



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, OR in-person by scheduling an advising appointment. **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**. Students interested in Psychology, and declared Psychology majors, can schedule advising appointments using STARFISH. Instructions available at: psych.wisc.edu > **Undergraduate Program** > **Schedule an appointment with an Advisor**.

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. Accepted substitutes include: Statistics 302, 324, OR 371. [Sociology 360 accepted through Summer 2019]. 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 or AP 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 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]

Developmental

- _____ Psychology 460 Child Development [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 prerequisites vary (specific Breadth courses **OR** Sophomore standing and completion of Intro Psych or Intro Bio; please refer to The Guide for details). Different 501/505 Topics count as separate courses.

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| _____ Psychology 501 Depth Topics | _____ Psychology 520 How We Read: The Science of Reading and Its Educational Implications |
| _____ Psychology 502 Cognitive Development | _____ Psychology 521 The Structure of Human Thought: Concepts, Language and Culture |
| _____ Psychology 503 Social Development | _____ Psychology 525 Cognition in Health and Society |
| _____ Psychology 505 Depth Topics in Biological Science | _____ Psychology 526 The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives |
| _____ Psychology 508 Psychology of Human Emotions: From Biology to Culture | _____ Psychology 532 Psychological Effects of the Internet |
| _____ Psychology 510 Child Psychopathology [prev. 501] | |
| _____ Psychology 513 Hormones, Brain and Behavior | |

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.