Morris Campus

Psychology Minor

Division of Social Sciences - Adm

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- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Required credits in this minor: 30

The psychology curriculum focuses on understanding scientific methods and applying them to both human and non-human behaviors and mental processes. It provides students with methodological skills, practice in applying these skills, and an introduction to core areas of psychology. The major provides a comprehensive selection of courses that fully prepare students for a wide range of careers and graduate and professional studies.

The psychology curriculum is designed to ensure that students achieve the following goals:

Goal 1: Knowledge base in psychology
1.1 Understand the spectrum of psychological phenomena related to behavior and mental processes and how the environment (ranging from biological to sociocultural influences) affect both.
1.2 Obtain a knowledge of psychology's main content domains and applications.

Goal 2: Scientific inquiry and critical thinking
2.1 Ability to use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
2.2 Demonstrate psychology information literacy.
2.3 Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem solving.
2.4 Gain exposure to interpreting, designing, and conducting psychological research.
2.5 Attain awareness of ethical issues in psychology.

Goal 3: Communication
3.1 Demonstrate effective writing.
3.2 Exhibit effective presentation skills.
3.3 Exhibit effective discussion skills.

Goal 4: Information and technological literacy
4.1 Exposure to psychological statistical packages.
4.2 Ability to utilize databases related to psychology.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Minor Requirements

No grades below C- are allowed. Courses may not be taken S-N, unless offered S-N only.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required in the minor to graduate. The GPA includes all, and only, University of Minnesota coursework. Grades of "F" are included in GPA calculation until they are replaced.

Required Courses

PSY 1051 - Introduction to Psychology [SS] (4.0 cr)
PSY 2001 - Research Methods in Psychology [SS] (4.0 cr)
STAT 1601 - Introduction to Statistics [M/SR] (4.0 cr)
or STAT 2601 - Statistical Methods [M/SR] (4.0 cr)
At least one course from four of the five following areas. One must be a designated lab course.

Learning and Cognition

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

- PSY 3101 - Learning Theory and Behavior Modification (4.0 cr)
- PSY 3111 - Sensation and Perception (4.0 cr)
- PSY 3112 - Cognition (4.0 cr)

Biological and Comparative Psychology

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

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•PSY 3201 - Comparative Psychology [SCI-L] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3211 - Biological Psychology [SCI-L] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3221 *{Inactive}*[SCI] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3521 - Health Psychology (4.0 cr)

Personality and Clinical Psychology

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•PSY 3302 - Personality (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3313 - Psychopathology (4.0 cr)
•PSY 4101 - Helping Relationships (4.0 cr)
•PSY 4301 - Clinical Assessment and Therapeutic Interventions (4.0 cr)

Developmental Psychology

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•PSY 2411 - Lifespan Developmental Psychology [SS] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3401 - Child Development (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3402 - Adolescent and Emerging Adult Development (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3403 - Adult Development and Aging [E/CR] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3404 *{Inactive}*[HDIV] (4.0 cr)

Social and Applied Psychology

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:
•PSY 3501 - Social Psychology (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3503 - Consumer Behavior [SS] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3504 - Educational Psychology (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3513 - Negotiation (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3542 - Multicultural Psychology [HDIV] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3701 - Organizational Behavior [SS] (4.0 cr)

Elective Courses

Additional elective credits to total at least 30 credits in the minor (including required courses). Electives may be selected from any category above and the following:

Take 1 or more course(s) from the following:
•IS 3800 - Practicum in Social Sciences (1.0 - 2.0 cr)
•POL 3263 - Political Psychology [SS] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 2581 - Drugs and Human Behavior [SS] (2.0 cr)
•PSY 2993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
•PSY 3611 - History and Philosophy of Psychology [HIST] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3800 - Research Practicum (1.0 - 12.0 cr)
•PSY 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
•PSY 4102 - Intro to Prof Conduct, Legal Constraints, Ethics in Human Services [E/CR] (2.0 cr)
•PSY 4770 - Empirical Investigations in Psychology I (2.0 cr)
•PSY 4771 - Independent Research in Psychology (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 4772 - Empirical Investigations in Psychology II (2.0 cr)
•PSY 4896 - Field Experiences in Mental Health (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•PSY 4993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
•STAT 3601 - Data Analysis [M/SR] (4.0 cr)
•STAT 3611 - Multivariate Statistical Analysis [M/SR] (4.0 cr)

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