 cr)
PSY 3081 - History and Systems of Psychology (3.0 cr)
BIOL 1001 - Biology and Society [LE CAT4, NAT SCI, SUSTAIN] (4.0 cr)
or BIOL 1011 - General Biology I [LE CAT, NAT SCI] (5.0 cr)
PSY 3020 - Statistical Methods (4.0 cr)
or PSY 5052 - Advanced Statistics I (3.0 cr)

Core B

Take 2 or more course(s) from the following:
•PSY 2021 - Developmental Psychology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3111 - Theories of Personality (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3121 - Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3520 - Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3201 - Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
or PSY 5401 - Advanced Social Psychology (3.0 cr)

Core C

Take 2 or more course(s) from the following:
•PSY 3611 - Learning and Behavior (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3613 - Applied Behavior Analysis and Behavior Change (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3697 - Sensation and Perception (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3621 - Cognition (3.0 cr)
or PSY 5621 - Cognition and Emotion (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3061 - Physiological Psychology (4.0 cr)
or PSY 5631 - Biological Bases of Behavior (3.0 cr)

Electives (11 - 17 cr)

Combined with Core Requirements, students must take PSY 2xxx or higher to total 52 PSY credits. PSY 2020 cannot be used towards this requirement. Recommended electives for areas of interest from the following:
Take 11 - 17 credit(s) including 0 or more sub-requirements(s) from the following:

Clinical/Counseling

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
•PSY 2021 - Developmental Psychology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3111 - Theories of Personality (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3121 - Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3122 - Child and Adolescent Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3201 - Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3524 - Basic Helping Skills (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3613 - Applied Behavior Analysis and Behavior Change (3.0 cr)
•PSY 4121 - Foundations of Clinical Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 4500 - Health Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5120 - Career and Lifestyle Development (2.0 cr)
•PSY 5121 - Psychopathology Over the Lifespan (3.0 cr)

•Developmental

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
•PSY 2021 - Developmental Psychology [LE CAT, LECD C, SOC SCI, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 2023 - Marriages and Families Worldwide [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 2223 - Gender in Society [LE CAT, LECD C, CDIVERSITY] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3122 - Child and Adolescent Abnormal Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3215 - Topics in Human Sexuality (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3371 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3381 - Adult Development and Aging (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3661 - Psychology of Language (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5021 - Advanced Developmental Psychology (3.0 cr)

•Experimental

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:
•PSY 3061 - Physiological Psychology (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3201 - Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3231 - Psychology of Drug Use (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3613 - Applied Behavior Analysis and Behavior Change (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3621 - Cognition (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3661 - Psychology of Language (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3697 - Sensation and Perception (4.0 cr)
•PSY 5131 - Mind-Body Connection (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5155 - Forensic Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5401 - Advanced Social Psychology (3.0 cr)

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- PSY 5621 - Cognition and Emotion (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5631 - Biological Bases of Behavior (3.0 cr)

•Human Services

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- PSY 2023 - Marriages and Families Worldwide [LE CAT, GLOBAL PER] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3010 - Internship Preparation (2.0 cr)
- PSY 3011 - Internship in Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3211 - Group Dynamics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3524 - Basic Helping Skills (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3601 - Psychology of Personal Development (3.0 cr)

•Industrial/Organizational

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- PSY 3010 - Internship Preparation (2.0 cr)
- PSY 3011 - Internship in Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3520 - Introduction to Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3525 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- PSY 3701 - Personnel Psychology (3.0 cr)

•Organizational Psychology

- PSY 3707 - Organizational Psychology (3.0 cr)

or PSY 5702 - Advanced Organizational Psychology (3.0 cr)

•Personnel Psychology

- PSY 3701 - Personnel Psychology (3.0 cr)

or PSY 5701 - Advanced Personnel Psychology (3.0 cr)

Advanced Writing (3 cr).

Students are strongly encouraged to take advanced writing before taking PSY 3021.

WRIT 3140 - Advanced Writing: Human Services (3.0 cr)

or WRIT 3160 - Advanced Writing: Social Sciences (3.0 cr)

Program Sub-plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Online Psychology Major

B.A.Sc. psychology major (only) in an online format. The remaining credits can be taken at another institution, which allows for great flexibility.

1. An online major is available to students who have completed an associate degree or Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MTC) or have verification of registration from transfer institution where completing remaining credits for AA degree or MTC and assumes 59 credits completed before starting the online major.

2. The requirements for the online major are identical to those of the existing major but are structured to facilitate the delivery in the online medium.

3. Students are admitted every fall semester. Please call the Department of Psychology or visit the website at www.d.umn.edu/psy/ for more information.

4. The research methods courses are considered to be the capstone experience for the program. The research methods courses require students to design and conduct a study.

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