Major Day Information Sheet

Division: Social Science

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Major: Psychology

Description of Major: The **128-credit B.A. in Psychology** provides students with a broad understanding of the principles that explain human behavior and interaction. In addition to learning the content material specific to understanding why human and non-human animals behave the way they do, the degree also equips our students with much needed skills that employers in many fields need. These skills include research and writing skills, problem solving skills, and, well-developed, higher-level thinking ability as evidenced in analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information.

Psychology is a science concerned with the behavior of both human and nonhuman animals. It is a broad discipline that examines subject matter from biology to sociology. Biology studies the structures and functions of living organisms. Sociology examines how groups function in society. Psychologists study the intersection of two critical relationships in these subject areas: one between brain function and behavior, and one between the environment and behavior. Psychologists follow scientific methods, using careful observation, experimentation, and analysis, to develop and test theories through research.

The field of Psychology has many subfields, including clinical, counseling, cognitive and perceptual, developmental, educational, experimental, evolutionary, and engineering psychology. Other subfields are forensic, health, neuropsychology, industrial/organizational, quantitative and measurement, rehabilitation, and, social psychology. Learn more about the field of Psychology from Careers in Psychology (link: http://apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.pdf) published by the American Psychological Association (link: http://apa.org/).

Is a minor available? Yes—you need 4 Advanced Psychology courses

Students in this major should enjoy the following subjects: Introduction to Psychology (PSY 3), Developmental Psychology (PSY 107, PSY 108), Personality (PSY 109), Abnormal Psychology (PSY 110)

Special requirements to be accepted into this major (ex. Exam, volunteer experience, GPA): 2.0 GPA

Classes to consider if you are interested in this major: PSY 3, PSY 107, PSY 108, PSY 110, PY 113 (see page 2 for more courses)

Examples of jobs alumni of this major have obtained:

In addition to working directly in psychology-related fields such as counseling, and teaching, our students also find jobs in administrative support, public affairs, education, business, sales, service industries, health, the biological sciences, and computer programming. They also work as employment counselors, correction counselor trainees, interviewers, personnel analysts, probation officers, and writers.

(see handouts—Careers in Psychology, What can you do with a degree in Psychology, Preparing for Career in Psychology—for more information)

You need at least 31 credits in Psychology to graduate

Courses Offered by Psychology

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Psych 3*	Intro to Psychology
Psych 107	Developmental Psychology I
Psych 108	Developmental Psychology II
Psych 109	Personality
Psych 110	Abnormal
Psych 112	Organizational Psychology
Psych 113	Social Psychology
Psych 115	Group Dynamics
Psych 116	Intro Clinical Practice
Psych 117	Psychology of Women
Psych 118	Bio-Psychology
Psych 119	Psychology of Art
Psych 120	Psychology of Perception
Psych 121	Learning and Memory
Psych 122	Test and Measurements
Psych 123	Introduction to Behavioral Modification
Psych 124	Cross-Cultural Issues Psychology
Psych 125*	Contemporary Systems
Psych 126	Psychology and the Law
Psych 127	Cognition
Psych 128	Fieldwork in Psychology
Psych 150*	Statistics in Psychology
Psych 151*	Experimental Psychology (4 credit course)
Psych190	Senior Seminar (open to seniors only – 90 credits or more)
Psych 191	Special Topics
Psych 197	Independent Study I
Psych 198	Independent Study II (Independent studies are <i>under the supervision of Full-Time Faculty Professors only</i> . Permission is required)

^{*} Psychology Core Requirement