

Psychology (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
PSY 301	Introduction to Psychology	3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		6
PSY 317L	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
Hours chosen from: Lower-division psychology		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
PSY 420M	Psychological Methods and Statistics	4
<u>Humanities (040)</u>		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		16
Year 3		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY Area I		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		3
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Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY Area II		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Free Elective		6
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY Area III		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Minor/Certificate course		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division		3
Free Elective		2
Hours		14
Semester 2		
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3

Minor/Certificate course	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division	3
Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
PSY 301	Introduction to Psychology (with a grade of at least C)	3
PSY 317L	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (with a grade of at least C) (Students with credit for Psychology 317 must complete Psychology 120R with a grade of at least C prior to advancing to Psychology 420M)	3
PSY 420M	Psychological Methods and Statistics (with a grade of at least C)	4

For the three following areas, one course may not be used to satisfy more than one area:

Clinical/social/developmental/evolutionary psychology	
Hours chosen from:	3
PSY 333C	Controversial Issues in Development
PSY 333D	Introduction to Developmental Psychology
PSY 333E	Identity Formation
PSY 333F	Fantasy and Reality
PSY 333M	Infant Development
PSY 333R	Social Development in Children
PSY 333T	Adolescent Development
PSY 333W	Moral Development
PSY 334D	Psychology of Human Mating
PSY 334E	Evolutionary Psychology
PSY 339	Behavior Problems of Children
PSY 343K	Substance Abuse
PSY 346K	Psychology of Sex
PSY 364	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSY 365G	Gender and Racial Attitudes

Cognition/language/neuroscience/perception	
Hours chosen from:	3
PSY 323	Perception
PSY 323P	Perceptual Systems: Neurons, Behavior, and Evolution
PSY 323S	Sex Differences in Cognition and Perception
PSY 326K	Principles of Conditioning and Learning
PSY 332	Behavioral Neuroscience
PSY 332C	Hormones and Behavior
PSY 333N	Cognitive Development
PSY 333P	Child Language
PSY 337	Psychology of Language
PSY 338K	Psychology of Reading
PSY 345	Individual Differences

PSY 353K	Psychopharmacology	
PSY 355	Cognition	
PSY 355D	Animal Cognition	
PSY 355R	Reasoning and Decision Making	
PSY 371	Learning and Memory	
Multicultural/diversity/inclusion in the behavioral sciences		
Hours chosen from:		3
PSY 332U	Diversity in Cognitive Aging	
PSY 364T	Multicultural Psychotherapy	
PSY 333C	Controversial Issues in Development	
PSY 339	Behavior Problems of Children	
PSY 365D	Behavioral Science, Equity, and Inclusion	
OR a course from an approved list available at https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/psychology/		
Hours chosen from: Psychology		9
Subtotal		28
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		11
Subtotal		62
General Education		
<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>		30
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		
Subtotal		30
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>		
<u>General University Requirements</u>		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements and Policy

- No more than three hours lower-division psychology may be taken in addition to PSY 301 and PSY 317L, and no less than 15 hours upper-division beyond PSY 420M.
- PSY 420M and at least six hours upper-division must be completed in residence. Psychology majors must earn a grade of at least C in PSY 317L (PSY 120R) and PSY 420M to register for upper-division psychology.
- Students may not enroll in PSY 317L (PSY 120R) and PSY 420M more than twice.
- PSY 319R, PSY 357, PSY 357R, PSY 359 are offered on pass/fail basis only; they may not be counted toward the 28 hours in psychology required for the major.
- No student may register for more than 10 semester hours of psychology in any one semester without approval Psychology undergraduate advisor approval.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<u>Literature and Writing</u>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6

Choose a sequence below:	12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I
Sequence 2: Plan I	
E 316L	British Literature
or E 316M	American Literature
or E 316N	World Literature
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>	3
Choose a sequence below: <i>Social Science</i>	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics
Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
<i>Mathematics</i>	
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II
Sequence 2: Plan I	
Hours chosen from: Mathematics	
Choose a sequence below:	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning
Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
Choose a sequence below:	15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II
Three Hours chosen from:	
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies	
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).