

Psychology

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/psychology/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/psychology/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/psychology/#planofstudytext (<http://catalog.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 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

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

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Courses for category D & G are satisfied by completing D & G designated courses in another general education category.

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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.

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

Select two courses from each Group - A & B

Group A:		6
PSYC 460	Sensation & Perception	
PSYC 461	Memory And Knowledge	
PSYC 464	Attention & Thinking	
PSYC 465	Psychobiology	
PSYC 486	Neuropsychology	
PSYC 463	Experimental Developmental Psychology	
Group B:		6
PSYC 453	Organizational Psychology	
PSYC 468	Personality	
PSYC 470	Experimental Social Psychology	
PSYC 481	Health Psychology	
PSYC 471	The Psychology Of Aging	
PSYC 472	Advanced Psychopathology	
PSYC 473	Child Psychopathology and Therapy	

Additional PSYC 400 Level Electives

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)	3
or MATH 104	Finite Mathematics	

Track Elective

Students earning a Bachelor of Science degree must select one of four tracks listed below in consultation with an adviser: 1) Natural Science track; 2) Social Sciences track; 3) Minor track; or 4) Accelerated (with approval) track. 14-16

Total Credits 51-53

Code	Title	Credits
Track: Natural Science		
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.		14

Code	Title	Credits
Track: Social Science		
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.		14
Other courses accepted include:		
COMM 114	Human Communication	

COMM 212	Interpersonal Communication
COMM 216	Intercultural Communication
COMM 260	Introduction to Web Design
COMM 271	
COMM 301	Rhetorical Traditions
COMM 402	
COMM 435	Critical Approaches to Popular Culture
COMM 436	
COMM 450	Issues in Communication
COMM 480	
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
Track: Minor Program of Study		
A minor in an approved area of study. Student must official declare the minor with the Office of Registration and Records.		16+

Code	Title	Credits
Track: Accelerated (Master of Public Health Coursework)		
PH 700	Preventing and Managing Chronic Illness	3
PH 704	Public Health Management and Policy	3
PH 706	Essentials of Epidemiology	3
PH 720	Environmental Health	2
PH 725	Promoting Health through Policy, System and Environment	3
Total Credits		14

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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.
- Students interested in the accelerated track must make application to the Graduate School and submit the Accelerated Declaration form prior to enrollment in any 700 level classes.