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/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/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursertext).

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<td>COMM 110</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Public Speaking</td>
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<td>Category D: Cultural Diversity +†</td>
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<td>Category G: Global Perspectives ++</td>
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Total Credits 39

* Courses for category D & G are satisfied by completing D & G designated 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.

### Major Requirements

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<td>Introduction to Psychology (Cannot be used to satisfy general education category B.)</td>
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<td>PSYC 189</td>
<td>Skills for Academic Success ¹</td>
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<td>PSYC 350</td>
<td>Research Methods I</td>
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<td>PSYC 351</td>
<td>Research Methods II</td>
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<td>PSYC</td>
<td>Electives</td>
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**Psychology 400 Level Electives**

Select two courses from each Group - A & B

**Group A:**
- PSYC 460  Sensation & Perception  6
- PSYC 461  Memory And Knowledge  6
- PSYC 464  Attention & Thinking  6
- PSYC 465  Psychobiology  6
- PSYC 486  Neuropsychology  6
- PSYC 463  Experimental Developmental Psychology  6

**Group B:**
- PSYC 453  Organizational Psychology  6
- PSYC 468  Personality  6
- PSYC 470  Experimental Social Psychology  6
- PSYC 481  Health Psychology  6
- PSYC 471  The Psychology Of Aging  6
- PSYC 472  Advanced Psychopathology  6
- PSYC 473  Child Psychopathology and Therapy  6

**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**

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<td>ENGL 324</td>
<td>Writing in the Sciences (May satisfy general education category C)</td>
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<td>or ENGL 325</td>
<td>Writing in the Health Professions</td>
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<td>or ENGL 459</td>
<td>Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal</td>
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<td>MATH 103</td>
<td>College Algebra (or higher)</td>
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<td>or MATH 104</td>
<td>Finite Mathematics</td>
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**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

### 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.

**Code**

**Title**

**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:

**Code**

**Title**
Psychology

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

A minor in an approved area of study. Student must official declare the minor with the Office of Registration and Records. 16+

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

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.

Minor Requirements

Minor: Psychology

Required Credits: 18

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| 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.