PSYCHOLOGY, B.S.

This program has a separate acceptance process. Please consult the acceptance requirements for this program for more information.

Overall GPA of 2.0 Required
120 Overall Credits Required

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WRITING REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Education Program

Students must complete a comprehensive three-tiered Liberal Education Program (LEP). View all requirements of the tiers on the Liberal Education Program.

While the choice of courses that fulfill the requirements is generally left up to students, courses in the major and/or cognate may also satisfy LEP requirements. These shared courses are recommended below to fulfill both areas, although the course credits are only counted once towards the 120 credits required for graduation.

Tier 2 – Mind and Body
PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology - (Group 1R)

Writing Requirements (“W-Courses”)

Three W-courses are required. These may not be taken until after a student has passed ENG 112 — Writing Arguments. W-courses may count toward LEP, major, or cognate requirements, as well as free electives. Course sections that meet this requirement are designated by section numbers ending in “W”.

Transfer students who enter with 60 to 89 credits are required to pass two W-courses, while transfer students who enter with 90 credits or more must pass one W-course.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

38 Credits Required
Acceptance to the major required
‘C’ or better required in all PSY courses except PSY 100

Students may choose to follow one of three recommended tracks in consultation with an adviser: Behavioral Neuroscience (BNS); Cognitive Science (CS); Applied Psychology and Assessment (AP&A).
Recommended courses are noted below.

Requirements:
Group 1R: Introduction to Psychology
• PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology

Group 2R: One course (Prerequisites: completion of Group 1R)
• Any 200-level psychology course except PSY 259.

Group 3R: One course (Prerequisites: at least 3 credits from Group 2R)
• Any 300-level psychology course except for PSY 300, 303, 311, 313, 383, 393.

*Students in the AP&A track should take either PSY 320, 361, 366, or 370

Group 4R: Required course: (Prerequisites: Completion of LEP Quantitative Reasoning)
• PSY 259 — Statistics in Psychology

Group 5R: Required course: (Prerequisites: departmental permission and completed major acceptance form)
• PSY 300 — The Psychology Major: Curriculum and Careers (Graded as Pass/Fail)

Group 6R: Two of the following (Prerequisites: completion of Group 4R, with a grade of 'C' or higher, and Group 5R. Some courses have additional requirements)
• PSY 303 — Perception
• PSY 311 — Learning
• PSY 313 — Cognition **
• PSY 383 — Brain and Behavior ***

** Recommended courses for CS track
*** Recommended courses for BNS track

Group 7R: Required course (Prerequisites: completion of Group 4R, with a grade of 'C' or higher, and Group 5R)
• PSY 393 — Experimental Methods

Group 8R: 9 credits (Prerequisites: completion of Group 4R, with a grade of C or higher, Group 5R, and at least 3 credits from Groups 3R and/or 6R. Some courses have additional requirements)

Select two of:(See notes below for recommendations for each track)
• PSY 401 - Seminar in History and Systems of Psychology **
• PSY 406 - Language **
• PSY 431 - Tests and Measurements *, **
• PSY 461 - Data Gathering Techniques: Assessment *, **
• PSY 462 - Data Gathering Techniques: Instrumentation **
• PSY 484 - Comparative Animal Behavior ***
• PSY 487 - Psychopharmacology ***
• PSY 494 - Seminar in Human Nervous System and Behavior **, ***
Select one additional 400-level psychology course except for PSY 463, 467, 471, 472, 473, and 499.

Notes:

• * Students in the AP&A track should take either PSY 431 or 461, and two other 400-level courses.
• ** Students in the CS track should take PSY 462, one of PSY 401, 406, 431, 461, or 494, and one other 400-level course.
• *** Students in the BNS track should take two of PSY 484, 487, and 494, and one other 400-level course.

Group 9R: One of the following (specific course prerequisites apply)

• Select one from Group 2R, 3R, 6R, or 8R

Group 10R: One of the following (Prerequisites: Completion of Group 7, with a grade of 'C' or higher, and departmental permission.)

• PSY 463 — Field Practicum in Psychological Research
• PSY 467 — Laboratory Practicum in Psychological Research

COGNATE REQUIREMENTS

9 Credits Required

Recommended for AP&A Track
ANT 204 — Language and Culture
CMD 419 - Language Acquisition: School Age Adolescense
CSC 152 - CS1: Programming Fundamentals
CSC 153 - Programming II
ENG 316 - Writing for Business and Industry
EXS 380 - Sport Psychology
MAT 221 - Statistics
MAT 326 - Regression
MGT 300 - Management and Organization
MGT 305 - Organizational Behavior
MGT 414 - Creativity and Innovation
PCH 270 - Stress Management
PCH 355 - Health Counseling
PCH 356 - Maternal and Child Health
PCH 358 - Health Policy
PCH 480 - Health Law
SED 481 - Teaching Exceptional Children: Elementary
SED 482 - Teaching Exceptional Children: Secondary
SHE 302 - Mental Health Education
SMT 271 - Introduction to Sports Management

Recommended for BNS Track
BIO 120 - Microbiology
BIO 202 - Ecology
BIO 220 - Genetics
BIO 235 - Histology
CHE 121 - General Chemistry I
CHE 260 - Organic Chemistry I
CHE 261 - Organic Chemistry II
CHE 450 - Biochemistry

Recommended for CS Track
CMD 200 - Introduction to Communication Disorders
CMD 203 - Phonetics and Phonological Systems
CMD 317 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism
CMD 320 - Introduction to Hearing Sciences
CSC 152 - CS1: Programming Fundamentals
CSC 153 - Programming II
MAT 139 - Short Course in Calculus for Social Sciences
MAT 150 - Calculus I
MAT 221 - Statistics
MAT 326 - Regression
PHI 215 - Logic and Scientific Reasoning
PHI 325 - Bio-medical Ethics
WLL 211 - Linguistics
WLL 403 - Second Language Acquisition

FREE ELECTIVES

Remaining credits to reach Overall Credits Required (listed above).