

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

Major (B.A.)

Psychology (B.A.) – Curriculum Map 2021-2022 Catalog

Course	Cr. Comp.	Course	Cr. Comp.
FRESHMAN			
Fall		Spring	
EN 110 Writing and Inquiry in Public Contexts	3	EN 111 Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts	3
General Education Math (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	MA 232 Elementary Statistics (General Education Math)	3
Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/collegeofliberalarts/#departmentofmodernlanguagestext/) *	4	Modern Language (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/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/residentialprograms/catalog/majors/)	3	BA Intercultural Elective (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/majors/)	3
BI 101 Principles of Biology I (General Education Lab Science)	4	General Education Lab Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/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.:		Spring Semester Total Cr.:	
16		16	
JUNIOR			
Fall		Spring	
General Education Arts & Humanities (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	PY 344 Cognition	4
General Education Leadership (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	1-3	PY 398 Thesis Preparation ^c	3
General Education Literature (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	PY 402 Conference ^s	0
General Education Social Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	General Education History (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3
PY 212 Abnormal Psychology or 324 Adolescent Psychology	3	Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:		Spring Semester Total Cr.:	
16-18		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
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Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
		Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:		Spring Semester Total Cr.:	
15		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.

Major (B.S.)

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Course	Cr. Comp.	Course	Cr. Comp.
FRESHMAN			
Fall		Spring	
EN 110 Writing and Inquiry in Public Contexts	3	EN 111 Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts	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
PY 211 Introduction to Psychology	3	General Education Leadership (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/) [*]	3
		Free Elective	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:		Spring Semester Total Cr.:	
14		16	

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/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	General Education Social Science (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3
General Education History (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3	General Education Arts and Humanities (http://catalog.norwich.edu/residentialprograms/catalog/generaleducationgoals/)	3
Fall Semester Total Cr.:	15	Spring Semester Total Cr.:	15
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.:	15
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.:	15
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 2021-2022 Catalog

A Psychology major is ineligible to declare the minor.

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
PY 352	Learning and Memory	4

Total Cr. 22-23

Engineering Psychology Minor 2021-2022 Catalog

A Psychology major is ineligible to declare the minor.

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 2021-2022 Catalog

A Psychology major is ineligible to declare the minor.

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 2021-2022 Catalog

A Psychology major is ineligible to declare the minor.

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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Psychology Minor 2021-2022 Catalog

A Psychology major is ineligible to declare the minor.

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 PY course at the 200 level		3
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One PY course at the 300 or 400 level		3
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Total Cr.		18-24
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