



PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MAJOR DECLARATION

_____ Declare the major with one of the Undergraduate Psychology Advisors, Stephanie Osborn, Melanie Jones, or Valerie Johnson in Rooms 426, 428, and 430 Psychology. Students must make an appointment to declare. **Intro Psychology must be successfully completed prior to declaration.** Directions for how to make an appointment with one of the advisors are found at: psych.wisc.edu > **Undergraduate Program > Schedule an Appointment.** Alternately, you may search for Stephanie, Melanie or Valerie through Scheduling Assistant.

FOUNDATION COURSES

These courses provide a grounding in basic psychological facts and an understanding of the methodologies used to produce those facts. **Students are strongly encouraged to complete Intro Psych and a Breadth course (see below) BEFORE taking statistics.**

_____ **Introduction to Psychology**, Psych 202. GPA Requirement: ≥ 2.0

_____ **Basic Statistics for Psychology**, Psych 210.

Prerequisite: Must have completed QR-A and Introduction to Psychology.

Possible substitutions include: Statistics 371 or Soc 360. GPA Requirement: ≥ 2.0

_____ **Research Methods**, Psych 225.

Prerequisite: Must have completed Comm-A; must earn a grade of C or better in Introduction to Psychology AND Statistics.

GPA Requirement: ≥ 2.0

_____ **Biology**: Students may choose from one of four Biology Paths: Zoology 101 AND 102; OR Zoology 151; OR Biocore 381-384 OR IB higher level biology exam score of 4 or better. GPA Requirement: ≥ 2.0 in each course.

BREADTH COURSES

These courses are meant to familiarize students with the breadth of psychology. Choose *THREE* courses from *THREE DIFFERENT TOPIC GROUPS* listed below. **Students are strongly encouraged to take a Breadth course BEFORE taking statistics.**

Biological

- _____ Psychology 449 Animal Behavior
- _____ Psychology 450 Primates and Us: Insights into Human Biology and Behavior
- _____ Psychology 454 Behavioral Neuroscience
- _____ Psychology 523 Neurobiology

Cognitive and Perceptual Sciences

- _____ Psychology 406 Psychology of Perception
- _____ Psychology 413 Language, Mind and Brain
- _____ Psychology 414 Cognitive Psychology

Clinical

- _____ Psychology 405 Abnormal Psychology [previously 509]
- _____ Psychology 311 Psychology of Law and Social Policies

Social and Personality

- _____ Psychology 403 Psychology of Personality [previously 507]
- _____ Psychology 522 Psychology of Women
- _____ Psychology 428 Cultural Psychology [previously 528]
- _____ Psychology 456 Social Psychology [previously 530]

Developmental

- _____ Psychology 460 Child Psychology [previously 560]
- _____ Psychology 464 Adult Development and Aging [previously 564]
- _____ Psychology 453 Human Sexuality [previously 350]

DEPTH COURSES

These courses are meant to develop a deeper understanding of particular areas of psychology through both a lecture and discussion format. Choose any *TWO* courses. Classes are 4 credits and have breadth level prerequisite requirements. Different 501 Topics count as separate courses.

- _____ Psychology 501 Depth Topics
- _____ Psychology 502 Cognitive Development
- _____ Psychology 503 Social Development
- _____ Psychology 508 Psychology of Human Emotions:
From Biology to Culture
- _____ Psychology 513 Hormones, Brain and Behavior
- _____ Psychology 520 How We Read: The Science of
Reading and Its Educational Implications
- _____ Psychology 521 The Structure of Human Thought:
Concepts, Language and Culture
- _____ Psychology 526 The Criminal Mind: Forensic and
Psychobiological Perspectives
- _____ Psychology 532 Psychological Effects of the Internet

CAPSTONE COURSE

These courses help students to develop a deeper understanding of particular areas of psychology in a seminar format. *ONE* course is required. Capstone courses require senior standing and completion of Psychology 225; other pre-requisites vary depending on topic. Capstone courses are small (25 - student limit), include discussion, papers, and readings from original sources.

- _____ Psychology 601 Current Topics [previously 411]
(Many separate lectures and topics are offered each semester. Check the timetable for listings.)
- _____ Psychology 602 Psychometric Methods II [previously 410]
- _____ Psychology 606 Hormones and Behavior [previously 556]
- _____ Psychology 607 Introduction to Clinical Psychology [previously 517]
- _____ Psychology 610 Statistical Analysis of Psychological Experiments [graduate course; requires instructor consent to enroll]

TOTAL PSYCHOLOGY CREDITS

- _____ **STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 33 CREDITS WITHIN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**
(excludes Biology coursework).

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

- _____ An **AVERAGE GPA OF AT LEAST 2.0** in all Psychology Courses *and* in upper level Psychology Courses is required.
- _____ **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** You must take at least 15 credits of upper level coursework within the Psychology Department in residence (Courses numbered 300 or above count towards these 15 credits)
- _____ **L&S STUDENTS:** Students need 60 credits of upper level coursework (I, A, or D in the Schedule of Classes)
- _____ **STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS:** You must have at least 15 credits in the Psychology Department **ON CAMPUS.**
- _____ **ALL STUDENTS: CHECK YOUR DARS AND MEET WITH AN ADVISOR TO ENSURE YOU ARE ON TRACK FOR A TIMELY GRADUATION!**

QUESTIONS related to the Psychology major may be sent to: advisor@psych.wisc.edu

Any advising e-mails must be sent from your wisc.edu e-mail and include your student ID number.

TO SIGN UP FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS LISTSERV, send a blank email to: join-psych_majors@lists.wisc.edu

NOTE: Psychology majors are required to be on this listserv.