

Psychology, Minor

DEPARTMENT

Department of Psychology

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PREB in Pre-Psychology
MN in Psychology, Minor
BA in Psychology, B.A.
MA in Psychology, M.A.
MA in Psychology - Applied Behavior Analysis Option, M.A.
EDS in Psychology, Ed.S.
Courses Offered

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior -- including human thought, emotion, and action -- and the application of scientific knowledge to the solution of real-world problems. It includes a wide variety of topics, including perception, learning, memory, thinking, emotion, personality, social interaction, development, and abnormal behavior. Psychologists recognize that understanding behavior in all its complexity requires studying it from multiple perspectives. A thorough understanding of memory, for example, requires knowledge ranging from the neural structures and processes that underlie it to the social and cultural forces that influence it.

Students majoring in psychology take core courses in general psychology, statistics, and research methodology, along with additional courses in each of the primary areas of the discipline. There are also numerous opportunities for students to supplement their coursework with hands-on experience in faculty research labs and in the field under faculty supervision. Advanced and well-qualified students can participate in our senior honors program. These students design, conduct, and present an original research project as a senior thesis.

Psychology majors learn to think critically, write and speak clearly, identify and solve problems, and work effectively both individually and in groups. As a result, the study of psychology provides excellent preparation for graduate study and careers in a variety of fields.

REQUIREMENTS

Psychology Minor - Requirements

A Psychology Minor must have prior approval of the psychology department faculty adviser. The minor consists of 22 units of psychology courses, 15 of which must be upper division. The required courses for the minor are PSYCH 10 (Intro to Psychology) completed with a grade of C or better, one course from Area B (Basic Knowledge and Skills), and one course from Area C (Basic Applications). The remaining courses may be selected to satisfy the needs of individual students but must be worked out in advance with an adviser from the department and be approved.

Note:

The Psychology Minor also requires a 2.0 GPA and 6 upper-division units in residence.

FACULTY

All full-time faculty members in the department have a Ph.D. in psychology or a closely related field. Their areas of expertise represent the breadth of contemporary scientific psychology. In addition to being dedicated teachers, most faculty members also conduct and publish original research. Many are also licensed or certified as practitioners of clinical psychology, school psychology, or applied behavior analysis.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.