

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology



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Crean College of
Health and Behavioral Sciences

Using the guidelines below, students design their psychology program in consultation with their program advisor. To graduate, psychology majors are required to complete a minimum of 46 credits.

I. Core Foundation in Psychological Science: All courses required of majors.

Course	Credits
Psychology 101 : Introduction to Psychology [GE*]	3
Psychology 201: Critical Thinking in Psychology	3
Psychology 202: History and Systems of Psychology	3
Psychology 203: Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences [GE^]	3
Psychology 204: Research Methods and Laboratory	4
Psychology 333: Physiological Psychology	3
Psychology 496, 497, or 498 + 1 Applied Course: Senior Project (description of 3 options below)	6
Total Credits	25

*approved for GE Social Inquiry; ^approved for GE Quantitative Inquiry

II. Psychological Processes: Select one course from each of the following five groups.

	Course	Credits
One	Psychology 310: Psychology of Learning	3
	Psychology 319: Motivation and Emotion	3
Two	Psychology 315: Sensation and Perception	3
	Psychology 317: Cognitive Psychology	3
Three	Psychology 322: Theories of Personality	3
	Psychology 336: Social Psychology	3
Four	Psychology 323: Child Development	3
	Psychology 327: Life-Span Development	3
Five	Psychology 328: Abnormal Psychology	3
	Psychology 330: Child Abnormal Psychology	3
Total Credits		15

III. Applied Psychology: Select two courses.

Course	Credits
Psychology 304 - Advanced Research Design	3
Honors 308 - Consciousness and Cognition	3
Psychology 340: Human Sexuality [GE*]	3
Psychology 341: Cross-Cultural Psychology [GE*#]	3
Psychology 344: Psychology of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation [GE*#]	3
Psychology 345: Sports Psychology	3
Psychology 355: Diversity in Marital and Family Relationships [GE*#]	3
Psychology 428: Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
Psychology 432: Introduction to Psychological Assessment	3
Psychology 433: Psychopharmacology	3
Psychology 436: Health Psychology	3
Psychology 437: Health and Well-Being	3
Psychology 446: Children and Trauma	3
Psychology 461: Psychology of Music	3
Psychology 481: Organizational Psychology	3
Psychology 482: Forensic Psychology	3
Psychology 495: Topics in Applied Psychology	3
Total Credits	6

*approved for GE Social Inquiry; ^approved for GE Quantitative Inquiry; #approved for GE Global Study; +approved for GE Community Service

IV. Internships, Individual Study, and Advanced Research: Optional, but highly recommended

Course	Credits
Psychology 291/299 or 491/499: Individual Research	1-3
Psychology 490: Independent Internship	3
Psychology 492: Psychology Internship/Fieldwork+	3

+approved for GE Community Service

Senior Project: Psychology majors are required to choose and complete one of the following three options as a capstone project during their senior year.		Credits
One	<u>Psychology 496: Senior Research Project</u> A two-semester individual research study designed for psychology majors who possess the academic qualifications and intend to continue their education in an academic graduate program and intend to pursue and complete an independent, innovative investigation in psychological science under faculty supervision.	6
Two	<u>Psychology 497: Senior Thesis</u> A two-semester thesis-focused seminar for psychology majors who possess the academic qualifications and intend to continue their education in an academic graduate program. Must be taken in sequence of "a" in fall semester then "b" in spring semester.	6
Three	<u>Psychology 498: Senior Seminar in Psychological Topics</u> For psychology majors who intend to pursue nonacademic employment or practice-oriented post-degree studies and training (e.g., marriage and family therapist, certified chemical dependency counselor, licensed clinical social worker, etc.).	3
	<u>One Additional Applied Psychology course</u>	3
Total Credits		6

- **Grade Requirements:** You must obtain a grade of "C" (2.0) or better in all Psychology Core, Process and Applied courses. Courses in the major may not be taken as "pass/no pass".
- **Psychology Honors at Graduation:** Honors will be awarded to students who have exhibited superior academic achievement throughout their university career. Requirements for consideration are:
 - A psychology major grade-point average at or above 3.5
 - A cumulative grade-point average, including all transfer work, at or above 3.5
 - A grade of "A" in 6 credits of individual study (PSY 491, 496, 499) or in at least 3 credits of individual study (PSY 491, 496, 499) and at least 3 credits of Psychology Internship (PSY 490/492)
 - Formal election by the psychology faculty
- **Individual Research:** Before registering for individual research/study (PSY 291/299 or PSY 491/499), you must obtain the approval of the Chair of Psychology and the professor who is supervising your research. A completed "Request for Individual Study" form must be submitted to the Registrar with your class registration form.
- **Statistics:** We recommend you take PSY 203 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (vs. MATH 203) because it focuses on applications for analyzing data and designing studies in Psychology. This class also fulfills the GE Quantitative Shared Inquiry requirement. However, MATH 203 will also satisfy the PSY 203 requirement.
- **Senior Project:** The psychology major culminates in a Senior Thesis or Research Project where students produce a seminal written product, serving both as the crowning achievement of their education and as an example of their capability for graduate studies or professional achievement. Students are required to choose and complete one of three options depending on their capabilities and career goals.