

PSYCHOLOGY, B.A.

A degree in psychology provides students with a scientific framework for understanding human behavior and mental processes. The department offers foundational coursework in general and lifespan development psychology, and core content in personality, cognitive psychology, statistics, social psychology, research methods, and biological psychology. A number of electives are open to students including those with a focus on abnormal psychology, the psychology of gender, health psychology, the psychology of sexuality, introduction to counseling, the science of happiness (study abroad), and psychosocial aspects of aging. Students then choose a capstone course with an emphasis on their own primary research, an internship/fieldwork experience, or a deeper dive into the history and systems of psychology. The department uses an empirical approach to the study of psychology and emphasizes using the scientific method in the quest to understand human behavior.

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Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the B.A. degree in Psychology, the student will:

1. Students should demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts, theoretical perspectives, historical trends, and empirical findings to discuss how psychological principles apply to behavioral problems.
 - a. Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
 - b. Develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
 - c. Describe applications of psychology
2. Students should develop skills in scientific reasoning and problem solving, including effective research methods.
 - a. Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena
 - b. Demonstrate psychology information literacy
 - c. Interpret and design basic psychological research
3. Students will develop ethically and socially responsible behaviors for professional and personal settings in a landscape that involves increasing diversity
 - a. Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice
 - b. Develop awareness of behaviors that build community and enhance professional and civic relationships
4. Students should demonstrate competence in writing and in oral and interpersonal communication skills
 - a. Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
 - b. Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under "Program Required Courses" for the Psychology major.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 42

Major Residency Credits: 16

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Minimum Grade: C

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PSY 1105	General Psychology	4
PSY 2208	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	4
PSY 3216	Personality	2
PSY 3222	Cognitive Psychology	4
PSY 3320	Biological Psychology	4
PSY 3327	Social Psychology	4
PSY 3330	Research Methods	4
PSY 3331	Statistics	4
PSY 4000	Learning Outcomes Assessment	0
PSY 4435	History and Systems of Psychology	4
or PSY 4555	Psychology Fieldwork	
or PSY 4334 & PSY 4335	Empirical Research Proposal and Empirical Research Report	
Four credits of PSY electives		4
BIO 1102	Human Biology and Heredity	4
or BIO 2510 & BIO 2520	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
Total Credits		42

Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, baccalaureate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Total Credits: 128

Upper Division Credits: 42

Residency Requirement: 32

Minimum GPA: 2.0