Psychology

Psychology Major
A total of 122 credits is required for a major in Psychology leading toward a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree.

Psychology Minor
A minor in Psychology offers students electing majors in other disciplines the opportunity to complement their studies with a coherent set of psychology courses. Different courses are compatible with interests and career goals of students in major areas such as business, child development and family science, and computer science. Students planning a Psychology minor should consult with a faculty adviser from the Department of Psychology (https://www.ndsu.edu/psychology).

Students selecting a minor in Psychology must complete 18 credits in psychology (excluding PSYC 494 Individual Study or PSYC 496 Field Experience). These 18 semester credits may not be taken pass/fail and must include at least one 3-credit 300- or 400-level course. A minimum of eight credits must be taken at NDSU.

Major Requirements

Major: Psychology
Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):
UNIV 189  Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.) 1

Communication (C):
ENGL 110  College Composition I 3
ENGL 120  College Composition II 3
Select one of the following: 3
ENGL 324  Writing in the Sciences
ENGL 325  Writing in the Health Professions
ENGL 459  Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal
COMM 110  Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

Quantitative Reasoning (R):
STAT 330  Introductory Statistics 3

Science & Technology (S):
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list 10

Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list 6
Social & Behavioral Sciences (B): Select from current general education list (cannot use the gen ed PSYC prefix courses to satisfy this category) 6
Wellness (W): Select from current general education list 2
Cultural Diversity (D): Select from current general education list
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list

Total Credits 40

College Requirements

Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree – An additional 12 credits Humanities and Social Sciences and proficiency at the second year level in a modern foreign language.

* Humanities and Social Sciences may be fulfilled by any course having the following prefix: ADHM, ANTH, ARCH, ART, CJ, CLAS, COMM, ECON, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GERM, HDFS, HIST, LA, LANG, MUSC, PHIL, POLS, PSYC, RELS, SOC, SPAN, THEA, WGS, or any course from the approved list of general education courses in humanities and social sciences (general education categories A and B). These credits must come from outside the department of the student’s major.
# Major Requirements

## General Education Requirements

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## Psychology Major Requirements

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## Psychology 400 Level Electives: 15 credits

Select one course from 3 of the following 4 groups (A-D), plus one capstone course and one other PSYC course numbered 400 or higher to equal 15 credits.

### Group A: Social/Personality:

- PSYC 453  Organizational Psychology
- PSYC 468  Personality
- PSYC 470  Experimental Social Psychology

### Group B: Perception/Cognition:

- PSYC 460  Sensation & Perception
- PSYC 461  Memory And Knowledge
- PSYC 464  Attention & Thinking

### Group C: Biological Bases of Behavior:

- PSYC 465  Psychobiology
- PSYC 481  Health Psychology
- PSYC 486  Neuropsychology

### Group D: Individual Differences:

- PSYC 463  Experimental Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 471  The Psychology Of Aging
- PSYC 472  Advanced Psychopathology
- PSYC 473  Child Psychopathology and Therapy

### Capstone Experience:

Select one of the following:

- PSYC 480  History & Systems
- PSYC 489  Honors Thesis
- PSYC 400 Level Additional 400 level PSYC course - may be from PSYC 489, PSYC 494, or PSYC 496 courses taken for a grade.

## Related Required Course

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## Bachelor of Science Supporting Track

14 credits

Student seeking a B.S. degree must select one of the following tracks in consultation with an adviser - 14 credit minimum. Courses selected for either of the supporting track cannot count toward the track and general education.

### Natural Science Track: 14 additional credits in math/science. Prefixes accepted include: BIOL, BIOC, BOT, CHEM, ENT, GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, PLSC, STAT, OR ZOO.

### Social Science Track: 14 additional credits in social sciences (not Psychology). Prefixes accepted include: ANTH, HDFS general education courses or prerequisite is a general education course; CJ, ECON, POLS, or SOC. Other courses accepted include:

- COMM 114  Human Communication
- COMM 212  Interpersonal Communication
- COMM 216  Intercultural Communication
- COMM 260  Introduction to Web Design
- COMM 271  Listening and Nonverbal Communication
- COMM 301  Rhetorical Traditions
- COMM 402  Contemporary Rhetoric
- COMM 435  Critical Approaches to Popular Culture
- COMM 436  Issues in Mass Communications
- COMM 450  Issues in Communication
- COMM 480  Health Communication II
Minor Track: A minor in an approved area

**Degree Requirements: Potential of 29 credits to reach 122**

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**Total Credits: 122-128**

**Program Notes**
- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.

**Minor Requirements**

**Psychology Minor**

**Minor Requirements**

**Required Credits: 18**

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**Total Credits: 18**

**Minor Requirements and Notes**
- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- Courses cannot be taken P/F.