Psychology

Psychology Program Policies

1. Students majoring in psychology earning a grade of "D" or "F" in a psychology course or required course for the psychology major must retake the course and earn a grade of "C" or higher.

2. To graduate with a major in psychology, students must take the Psychology Major Field Exam when enrolled in Senior Seminar and earn a score that falls within the percentile rank of no lower than one standard deviation below the national mean. The standard is meant to ensure students' working knowledge of psychological concepts is consistent with undergraduate psychology students nationally.

3. To help foster success in our program:
   a. Students majoring in psychology will take the Psychology Major Field Exam when taking Foundations of Psychology. These exam results gives the students and the program faculty a baseline measure of psychological knowledge. Foundations of Psychology should be taken within the first year of declaring psychology as a major and prior to completing 9 psychology credit hours.
   b. Students will take the Psychology Major Field Exam for a second time after taking 20-25 psychology credits. Students will review the exam results with their advisor, discuss progress made since the first Major Field Exam, assess weaknesses, and develop a plan for remediation if necessary.

Psychology Program Mission

To foster the study of human behavior through the development of scientific skills.

Psychology Program Goals and Outcomes

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Goal</th>
<th>Outcome</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>The student will understand the different domains and their impact on human behavior.</td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of the Clinical/Personality basis of human behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of the biological basis of human behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of developmental and social processes in human behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of learning components in human behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of applications of psychology to human behavior.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The student will develop critical thinking.</td>
<td>The student will demonstrate the dialectic approach to problem solving</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The student will have an understanding of psychology that reflects cultural diversity</td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of human diversity regarding psychology.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The student will have an understanding of the scientific methodology utilized to study human behavior.</td>
<td>The student will demonstrate the statistical analysis of research data.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their understanding of the variety of research methodologies employed in psychology to resolve hypotheses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their ability to use the American Psychological Association's publication style.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their ability to write coherently.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their ability to synthesize research findings.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Psychology (120 CR)

Credits applied to the psychology major may not be applied to the addiction studies major/minor/concentration.

General Education

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PSY 111</td>
<td>Introduction to Psychology</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSY 241</td>
<td>Introduction to Statistics</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>All other General Education requirements</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Required Psychology Core

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PSY 112</td>
<td>Foundations of Psychology</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSY 242</td>
<td>Research Methods in Psychology</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
PSY 270  Abnormal Psychology  3
PSY 376  Social Psychology  3
PSY 411  Introduction to Personality Theories  3
PSY 465  Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience  3
PSY 491  Senior Seminar in Psychology  3

**Area 2 - Biological Component**
Select one of the following:  3
PSY 349  Psychopharmacology
PSY 460  Sensation and Perception

**Area 3 - Developmental Component**
Select two of the following:
PSY 252  Child Psychology
PSY 352  Adolescent Psychology
PSY 379  Psychology of Adult & Aging

**Area 4 - Learning Component**
Select one of the following:  3
PSY 410  Cognitive Psychology
PSY 435  Theories of Learning

**Area 5 - Applied Component**
Select one of the following:  3
PSY 313  Industrial Organizational Psychology
PSY 423  Introduction to Counseling
PSY 424  Advanced Counseling
PSY 473  Behavior Modification

**Area 6 - Preprofessional Experience**
Select one of the following:  3
PSY 495  Service Learning
PSY 496  Senior Research Thesis
PSY 497  Psychology Practicum

Satisfy all other BA requirements

**Total Hours**  41

**Psychology Minor**
Credits applied to the psychology minor may not be applied to the addictions studies major/minor/concentration. PSY 297 Addiction Studies Practicum, PSY 485 Addiction Studies Practicum, and may not be applied to the psychology minor. PSY 460 Sensation and Perception can only be used in one of these sections.

PSY 270  Abnormal Psychology  3
PSY 376  Social Psychology  3
PSY 411  Introduction to Personality Theories  3
PSY 465  Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience  3
Select one of the following:  3
PSY 410  Cognitive Psychology
PSY 435  Theories of Learning

Select one of the following:  3
PSY 252  Child Psychology
PSY 352  Adolescent Psychology
PSY 379  Psychology of Adult & Aging

Additional PSY electives  6
Any 200-400 level courses except PSY 255 are acceptable

**Total Hours**  24
Psychology Concentration

Credits applied to the psychology concentration may not be applied to the addictions studies major/minor/concentration. PSY 297 Addiction Studies Practicum, PSY 485 Addiction Studies Practicum, and PSY 486 Addiction Studies Practicum may not be applied to the psychology minor.

Select courses to total twelve semester hours all of which must be at the 200-400 level. PSY 255 Child & Adolescent Psychology is not acceptable for the concentration.