

# Psychology

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
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- **Department Phone:**  
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[www.ndsu.edu/psychology/](http://www.ndsu.edu/psychology/)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/psychology/#planofstudytext](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/psychology/#planofstudytext)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Psychology

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

Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

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

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

† 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 major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2019-20/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## College Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>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.*</b>		12
<b>Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences *</b>		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
<b>Psychology Major Requirements</b>		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology (Cannot be used to satisfy general education category B)	3
PSYC 189	Skills for Academic Success <sup>1</sup>	1
PSYC 350	Research Methods I	3
PSYC 351	Research Methods II	3
PSYC	Electives	6
<b>Psychology 400 Level Electives:</b>		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	
<b>Capstone Experience: Select PSYC 480 or PSYC 489 or have completed one course from each of the four Core groups (A-D):</b>		3
PSYC 480	History & Systems	
PSYC 489	Honors Thesis	
<b>PSYC 400 Level Elective</b>		3
May include PSYC 493 (Undergraduate Research) or PSYC 496 (Field Experience) courses taken for a grade.		
<b>Other Required Courses</b>		
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
<b>Track Elective</b>		14-16

Students earning a Bachelor of Science degree must select one of the three tracks listed below in consultation with an adviser (14 credit minimum).

Total Credits	51-53
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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Track: Natural Science</b>		<b>14</b>

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.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Track: Social Science</b>		<b>14</b>

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

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Track: Minor Program of Study</b>		<b>16+</b>

A minor in an approved area of study.

<sup>1</sup> 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

- Students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete the Modern Foreign Language proficiency (3-14 credits).
- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.
- When a student selects psychology as a second major, the student will not have to complete the track elective.

## Minor Requirements

### Psychology Minor

#### Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3

PSYC Electives	At least one course must be a 300-400 level course	15
Total Credits		18

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**Minor Requirements and Notes**

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