Twin Cities Campus

Psychology B.A.

Psychology

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2018
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 36
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Psychology examines human behavior through environmental, genetic, physiological, and social determinants and correlates. The department strives to train students with a strong general background in psychology and an ability to think clearly and critically in a wide variety of settings. Students must fulfill distribution requirements in a variety of psychological topics.

Faculty and students work with related University units, including the Institute of Child Development, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the Carlson School of Management, the Departments of Psychiatry and Educational Psychology, the Department of Neuroscience, and affiliated research units within the department, such as the Center for Cognitive Sciences, the Center for Interest Measurement Research, and the Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research. While a BA in psychology has proved to be a valuable and useful background for a wide variety of careers, a professional career as a psychologist requires further training.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Admission Requirements

Prospective majors are strongly encouraged to complete PSY 3801 (or a Department of Psychology approved equivalent) prior to formally declaring the major. To declare a major, students first complete the online Declaration Module (https://cla.umn.edu/psychology/undergraduate/majors-minors/declare-your-major) and then schedule an appointment with a Psychology Advisor (psyadvis@umn.edu).

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

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 are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Psychology BA is PSY.

At least 16 upper-division credits in the major must be taken at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities campus.

Students may earn no more than one undergraduate degree in psychology: a BA or a BS or a minor. Students may combine the psychology BA with the child psychology minor, but not with the child psychology BA or BS.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First-Year Experience course sequence.

Major Courses

Take 36 or more total credits including: Foundation Courses, Distribution Area Courses, Senior Project and any Electives needed to reach the minimum 36 credits in Psychology coursework. 3 Foundation Courses, 5 Distribution Area Courses, and Senior Project are all required.

Foundation Courses

Take 3 of the following courses.

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PSY 1001 - Introduction to Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
or PSY 1001H - Honors Introduction to Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
PSY 3801 - Introduction to Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)
or PSY 3801H - Honors Introduction to Psychological Measurement and Data Analysis [MATH] (4.0 cr)
PSY 3001W - Introduction to Research Methods [WI] (4.0 cr)
or PSY 3001V - Honors Introduction to Research Methods [WI] (4.0 cr)

Distribution Area Courses

Students are required to take at least five courses from the Distribution Area Courses. Students should take additional Psychology courses from the Distribution Areas lists or the list of "Additional Elective Options" to reach the 36 credit minimum for the major.

Take 5 or more course(s) from the following:

Distribution Area A: Cognitive and Brain Sciences

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

- PSY 3011 - Introduction to Learning and Behavior (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3031 - Introduction to Sensation and Perception (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3051 - Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3061 - Introduction to Biological Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4021 - Creativity Sciences: Minds, Brains, and Innovation (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4032 - Psychology of Music (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4036 - Perceptual Issues in Visual Impairment (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5014 - Psychology of Human Learning and Memory (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5015 - Cognition, Computation, and Brain (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5018H - Mathematical Models of Human Behavior (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5031W - Perception [WI] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5036W - Computational Vision [WI] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5037 - Psychology of Hearing (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5038W - Introduction to Neural Networks [WI] (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5054 - Psychology of Language (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5062 - Cognitive Neuropsychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5063 - Introduction to Functional MRI (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5064 - Brain and Emotion (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5065 - Functional Imaging: Hands-on Training (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5066 - Neuroscience, Philosophy and Ethics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4011 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
  or PSY 5011 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- PSY 4016 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
  or PSY 5016 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)

•Distibution Area B: Clinical, Personality, and Social

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

- CPSY 3301 - Introduction to Developmental Psychology [SOCS] (4.0 cr)
- CPSY 4303 - Adolescent Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3101 - Introduction to Personality (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3201 - Introduction to Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3206 - Introduction to Health Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3301 - Introduction to Cultural Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3604 - Introduction to Psychopathology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3617 - Introduction to Clinical Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3633 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- PSY 3666 - Human Sexuality (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5101H - Honors: Personality: Current Theory and Research (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5202 - Attitudes and Social Behavior (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5204 - Psychology of Interpersonal Relationships (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5205 - Applied Social Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4207 - Personality and Social Behavior (3.0 cr)
  or PSY 5207 - Personality and Social Behavior (3.0 cr)

