Department of Psychology

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Psychologists study the brain, the mind, behavior, and their inter-relationships, relying heavily upon the methods of science. Some areas of psychology are most closely related to the natural and biological sciences while other areas within psychology are more closely related to the social sciences, especially sociology, anthropology, and communication. Both an undergraduate major and an undergraduate minor in psychology are available. Psychology majors may select the degree program that best suits their needs and interests from the B.A. and B.S. tracks outlined in this section.

All majors must complete 30 credits in psychology as listed in the outline for the degree. Additional courses in psychology may be selected, in consultation with the adviser, from any of those listed under the department's offerings. Courses in the major field may not be taken on a pass/fail basis (except PSYC 494 Individual Study and PSYC 496 Field Experience, which may be graded on a pass/fail basis by the instructor).

The B.S. psychology major also requires a supporting track in one of the following areas:

1. **Natural Science Track:** 14 additional credits in math, computer science, statistics, and/or science
2. **Social Science Track:** 14 additional credits in social science (other than psychology)
3. A **Minor** in an approved area of study

Career Orientation Overlays

An undergraduate education in psychology leads to a number of career choices following graduation. To assist students in preparing for post-graduate work and careers in psychology or related fields, the department has prepared several Career Orientation OverLays (COOLs).

COOLs establish curriculum guidelines and suggestions for students who may be interested in a variety of careers, including medicine and neurosciences, business and industry, graduate school in psychology, or mental health and applied psychology. COOLs, when used in conjunction with the counsel of an adviser, are intended to help a student select the best courses within and outside of psychology (e.g., biology for medicine or business for industrial psychology) to suit particular interests and career goals.

Advising Centers

Information for students is available on the department web site and in the department main office in Minard Hall 232 (https://www.ndsu.edu/alphaindex/buildings/Building::381) . Topics include requirements for majors and minors, COOLS, graduate school, and career information.

Psychology (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges/science-mathematics/psychology/psychology)

Neuroscience (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges/science-mathematics/psychology/neuroscience)

Managerial Psychology (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/undergraduate/colleges/science-mathematics/psychology/managerial-psychology)