

Psychology Curriculum Overview

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Mission:

Psychology is a scientific enterprise that attempts to articulate principles of human and animal behavior. These principles are formulated within the context of biological, socio-cultural, and environmental factors. Psychology is both a field of scientific inquiry and a professional activity: it shares its subject matter and its methods with the biological and social sciences, while simultaneously sharing some of the same concerns of the arts; namely, human motivation, emotion, aesthetic appreciation and experience, creativity, and the individual's relations to the world and humankind. Students may explore the discipline from experimental, personality/social, developmental, and/or clinical perspectives. A research-based senior thesis is required, along with an oral presentation at a regional undergraduate research conference. Upper level practica, internships, or field placements that provide practical work experience in a special interest area are encouraged.

Goals:

- To expose students to the full range of ideas in the field of Psychology.
- To give students the opportunity to experience the process of being and acting like a professional in the field of Psychology.
- To prepare students for lifelong career development.

Outcomes:

- To demonstrate understanding and knowledge of the content of Psychology including its major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends.
- To perform research independently and competently in the process of literature review, experimental design, data collection, and statistical analysis, as well as completion of the written and oral senior thesis.

- To communicate effectively in both written and oral formats at local and regional undergraduate research conferences.
- To prepare for successful graduate work and/or employment in professions requiring a Psychology background and/or in professions requiring critical thinking.

Graduate School Preparation:

The Psychology Major is an excellent preparation for most professional schools in:

- Law
- Medicine
- Education
- Business
- Psychology

Careers for this Major:

Careers at the BA level include:

- Army Mental Health Specialist
- Child Development Specialist
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Substance Abuse Counselor

Careers with advanced degrees include:

- Applied Statistician
- Clinical Social Worker
- Guidance Counselor
- Military Counselor
- Neuropsychologist
- School Psychologist
- Speech Pathologist

Bachelor of Arts

B.A. in Psychology - Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

Print as PDF Curriculum Map (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprogramscatalog/collegeofliberalarts/psychology/PSYC_BA.pdf)

| Course | Cr. Comp. | Course | Cr. Comp. |
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| FRESHMAN | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| EN 101 Composition and Literature I | 3 | EN 102 Composition and Literature II | 3 |
| General Education Math (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | MA 232 Elementary Statistics (General Education Math) | 3 |
| Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/collegeofliberalarts/#departmentofmodernlanguagestext) * | 4 | Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/collegeofliberalarts/#departmentofmodernlanguagestext) * | 4 |
| PY 211 Introduction to Psychology ^c | 3 | PY 220 Developmental Psychology ^c | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | | Spring Semester Total Cr.: | |
| 13 | | 13 | |
| SOPHOMORE | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| BA Intercultural Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/majors) | 3 | BA Intercultural Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/majors) | 3 |

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| BI 101 Principles of Biology I (General Education Lab Science) | 4 | General Education Lab Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 4 |
| PY 230 Biopsychology | 3 | PY 241 Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| PY 240 Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 | PY 263 Perception | 3 |
| PY 313 Experimental Psychology I ^c | 3 | PY 314 Experimental Psychology II ^c | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | 16 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: | 16 |
| JUNIOR | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| General Education Arts & Humanities (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | PY 344 Cognition | 4 |
| General Education Leadership (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 1-3 | PY 398 Thesis Preparation ^c | 3 |
| General Education Literature (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | PY 402 Conference ^s | 0 |
| General Education Social Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | General Education History (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprogramscatalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 |
| PY 212 Abnormal Psychology or 324 Adolescent Psychology | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | 16-18 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: | 16 |
| SENIOR | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| PY 360 History and Systems of Psychology (General Education Ethics) ^c | 3 | PY 401 Senior Seminar (General Education Capstone) ^c | 3 |
| PY 498 Senior Thesis ^c | 3 | PY 403 Presentation ^s | 0 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| | | Free Elective | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | 15 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: | 15 |
| TOTAL CREDITS FOR THIS MAJOR: 120-122 | | | |

^c Grade of C or higher required

^s Grade of Satisfactory required

* If BA Modern Language Requirement is completed with fewer than 4 credits, then additional credits must be taken to meet 120.

