

Psychology Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
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		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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	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 14-16 track; 2) Social Sciences track; 3) Minor track; or 4) Accelerated (with approval) track.

Total Credits 51-53

Code	Title	Credits
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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. 14
Courses selected for this track cannot count for general education.

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Track: Social Science

14 additional credits in social sciences (excluding PSYC prefix courses). Prefixes accepted include: ANTH, CJ, ECON, POLS, SOC or HDFS 14
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 301	Rhetorical Traditions	
COMM 435	Critical Approaches to Popular Culture	
COMM 450	Issues in Communication	
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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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+

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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 725	Promoting Health through Policy, System and Environment	3
Total Credits		12

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

- 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.