

Psychology

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Requirements for a Psychology Major, B.A. (43)

Introductory course

PY 101 Introductory Psychology 3

Methodology courses

PY 326W Research and Data Analysis 3

PY 326L Data Analysis Laboratory 1

Content courses

PY 210 Developmental Psychology 3

PY 227W Theories of Personality 3

One of the following: 3

 PY 241 Social Psychology: Social Relations

 PY 242 Social Psychology: The Self

PY 302 History of Psychology 3

Two upper-division psychology courses from the following: 6

 PY 336 Physiological Psychology

 PY 358 Psychopathology

 PY 425W Cognitive Processes

 PY 468 Theories of Counseling

Three other psychology courses from the following: 9

 PY 223 Psychology of Women

 PY 231 Child and Family Study

 PY 241 Social Psychology: Social Relations

 PY 242 Social Psychology: The Self

 PY 315 Holocaust and Genocide

 PY 336 Physiological Psychology

 PY 343 Prejudice Across America (Study Tour)

 PY 358 Psychopathology

 PY 425W Cognitive Processes

 PY 468 Theories of Counseling

Capstone courses	
PY 475	Senior Seminar 3
PY 423	Practicum 3
PY 498W	Senior Research 3

Requirements for a Psychology Minor (15)

PY 101	Introductory Psychology 3
	Four additional approved courses 12

Psychology Courses

- PY 101 Introductory Psychology 3**
Use of scientific method in examining human behavior. How to deal objectively with questions about behavior. Topics include biological development, perception, states of consciousness, learning and memory, motivation and emotion, disorder and therapy, social, diversity behavior. Fall and spring semesters.
- PY 196 Topics in Psychology 1-3**
Selected lower-division topics in psychology. Periodic offering.
- PY 200 Psychopathology and Film 3**
Introduction to social issues of psychopathology using American films. Exploration of various symptoms, disorders, interpersonal dynamics, influences, treatments and legal and ethical issues. Prerequisite: PY 101. Jan Term, odd years.
- PY 210 Developmental Psychology 3**
The biological, psychological and cultural influences on human behavioral development from conception through death. Prerequisite: PY 101. Fall and spring semesters.
- PY 223 Psychology of Women 3**
Introduction to theory and research about the psychology of women. Topics covered include the concept of masculinity and femininity, theoretical perspectives on sex and gender, sex-role development in childhood and adolescence, gender differences and similarities, sexuality, reproduction, therapy, personal growth, gender and the media, and issues in the workplace. Jan Term.
- PY 227W Theories of Personality 3**
Study and comparison of major theories of personality current in the field of psychology. Integration of theories with research and case material. Prerequisite: PY 101. Fall and spring semesters.
- PY 241 Social Psychology: Social Relations 3**
An attempt to understand how an individual's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are influenced by the actual, imagined, or implied presence of others. Trends and findings of current research and its limitations. Prerequisite: PY 101. Fall semester.
- PY 242 Social Psychology: The Self 3**
The scientific study of how people make judgments and process information about themselves and others. This course covers classic and contemporary research related to social cognition, self-perception, well-being and health psychology; persuasion in the marketplace and the law, attitudes, and attitude change. Prerequisite: PY 101.
- PY 302 History of Psychology 3**
An attempt to understand how historical figures, classical theories of human nature and events familiar to and distant from other scientific disciplines have molded the development of psychology. Prerequisite: PY 101. Spring semester.
- PY 315 The Holocaust and Genocide: a Social-Psychological Analysis 3**
A social-psychological analysis of anti-Semitism, social Darwinism, eugenics and the resulting Holocaust (1939-1945) that staggered the world. Empirical findings and theoretical principles from contemporary social psychology will be used to examine other modern examples of genocide. Periodic offering.

- PY 326W Research and Data Analysis** **3**
Principles of psychological research. Research design and analysis of student research projects. Laboratory required. Prerequisite: PY 101. Fall semester.
- PY 326L Data Analysis Laboratory** **1**
Must be taken with PY 326W. Designed to introduce students to testing and assessment.
- PY 336 Physiological Psychology** **3**
A critical examination of the methods of investigation, theories and current developments in the field of physiological psychology, including such behaviors as drug use and abuse, hunger and thirst, sleep and dreaming, emotion, learning, memory, sexual behavior and psychopathology. Prerequisite: PY 101. Spring semester.
- PY 342 Prejudice Across America Tour Preparation** **1**
Preparatory readings. Prerequisite: selection by instructor. Fall semester, odd years.
- PY 343 Prejudice Across America Tour** **3**
This unique Amtrak study tour across America exposes students to the history of the four major non-white racial/ethnic groups and diverse religious worldviews. These histories, communicated via museum exhibitions and special lecturers, detail the contributions, sufferings and cultures of these groups. These specific analyses are complemented by an examination of the general psychological dynamics of stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination. Prerequisites: selection by instructor, completion of PY 342 and the social science requirement; sophomore standing. Fulfills the multicultural requirement. Jan Term, even years.
- PY 350 Psychology and Christian Faith** **3**
Exploration of the integration of psychological research and Christian faith. Examines potential tensions and resolutions in integrating psychological and Christian approaches to understanding development, maturity, conversion, and counseling. Prerequisite: three courses in psychology, including PY 101. Periodic offering.
- PY 358 Psychopathology** **3**
Study of behaviors categorized as mental illness or mental disorder. Introduction to the DSM-IV and treatment. Pertinent issues in genetic and neurochemical factors, family interactions, and other social relationships examined. Prerequisite: PY 101 and PY 227. Fall semester.
- PY 394 Research Assistantship** **1-3**
- PY 396 Topics in Psychology** **1-3**
Selected upper-division topics in psychology. Periodic offering.
- PY 423 Practicum in Psychology** **3**
Placement in community agency or organization. Applications of psychological concepts and analysis of individual experiences in a seminar format. Prerequisite: junior or senior psychology major. Fall and spring semesters, Jan Term.
- PY 425W Cognitive Processes** **3**
Historical development of learning, major theoretical positions, empirical issues and findings. Seminar format. Prerequisites: PY 101, PY 326W/L and MA 256, PY 256L. Spring semester.
- PY 468 Theories of Counseling** **3**
Introduction to the field of counseling, including major theoretical orientations: psychoanalytic, behavioral, humanistic/existential. Prerequisites: PY 101 and PY 227W. PY 358 recommended. Spring semester.
- PY 475 Senior Seminar** **3**
Training in group process, leadership styles, and oral presentation skills. Content mastery of topics in scientific principles is also expected. Prerequisite: PY 101 and senior psychology major. Spring semester.

PY 498W Senior Research**3**

Final learning/evaluation situation for psychology major. Design and carry out independent research project. Seminar format. Prerequisite: PY 101, PY 326W/L, and MA 256, PY 256L. Fall semester.

PY 499 Honors Senior Research**1**

Students will refine their original senior research project for publication in a professional journal or presentation at a regional or national professional conference. Prerequisites: PY 498W and approval of a faculty sponsor. Spring semester.

Directed Studies

Independent Studies (191, 291, 391, 491); Readings (386, 486); Internships (290, 490); Field Studies (280, 480); and Teaching Assistantships (395, 495). See Page 169 for details.