

FALL 2017/ SPRING 2018

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 all majors, 25 Credits

Course Number	Course Title	Credits	When Offered
Psychology 101	Introduction to Psychology [GE*]	3	Every semester
Psychology 201	Critical Thinking in Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 202	History and Systems of Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 203 (MATH 203 ok)	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences [GE^]	3	Every semester
Psychology 204	Research Methods and Laboratory	4	Every semester
Psychology 333	Physiological Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 496, 497, or 498	Senior Project (3 options; see next page)	6	Every semester

II. Psychological Processes – Select one course from each of the following five groups 15 Credits

Psychology 310	Psychology of Learning	3	Every semester
Psychology 319	Motivation and Emotion	3	Every semester
Psychology 315	Sensation and Perception	3	Every semester
Psychology 317	Cognitive Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 322	Theories of Personality	3	Every semester
Psychology 336	Social Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 323	Child Development	3	Every Semester
Psychology 327	Life-Span Development	3	Every semester
Psychology 328	Abnormal Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 330	Child Abnormal Psychology	3	Every Fall

III. Applied Psychology - Two Courses, 6 Credits

Psychology 340	Human Sexuality	3	Every semester
Psychology 341	Cross-Cultural Psychology [GE*#]	3	Every Spring
Psychology 344	Psychology of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation [GE*#]	3	Every Spring
Psychology 345	Sports Psychology	3	Every Spring
Psychology 355	Diversity in Marital and Family Relationships [GE*#]	3	As needed
Psychology 428	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3	Every Spring
Psychology 432	Introduction to Psychological Assessment	3	As needed
Psychology 433	Psychopharmacology	3	Every Fall
Psychology 436	Health Psychology	3	Every semester
Psychology 437	Health and Well-Being	3	Every Fall
Psychology 446	Children and Trauma	3	As needed
Psychology 461	Psychology of Music	3	Every Fall
Psychology 481	Organizational Psychology	3	Every Fall
Psychology 482	Forensic Psychology	3	As needed
Psychology 495	Topics in Applied Psychology	3	As needed

IV. Internships, Individual Study, and Advanced Research (OPTIONAL: requires approval of advisor and instructor)

Psychology 291/299 or 491/499	Individual Research	1-3	Every semester
Psychology 304	Advanced Research	3	As needed
Psychology 490	Independent Internship	3	Every semester
Psychology 492	Psychology Internship+	3	Every semester

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

Recommended Sequence of classes for Psychology majors

YEAR	FALL	SPRING
FRESHMAN	Introduction to Psychology, PSY 101	Critical Thinking in Psychology, PSY 201
SOPHMORE	Statistics, PSY 203 (see note below) History and Systems of Psychology, PSY 202	Research Methods and Laboratory, PSY 204 One Psychological Processes course (not from Group 5)
JUNIOR	Two Psychology Processes courses	Physiological Psychology, PSY 333 Two Psychology Processes courses OR One Psychology Processes course and one Applied Psychology course Optional: Fieldwork, PSY 492 or Independent Research , PSY 291/299, PSY 491/499
SENIOR	Senior Project Course (PSY 496, 497, or 498) One Psychology Processes and one Applied Psychology course Optional: Fieldwork, PSY 492 or Independent Research PSY 291/299, PSY 491/499	Senior Project Course (PSY 496, 497, or 498) At least one more Applied Psychology course Optional: Fieldwork, PSY 492 or Independent Research PSY 291/299, PSY 491/499

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 his or her university career. Requirements for consideration are:

1. A psychology major grade-point average at or above 3.5
2. A cumulative grade-point average, including all transfer work, at or above **3.5**
3. 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 492)
4. 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 your advisor, the Head 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 because it focuses on applications for analyzing data and designing studies in Psychology. This class also fulfills the GE Quantitative Shared Inquiry requirement. However, you could take MATH 203 (Statistics) instead of PSY 203.

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.

OPTION 1 Senior Research Project	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	PSY 496	Senior Project: Individual Research (3 credits/semester)	6 credits total
OPTION 2 Senior Thesis	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 but do not want to complete an independent research project.	PSY 497	Senior Thesis (3credits/semester)	6 credits total
OPTION 3 Senior Seminar in Psychological Topics	For Psychology seniors 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.). One Additional Applied Psychology course	PSY 498	Senior Seminar in Psychological Topics	3 credits 3 credits

PLANNING FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL?

GRADES AND THE GRE: Entrance to graduate school is competitive. It primarily depends on your psychology course grades, your overall grade point average for your last 60 units of study, and your scores on the Graduate Records Examination (GRE). Most graduate programs require a minimum GPA of 3.0 and GRE scores of 500 or better for verbal and quantitative skills.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE is essential and available through the senior project/thesis and by completing PSY 291/299 or PSY 491/499, Individual Research. Check the faculty's web pages to find a research area that interests you and contact the faculty directly to discuss your options. Working closely with faculty on research projects gives you valuable research experiences, looks good on your resume, and is an excellent basis for letters of recommendation. Students may take as many as 12 credits of Individual Research.

FIELDWORK/ INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE: Practicum / Psychology Internship, PSY 490 and/or PSY 492, is highly recommended. Most of the people you will be competing with for graduate school admissions will have experience working in psychological settings. Students may take as many as 12 credits in PSY 490 and/or PSY 492. Certain restrictions apply that you need to discuss with your advisor before you make specific plans.

STUDENT AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP in the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science is recommended, because it shows that you are serious about the discipline of Psychology. Membership application forms are available online by contacting the American Psychology Association at <http://www.apa.org/membership/student/index.aspx>.

PSI CHI, THE INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY IN PSYCHOLOGY: Psi Chi membership is considered an indicator of excellence in the study of Psychology and a high commitment to the discipline of Psychology. Chapman University's Psi Chi Chapter was chartered in 1988 and is one of the most active student organizations on campus. To qualify for membership in Psi Chi you must complete 9 credits of psychology in at least three psychology classes at Chapman; your Chapman Psychology GPA must be at least 3.3; and your cumulative GPA must be at least 3.0. Qualified students are elected by the Chapter Officers and Chapter Faculty Advisors. Application is available on Chapman. **OrgSync** website at <https://orgsync.com/22081/chapter>.

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