PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MAJOR DECLARATION and ADVISING

Students can declare the major ONLINE, after reviewing major information on our Psychology Advising Canvas course site, OR by attending an on-campus, Psychology Major Declaration Workshop. **Intro Psychology must be successfully completed prior to declaration.** Directions for how to sign-up for the Canvas course or a major declaration workshop are found at: [psych.wisc.edu > Undergraduate Program > Major > Requirements](http://psych.wisc.edu). Declared Psychology majors may schedule advising appointments with one of the Undergraduate Psychology Advisors.

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
  Prerequisite: Must have completed QR-A and Introduction to Psychology.
  Possible substitutions include: Statistics 371 or Soc 360. GPA Requirement: ≥2.0
  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

**Clinical**
- Psychology 405 Abnormal Psychology [previously 509]
- Psychology 401 Psychology of Law and Social Policies [previously 311]

**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]

**Cognitive and Perceptual Sciences**
- Psychology 406 Psychology of Perception
- Psychology 413 Language, Mind and Brain
- Psychology 414 Cognitive Psychology

**Developmental**
- Psychology 460 Child Development [previously 560]
- Psychology 464 Adult Development and Aging [previously 564]
- Psychology 453 Human Sexuality [previously 350]
DEPTCH 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 prerequisites vary (specific Breadth courses or Sophomore standing and completion of Intro Psych or Intro Bio; please refer to the Course Guide for details). Different 501/505 Topics count as separate courses.

- Psychology 501 Depth Topics
- Psychology 502 Cognitive Development
- Psychology 503 Social Development
- Psychology 505 Depth Topics in Biological Science
- Psychology 508 Psychology of Human Emotions: From Biology to Culture
- Psychology 510 Child Psychopathology [prev. 501]
- 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 525 Cognition in Health and Society
- 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 Intermediate Statistics for Psychology [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.