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.

___ 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.