

## DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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### Psychology Major (31 credits)

#### Required (13 credits)

1. PSYC 101: General Psychology
2. PSYC 275: Intro to Research Methods  
(Note: Recommend taking before PSYC 371: Psychological Statistics)  
**or**  
PSYC 375: Research Techniques for Experimental Psychology  
(Note: Prerequisite is PSYC 371: Psychological Statistics or equivalent.  
Recommended for students interested in graduate school in psychology.)
3. PSYC 301: Principles of Sensation and Perception  
**or**  
PSYC 302: Principles of Learning and Memory
4. PSYC 371: Psychological Statistics

#### Electives (18 credits) – your choice of Psychology classes!

*Info you should know:*

1. Maximum number of credits allowed in Psychology = 48 credit hours
2. **Only one** of the following courses will count towards the major or minor in psychology (not both):  
  
PSYC 165: Personal Adjustment  
PSYC 167: Stress Management
3. Psychology majors ***can not*** have a minor in Disaster Response. Psychology majors must have a minor (or double major) in a discipline other than psychology. However, psychology majors may choose to receive an emphasis in Disaster Response ***in addition to*** their non-psychology minor/double major.
4. PSYC 255: Introduction to Disaster Response AND PSYC 359: Practicum in Disaster Response are required for the Disaster Response Minor or Major Emphasis. ***However, these two courses do not count towards the 31 hours required for the major or the 18 hours required for the minor.***

Psychology majors interested in graduate school should participate in research activities with faculty and graduate students during their undergraduate training. Academic credit can be earned for these experiences by taking PSYC 498. See your advisor for more information.

The following PSYC courses count toward the B.A. and B.S. distribution requirements:

**Natural Science Only**

These courses may be used only to satisfy distribution requirements in natural sciences:

PSYC 301 Sensation and Perception  
PSYC 302 Principles of Learning and Memory  
PSYC 373 Research Methods in Experimental Psychology  
PSYC 404 Seminar: Memory and Information Processing  
PSYC 406 Cognitive Psychology  
PSYC 411 Physiological Psychology  
PSYC 433 Psychology of Human Performance  
PSYC 434 Artificial Intelligence  
PSYC 435 Human Factors in Computer Systems  
PSYC 436 Human Engineering  
PSYC 438 Psychoacoustics

**Social Science Only**

These courses may be used only to satisfy distribution requirements in social sciences:

PSYC 101 General Psychology  
PSYC 267 Psychology of Personal Adjustment  
PSYC 167 Stress Management  
PSYC 233 Applied Psychology  
PSYC 241 Introduction to Social Psychology  
PSYC 366 Understanding the Sexes  
PSYC 368 Psychology of Sexuality  
PSYC 409 History and Systems of Psychology  
PSYC 430 Organizational Psychology  
PSYC 431 Industrial Psychology  
PSYC 442 Advanced Social Psychology  
PSYC 451 Psychology of Abnormal Behavior  
PSYC 453 Introduction to Clinical Psychology  
PSYC 464 Theories of Personality and Psychotherapy  
PSYC 478 Program Planning and Evaluation

**Either Natural Science or Social Science—**

These courses may be used to satisfy either natural science or social science distribution requirements, but the same course cannot be counted as both natural science and social science:

PSYC 321 Human Development: Lifespan  
PSYC 408 Psycholinguistics  
PSYC 423 Research in Aging

Depending on the content of Special Topics and individual study courses, they may be designated as either natural science or social science:

PSYC 490 Seminar  
PSYC 491 Independent Study  
PSYC 496 Field Experience  
PSYC 498 Undergraduate Research/Scholarship