

Psychology

Psychology Major

A total of 120 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.

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
	Upper Division Writing [†]	
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{*†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{*†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

College Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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. [*]		12
Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences [*]		6

- * 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

Code	Title	Credits
Psychology Major Requirements		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology (Cannot be used to satisfy general education category B)	3
PSYC 189	Skills for Academic Success ¹	1
PSYC 350	Research Methods I	3
PSYC 351	Research Methods II	3
PSYC	Electives	6
Psychology 400 Level Electives:		9
Select one course from 3 of the following 4 groups (A-D)		
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:		3
PSYC 480	History & Systems	
PSYC 489	Honors Thesis	
PSYC 400 Level	May include PSYC 493 (Undergraduate Research) or PSYC 496 (Field Experience) courses taken for a grade.	3
Other Required Courses		
ENGL 324	Writing in the Sciences (May satisfy general education category C)	3
or ENGL 325	Writing in the Health Professions	
or ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	
MATH 103	College Algebra (or higher level)	3
Additional Degree Requirements		3-14
Students earning a Bachelor of Science degree must select one of the three tracks listed below in consultation with an adviser (14 credit minimum).		
Students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete the Modern Foreign Language proficiency (3-14 credits).		
Total Credits		40-51
Code	Title	Credits
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. Courses selected for this track cannot count for general education.		

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Social Science Track

14 additional credits in social sciences (excluding PSYC prefix courses). Prefixes accepted include: ANTH, CJ, ECON, POLS, SOC or HDFS general education courses or courses that include an HDFS general education prerequisite. Courses selected for this track cannot count for general education.

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	
GEOG 151	Human Geography	
GEOG 161	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 262	Geography of North America	

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Minor Program of Study Track

A minor in an approved area of study.

- ¹ PSYC 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students--A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take PSYC 189.

Program Notes

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

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Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
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.