•Distribution Area C: Individual Differences, Quantitative, and Applied

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

- PSY 3121 - History and Systems of Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3511 - Introduction to Counseling Psychology (3.0 cr)
- PSY 3711 - Psychology in the Workplace (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4501 - Psychology of Women and Gender (3.0 cr)
- PSY 4521 - Psychology of Stress and Trauma (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5136 - Human Abilities (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5137 - Introduction to Behavioral Genetics (3.0 cr)
- PSY 5138 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- PSY 5501 - Self, Society and Health - What's Work Got To Do With It? (3.0 cr)

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•PSY 5707 *{Inactive}*(4.0 cr)
•PSY 5708 - Organizational Psychology (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5862 - Psychological Measurement: Theory and Methods (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5865 - Advanced Measurement: Theory and Application (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3135 - Introduction to Individual Differences (3.0 cr)
or PSY 5135 - Psychology of Individual Differences (3.0 cr)

• **Additional Elective Options**

Students may count up to 6 combined credits of PSY 3960/4960/5960, 3993, 4993/5993, 3996 and 4996H; OR up to 9 combined credits of PSY 4993/5993 toward this sub-requirement.

Take at most 6 credit(s) from the following:
•PSY 3960 - Undergraduate Seminar in Psychology (1.0 - 5.0 cr)
•PSY 3896 - Internship in Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•PSY 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 3996 - Undergraduate Fieldwork and Internship in Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•PSY 4960 - Seminar in Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•PSY 4993 - Directed Research: Special Areas of Psychology and Related Sciences (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 4996H - Honors Internship/Externship (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 5960 - Topics in Psychology (1.0 - 4.0 cr)
•PSY 5993 - Research Laboratory in Psychology (3.0 cr)

or Take at most 9 credit(s) from the following:
•PSY 4993 - Directed Research: Special Areas of Psychology and Related Sciences (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 5993 - Research Laboratory in Psychology (3.0 cr)

Capstone

Students demonstrate analytic skills and an understanding of the modes of inquiry common to psychology. The course synthesizes knowledge gained over the program of study.

Students who double major and choose to complete the capstone requirement in their other major may waive the Psychology BA capstone, but they do need to replace the 3 credits with additional electives from the major.

General Sequence

Take exactly 1 course(s) totaling exactly 3 credit(s) from the following:
•PSY 3901W - Capstone in Psychology - Research Laboratory [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3902W - Capstone in Psychology - Individual Interests [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3903W - Capstone in Psychology - Community Engagement [WI] (3.0 cr)

or **Honors Sequence**

Students who fulfill the Capstone requirement with PSY 4902V must take PSY 4994V as a prerequisite. PSY 4994V is typically taken in the Spring semester of Junior year. Students should plan this sequence with Psychology Advising and Psychology Honors faculty. Students must enroll in PSY 4902V for a minimum of 3, but no more than 6 credits.

Take exactly 2 course(s) totaling 7 - 10 credit(s) from the following:
•PSY 4994V - Honors Research Practicum [WI] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 5994 - Directed Research: Psy Honors Thesis (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:
•PSY 3001W - Introduction to Research Methods [WI] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3001V - Honors Introduction to Research Methods [WI] (4.0 cr)
•PSY 3901W - Capstone in Psychology - Research Laboratory [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3902W - Capstone in Psychology - Individual Interests [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 3903W - Capstone in Psychology - Community Engagement [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5994 - Directed Research: Psy Honors Thesis (1.0 - 6.0 cr)
•PSY 5031W - Perception [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5036W - Computational Vision [WI] (3.0 cr)
•PSY 5038W - Introduction to Neural Networks [WI] (3.0 cr)

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