

# Psychology - B.S.

College of  
Arts and Sciences

The curriculum in psychology includes courses in the major content areas of psychology. The program provides course work emphasizing the fundamental concepts and techniques of this basic behavioral science. In addition to course work, the program provides for experience in conducting and analyzing laboratory and field research.

## 120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: with the exception of PSY 215, PSY 216, PSY 312, PSY 393, PSY 456, PSY 459, and PSY 565, courses with a PSY prefix are *generally* not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement. Therefore, be sure to keep this requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found in the *Arts and Sciences* section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin.

## UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

### I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology  
or approved equivalent transfer course ..... 3-4

### IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I .....3

### VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II .....3

### VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

PSY 215 Experimental Psychology .....4  
PSY 216 Applications of Statistics in Psychology.....4

### IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

Choose one course from approved list.....3

### X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

**UK Core hours** ..... 35-36

## Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

Select one of the following (completed by Advanced Lecture/Lab):

PSY 427 Cognitive Processes.....4  
PSY 430 Research in Personality.....4  
PSY 440 Research in Social Psychology.....4

PSY 450 Learning.....4  
PSY 456 Behavioral Neuroscience.....4  
PSY 460 Processes of Psychological Development .....4  
PSY 552 Evolutionary Psychology.....4

## Graduation Composition and Communication

**Requirement hours (GCCR)** ..... 4

## College Requirements

I. Foreign Language (*placement exam recommended*) ..... 0-14  
II. Disciplinary Requirements  
a. Natural Science (*completed by PSY 312*)  
b. Social Science (*completed by Premajor Requirement*)  
c. Humanities.....3  
III. Laboratory or Field Work (*completed by Premajor Requirement*)  
IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement..... 0-3  
V. Electives.....6

**College Requirement hours:** ..... 9-26

## Premajor Requirements

\*PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology.....4  
or  
^PSY 11--.....3  
PSY 195 Orientation to Psychology .....1  
\*†PSY 215 Experimental Psychology .....4

**Premajor hours:**..... 8-9

## Major Requirements

### Major Core Requirements

\*†PSY 216 Applications of Statistics in Psychology.....4

plus four of the following five courses:

PSY 223 Developmental Psychology .....3  
PSY 311 Learning and Cognition .....3  
†PSY 312 Brain and Behavior.....3  
PSY 313 Personality and Individual Differences.....3  
PSY 314 Social Psychology and Cultural Processes .....3

**Major Core hours:**..... 16

## Other Course Work Required for the Major

### From the Major Department:

Advanced Lecture/Lab .....4  
Choose from: PSY 427, 430, 440, 450, †456, 460, 552

Capstone Option ..... 3-8  
Choose from: PSY 495 and 496, 499, 500, 534, 535, 561, 562, 563, 564, †565, 566

Electives ..... 0-5  
Choose from: PSY 302, 320, 331, 333, 350, ††393, 394, 395, 399, ††459, 558

### From Outside the Major Department

Choose 14 hours outside Psychology at the 300+ level. 200+ level courses used to satisfy College requirements can also be counted here ..... 14

**Other Major hours:** ..... 26

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## Electives

Choose electives to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation .....5

**Total Minimum hours Required for Degree ..... 120**

*\*Course used towards completion of a UK Core Requirement.*

*^This requirement is fulfilled for students who have completed a 3-credit introductory psychology course at an accredited college or university, or who have scored a 3 on the Advance Placement Psychology Test.*

*†Course used toward completion of the College 60-hour requirement.*

*††Course used toward completion of the College Natural Science requirement.*