Bachelor of Science

B.S. in Psychology - Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

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| Course | Cr. Comp. | Course | Cr. Comp. |
|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| FRESHMAN | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| EN 101 Composition and Literature I | 3 | EN 102 Composition and Literature II | 3 |
| BI 101 Principles of Biology I (General Education Lab Science) | 4 | BI 102 Principles of Biology II (or General Education Lab Science) | 4 |
| MA 107 Precalculus Mathematics (or General Education Math) | 4 | MA 232 Elementary Statistics (General Education Math) | 3 |

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| PY 211 Introduction to Psychology | 3 | General Education Leadership (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 |
| | | Free Elective | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | | 14 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: |
| SOPHOMORE | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| PY 212 Abnormal Psychology or 324 Adolescent Psychology | 3 | PY 220 Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PY 230 Biopsychology | 3 | PY 263 Perception | 3 |
| PY 313 Experimental Psychology I | 3 | PY 314 Experimental Psychology II | 3 |
| General Education Literature (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | General Education Social Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 |
| General Education History (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 | General Education Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.norwich.edu/archives/2019-20/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals) | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | | 15 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: |
| JUNIOR | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| PY 240 Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 | PY 241 Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| PY 344 Cognition | 4 | PY 360 History and Systems of Psychology (General Education Ethics) | 3 |
| PY 398 Thesis Preparation | 3 | PY 498 Senior Thesis | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | | 16 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: |
| SENIOR | | | |
| Fall | | Spring | |
| PY 401 Senior Seminar | 3 | PY 403 Presentation ^S | 0 |
| PY 402 Conference ^S | 0 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Free Elective | 3 | Free Elective | 3 |
| Fall Semester Total Cr.: | | 15 | Spring Semester Total Cr.: |
| TOTAL CREDITS FOR THIS MAJOR: 121 | | | |

^S Grade of Satisfactory required

* If General Education Leadership requirement is met with less than 3 credits, then additional credits must be taken to meet 120.

Minors

Cross-Cultural Psychology Minor Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

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| PY 211 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PY 236 | Cross-Cultural Psychology | 3 |
| PY 240 | Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 |
| PY 344 | Cognition | 4 |
| SO 214 | Racial and Cultural Minorities | 3 |
| SO 212 | Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| Choose ONE of the following: | | |
| PY 241 | Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| PY 263 | Perception | 3 |
| PY 321 | Organizational Psychology | 3 |

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| PY 352 | Learning and Memory | 4 |
| Total Cr. | | 22-23 |

Engineering Psychology Minor Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

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| PY 211 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PY 232 | Engineering Psychology | 3 |
| PY 344 | Cognition | 4 |
| PY 350 | Environmental Psychology | 3 |
| Choose ONE of the following: | | |
| PY 230 | Biopsychology | 3 |
| PY 263 | Perception | 3 |
| PY 352 | Learning and Memory | 4 |
| Choose ONE of the following: | | |
| PY 220 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PY 240 | Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 |
| PY 241 | Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| PY 321 | Organizational Psychology | 3 |
| Total Cr. | | 19-20 |

Forensic Psychology Minor Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

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| PY 211 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PY 234 | Forensic Psychology | 3 |
| PY 355 | Psychology and the Law | 3 |
| Choose TWO of the following: | | |
| PY 212 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| PY 220 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PY 240 | Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 |
| PY 241 | Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| Choose TWO of the following: | | |
| PY 230 | Biopsychology | 3 |
| PY 263 | Perception | 3 |
| PY 344 | Cognition | 4 |
| PY 352 | Learning and Memory | 4 |
| Total Cr. | | 21-23 |

Political Psychology Minor Curriculum Map 2019-2020 Catalog

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| PY 211 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PY 238 | Political Psychology | 3 |
| PY 240 | Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 |
| PY 344 | Cognition | 4 |
| PO 105 | American Politics | 3 |
| Choose ONE of the following: | | |
| PO 315 | Public Opinion and Political Behavior | 3 |
| PO 333 | American Foreign Policy | 3 |
| Choose ONE of the following: | | |
| CM 304 | Principles and Practices of Corporate Communications | 3 |
| PY 241 | Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| Total Cr. | | 22 |

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| PY 211 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| PY 313 | Experimental Psychology I | 3 |
| Choose two of the following: | | |
| PY 212 | Abnormal Psychology | 3 |
| PY 230 | Biopsychology | 3 |
| PY 240 | Introduction to Social Psychology | 3 |
| PY 241 | Introduction to Personality Theory | 3 |
| PY 263 | Perception | 3 |
| PY 344 | Cognition | 4 |
| PY 352 | Learning and Memory | 4 |
| One course at the 200 level | | 3 |
| One course at the 300 or 400 level | | 3 |
| Total Cr. | | 18-24 |