

Psychology (BSPsy)

As an alternative to the Bachelor of Arts program, this degree is designed to offer students a more extensive scientific program that may better prepare them for graduate study or employment in research fields. Students interested in mathematics-based or physiology-based areas of psychology have the opportunity to develop more breadth and depth in the fields that complement their area of interest within psychology. To accomplish this goal, the curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Psychology puts more emphasis on natural sciences and less on language arts.

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

Minor/Certificate course	3	
Hours	15	
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY Area III	3	
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY	3	
Hours chosen from: Upper-division PSY	3	
Humanities (040)	3	
Minor/Certificate course	3	
Hours	15	
Semester 2		
Minor/Certificate course	3	
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)	3	
M 408K or M 408C	Differential Calculus or Differential and Integral Calculus	4
Hours chosen from: Upper-division		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division		2
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		
Hours chosen from: each of the three areas; one course may not be used to satisfy more than one area (see course list tab)		
	Clinical/Social/Developmental/Evolutionary Psychology	3
	Cognition/Language/Neuroscience/Perception	3
	Multicultural/Diversity/Inclusion in the Behavioral Sciences	3
	Hours chosen from: upper-division Psychology coursework, including:	19
PSY 301	Introduction to Psychology (with a grade of at least C)	
PSY 317L	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (with a grade of at least C)	
PSY 420M	Psychological Methods and Statistics (with a grade of at least C; must be taken in residence)	
Subtotal		28
Degree		
Literature and Writing		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
Hours chosen from: Writing intensive coursework-see course list (may also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division Writing intensive coursework-see course list (may also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		6
E 316L	British Literature	3
or E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
or E 316P	Masterworks of Literature	
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		
Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3

<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<i>Mathematics and Natural Science</i>		
Hours chosen from:		4
M 408C	Differential and Integral Calculus	
or M 408K	Differential Calculus	
or a more advanced calculus course		
PSY 317L	Introduction to Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
<i>Hours chosen from: Two natural science sequences below</i>		16
Sequence 1: Biology		
BIO 311C	Introductory Biology I	
BIO 311D	Introductory Biology II	
BIO 325	Genetics	
Sequence 2: Chemistry		
CH 301	Principles of Chemistry I	
CH 104M	Introduction to Chemical Practice I	
CH 302	Principles of Chemistry II	
CH 104N	Introduction to Chemical Practice II	
Sequence 3: Physics		
PHY 317K	General Physics I	
PHY 105M	Laboratory For Physics 302K, 303K, and 317K	
PHY 317L	General Physics II	
PHY 105N	Laboratory For Physics 302L, 303L, and 317L	
Sequence 4: Physics		
PHY 301	Mechanics	
PHY 101L	Laboratory for Physics 301	
PHY 316	Electricity and Magnetism	
PHY 116L	Laboratory for Physics 316	
Sequence 5: Physics		
PHY 303K	Engineering Physics I	
PHY 105M	Laboratory For Physics 302K, 303K, and 317K	
PHY 303L	Engineering Physics II	
PHY 103N	Laboratory for Physics 303L	
Sequence 6: Physics		
PHY 302K	General Physics Technical Course: Mechanics, Heat, and Sound	
PHY 105M	Laboratory For Physics 302K, 303K, and 317K	
PHY 302L	General Physics Technical Course: Electricity and Magnetism, Light, Atomic and Nuclear Physics	
PHY 105N	Laboratory For Physics 302L, 303L, and 317L	
Hours chosen from:		3
Mathematics (M 301, 302, 303D, 303F, 316K, and 316L may not be counted)		
Biology, chemistry, or physics listed in the natural science requirement or more advanced natural science hours		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		15
or Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences or Humanities		
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		6
<i>Subtotal</i>		68
General Education		
<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>		24
<i>Subtotal</i>		24
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>		

<u>General University Requirements</u>	
Total Hours	120

Additional Requirements and Policy

Students with credit for PSY 317L must complete PSY 120R with a grade of at least C prior to advancing to PSY 420M.

A maximum of the following may be counted:

- 3 lower-division psychology hours in addition to PSY 301 and PSY 317L
- 15 hours upper-division beyond PSY 420M

No student may register for more than 10 hours of psychology in any one semester without advisor approval.

Students may not enroll in PSY 317L (PSY 120R) and PSY 420M more than twice.

Students must earn or complete at least:

- 6 upper-division hours and PSY 420M in residence at the University.
- a grade of C in PSY 317L (PSY 120R) and PSY 420M to register for upper-division psychology.
- a 2.00 grade point average in the major
- 39 upper-division hours
- 24 upper-division in-residence hours
- 36 lower- or upper-division in-residence hours

PSY 319R, PSY 357, PSY 357R, PSY 359 may not be counted toward major psychology hours.

A student may not earn both the Bachelor of Arts with a major in psychology and the Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

Students in this program may pursue any Bachelor of Arts honors program in the college except for Plan II Honors.

Hours may be counted toward more than one requirement only in the following cases:

- Core Curriculum hours may also be counted toward any specific program requirement unless otherwise stated below.
- Hours counted toward the degree may also be counted toward the major.
- Up to 3 hours counted toward the degree or Core Curriculum may also be counted toward the minor.

Course Lists

Clinical/Social/Developmental/Evolutionary Psychology

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 333C	Controversial Issues in Development	3
PSY 333D	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	3
PSY 333E	Identity Formation	3
PSY 333F	Fantasy and Reality	3
PSY 333M	Infant Development	3
PSY 333R	Social Development in Children	3
PSY 333T	Adolescent Development	3
PSY 333W	Moral Development	3
PSY 334D	Psychology of Human Mating	3
PSY 334E	Evolutionary Psychology	3

PSY 339	Behavior Problems of Children	3
PSY 343K	Substance Abuse	3
PSY 346K	Psychology of Sex	3
PSY 352P	Psychopathology	3
PSY 364	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
PSY 365G	Gender and Racial Attitudes	3

Cognition/Language/Neuroscience/ Perception

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 323	Perception	3
PSY 323P	Perceptual Systems: Neurons, Behavior, and Evolution	3
PSY 323S	Sex Differences in Cognition and Perception	3
PSY 326K	Principles of Conditioning and Learning	3
PSY 332	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
PSY 332C	Hormones and Behavior	3
PSY 333N	Cognitive Development	3
PSY 333P	Child Language	3
PSY 337	Psychology of Language	3
PSY 338K	Psychology of Reading	3
PSY 345	Individual Differences	3
PSY 353K	Psychopharmacology	3
PSY 355	Cognition	3
PSY 355D	Animal Cognition	3
PSY 355R	Reasoning and Decision Making	3
PSY 371	Learning and Memory	3

Multicultural/Diversity/Inclusion in the Behavioral Sciences

Code	Title	Hours
PSY 332U	Diversity in Cognitive Aging	3
PSY 333C	Controversial Issues in Development	3
PSY 339	Behavior Problems of Children	3
PSY 364T	Multicultural Psychotherapy	3
PSY 365D	Behavioral Science, Equity, and Inclusion	3
Hours chosen from: an approved list available at https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/psychology/		3