

Psychology

Psychology Major

A total of 122 credits is required for a major in Psychology leading toward a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree.

Psychology Minor

A minor in Psychology offers students electing majors in other disciplines the opportunity to complement their studies with a coherent set of psychology courses. Different courses are compatible with interests and career goals of students in major areas such as business, child development and family science, and computer science. Students planning a Psychology minor should consult with a faculty adviser from the Department of Psychology (<https://www.ndsu.edu/psychology>).

Students selecting a minor in Psychology must complete 18 credits in psychology (excluding PSYC 494 Individual Study or PSYC 496 Field Experience). These 18 semester credits may not be taken pass/fail and must include at least one 3-credit 300- or 400-level course. A minimum of eight credits must be taken at NDSU.

Major Requirements

Major: Psychology

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences	
ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Quantitative Reasoning (R):

STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
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Science & Technology (S):

A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list 6

Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list (cannot use the gen ed PSYC prefix courses to satisfy this category) 6

Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2

Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list

Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

College Requirements

Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences*

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences* and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language.

* Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student's major.

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements 40

College of Science and Mathematics Requirements 6-12

Psychology Major Requirements

PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 350	Research Methods I	3
PSYC 351	Research Methods II	3
PSYC	Electives	6

Psychology 400 Level Electives: 15

Select one course from 3 of the following 4 groups (A-D), plus one capstone course and one other PSYC course numbered 400 or higher to equal 15 credits.

Group A: Social/Personality:

PSYC 453 Organizational Psychology

PSYC 468 Personality

PSYC 470 Experimental Social Psychology

Group B: Perception/Cognition:

PSYC 460 Sensation & Perception

PSYC 461 Memory And Knowledge

PSYC 464 Attention & Thinking

Group C: Biological Bases of Behavior:

PSYC 465 Psychobiology

PSYC 481 Health Psychology

PSYC 486 Neuropsychology

Group D: Individual Differences:

PSYC 463 Experimental Developmental Psychology

PSYC 471 The Psychology Of Aging

PSYC 472 Advanced Psychopathology

PSYC 473 Child Psychopathology and Therapy

Capstone Experience: Select one of the following:

PSYC 480 History & Systems

PSYC 489 Honors Thesis

PSYC 400 Level Additional 400 level PSYC course - may be from PSYC 489, PSYC 494, or PSYC 496 courses taken for a grade.

Related Required Course

MATH 103 College Algebra (or higher level) 3

Bachelor of Science Supporting Track 14

Student seeking a B.S. degree must select one of the following tracks in consultation with an adviser - 14 credit minimum. Courses selected for either of the supporting track cannot count toward the track and general education.

Natural Science Track: 14 additional credits in math/science. Prefixes accepted include: BIOL, BIOC, BOT, CHEM, ENT, GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, PLSC, STAT, OR ZOO.

Social Science Track: 14 additional credits in social sciences (not Psychology). Prefixes accepted include: ANTH, HDFS general education courses or prerequisite is a general education course; CJ, ECON, POLS, or SOC. Other courses accepted include:

COMM 114 Human Communication

COMM 212 Interpersonal Communication

COMM 216 Intercultural Communication

COMM 260 Introduction to Web Design

COMM 271 Listening and Nonverbal Communication

COMM 301 Rhetorical Traditions

COMM 402 Contemporary Rhetoric

COMM 435 Critical Approaches to Popular Culture

COMM 436 Issues in Mass Communications

COMM 450 Issues in Communication

COMM 480 Health Communication II

BUSN 487	Managerial Economics	
MGMT 320	Foundations of Management	
MGMT 330	Foundations of Organizational Behavior	
MGMT 450	Human Resource Management	
GEOG 151	Human Geography	
GEOG 161	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 262	Geography of North America	

Minor Track: A minor in an approved area

Degree Requirements: Potential of 29 credits to reach 122 29

Total Credits **122-128**

Program Notes

- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.

Minor Requirements

Psychology Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Required Courses

PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC Electives	At least one course must be a 300-400 level course	15

Total Credits **18**

Minor Requirements and Notes

- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- Courses cannot be taken P/F.