

THESE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AU08 AND BEYOND. IF YOU ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY PRIOR TO AU08, PLEASE SEE BILL BAUER IN THE ADVISING OFFICE TO DETERMINE YOUR MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.

Courses in italics are currently offered at the Mansfield Campus at least every other year.

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Overview of Major Requirements

Fifty-eight (58) credits in Psychology department coursework. This coursework is distributed across four categories: Data Analysis & Research Requirements, Core Requirements, Advanced Requirements, and Additional Courses.

Psychology 100: General Psychology is a pre-requisite for all psychology coursework. Psychology 100 fulfills both a Social Science and a Social Diversity GEC. This course does not count as hours on the major.

Section I. Data Analysis & Research Requirements

(Take both of the courses listed below)

220 Introduction to Data Analysis in Psychology (5)

300 Introduction to Research in Psychology (4)

Section II. Core Requirements

(Take one course in each of the 6 areas listed below)

A. Perception and Action

302 Introduction to the Psychology of Listening and Reading (4)

309 Human Motor Control and Learning (4)

310 Basic Psychology: Perception (4)

311 Motivation & Action (3)

B. Memory, Decision-Making, and Language

312 Learning, Memory, and Cognition (4)

465 Cognition, Language, and Memory (4)

508 Psychology of Judgment and Decision-Making (5)

C. Clinical/Counseling Psychology

331 Abnormal Psychology (5)

335 Psychology of Adjustment (4)

540 Introduction to Counseling Psychology (4)

D. Developmental Psychology

340 Introduction to Life Span Developmental Psychology (5)

550 Psychology of Childhood (4)

551 Adolescence (5)

552 Psychology of the Adult Years (3)

E. Behavioral Neuroscience

313 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience (5)

F. Social Psychology

*325 Social Psychology (5) **

375 Stereotyping and Prejudice (4)

376 Interpersonal Relationships (5)

** If Psych. 367.01 is used as a second-level writing course for the GEC requirement, it also satisfies the core requirement in the Social Psychology Core Requirement sub-area. However, the credits are not applied to the total credits for the major.*

Section III. Advanced Requirements

(Take at least one course from each of the 3 Advanced Areas below)

A. Behavioral Neuroscience and Cognitive Processes

- 500 Experimental Psychology (5)
- 501 Advanced Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- 503 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (4)
- 510 Research Methods in Cognitive Psychology (5)
- 513 Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience (4)**
- 600 Psychology of Learning (5)
- 601 Comparative Psychology (5)**
- 603 Visual Perception (3)
- 606 High Level Vision (4)
- 608 Mathematical Psychology (3)
- 609 Introduction to Mathematical Models (4)
- 612 Introduction to Cognitive Science (3)
- H613 Biological Bases of Psychopathology (4)
- 617 Neural Network Models (4)
- 620 Human Performance (5)
- 623 Biological Clocks and Behavior (4)
- 624 Psychology of Monkeys and Apes (5)
- 644 Behavioral Endocrinology (4)
- 650 Psychobiology of Stress (4)

B. Clinical and Developmental Psychological Science

- 511 Psychological Testing (4)
- 531 Health Psychology (4)
- 532 Clinical Psychological Science (5)
- 540 Introduction to Counseling Psychology (4)**
- 571 Psychology of Developmental Disability (4)
- 681 Development and Psychopathology (5)**

C. Social Behavior and Personality

- 475 The Self (5)
- 520 Experimental Social Psychology (5)**
- 522 Organizational Psychology (4)
- 525 Psychology of Personal Security (5)
- 530 Psychology of Personality (4)
- 545 Cross Cultural Psychology (4)
- 543 Psychology of Women (5)**
- 630 Psychology of Public Attitudes (3)

Section IV. Additional Courses

To reach 58 credit hours take any 300-level or higher Psychology Department course s (Exceptions: Psychology 320, 389, and 597.xx) not otherwise taken to meet one of the Core and/or Advanced Requirements listed previously. Please note that you may apply up to a maximum of **6 credit hours** of the following courses in any combination toward you psychology major program: Psychology 489, Psychology 693.xx, & Psychology 699. See the current Ohio State University Course Offerings Bulletin for a complete list.

Additional Information

1. A psychology major offers liberal arts students considerable depth and breadth of exposure to disciplined inquiry into human and animal behavior. A major in psychology can provide a strong foundation for professional training or graduate study in psychology. However, the undergraduate degree alone is not sufficient training for a career in psychology.

2. For courses to apply toward the major or minor, you must earn at least a "C-." To earn your degree you will need a major GPA of at least a 2.0 (does not include psychology 100.)

3. A third-level writing course (Psych. 500, 510, and 520) is not required for the B.A. in psychology. However, a third-level writing course is recommended, as well as Psychology 321, for students considering graduate work in psychology.

4. Research experience via Psychology 699 (Undergraduate Research in Psychology) is also highly valuable and strongly encouraged/expected for students considering graduate work in psychology. You may enroll in Psychology 699 by instructor permission only. Not more than six credit hours combined of Psychology 693 (Individual Studies), Psychology 699 or Psychology 489 (Internship in Psychology) may be applied toward the 58 hours required for the major. However, many students choose to earn more than six credits of 699 research experience. For a listing of opportunities for Psychology 699, please see: <http://sv2.psy.ohio-state.edu/693/available.asp>.

5. Students who are interested in exploring career options are encouraged to take Psychology 389 (Career Exploration in Psychology). This 3-credit hour course is graded S/U and provides students with the opportunity to explore career areas and develop career search skills. This course does not count on the major program.

6. Seminar offerings (Psychology 394, 594, 695 and 794) are available to advanced undergraduates. Students should keep informed of these seminars by contacting the Advising Office or checking their website. A maximum of six hours of Psychology 695 can be applied to the major.

7. H783 is a three-course sequence for students pursuing a senior honors thesis. Those students who wish to undertake a senior honors thesis (an application to the Honors Program is required) work closely with a Department of Psychology faculty member. Students propose a research topic, conduct the study, write an honors thesis, and take an oral examination on their work. Completing the honors thesis successfully and maintaining an overall GPA of 3.4 (and a 3.5 GPA in psychology) permits the student to graduate with "Research Distinction in Psychology". It is best for students to find a faculty mentor with whom to work by the autumn quarter of their third year. Most often, this will be a faculty member with whom the student has participated in Psychology 699. Students will enroll in Psychology H783.01 beginning in spring quarter of their junior year, followed by H783.02 in autumn of their senior year and H783.03 in winter of their senior year. Only four of the nine credits earned through H783 will be applied to the major. The remainder of the credits is applied to total credits required for graduation. For more information, see http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/html/u_research1.htm.

8. Students who have a research proposal may apply for an undergraduate research scholarship through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences. Scholarship competitions occur both in the autumn and the spring. Applications may be obtained at the Honors Office in Enarson Hall and online at <http://aschonors.osu.edu/scholarship.cfm>. In addition, there are two research scholarships (the Alkire Research Scholarship and Frederick Y. Billingslea Research Scholarship) available through the Department of Psychology. Applications are available early in spring quarter for the following academic year (see http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/html/u_research2.htm for more information). Students who pursue research in the department may also participate in the Department of Psychology Undergraduate Research Colloquium and the university-wide Denman Research Forum held during spring quarter.

9. Students planning to graduate "With Honors in Arts and Sciences" should see http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/html/honors_req.htm for information on Honors Contract requirements for psychology majors.