Psychology

Department Information

- **Department Location:** Minard Hall
- **Department Phone:** 701-231-8622
- **Department Web Site:** www.ndsu.edu/psychology/ (http://www.ndsu.edu/psychology/)
- **Credential Offered:** B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:** bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/psychology/#planofstudytext (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/psychology/#planofstudytext)

Major Requirements

**Major: Psychology**

**Degree Type:** B.A. or B.S.

**Minimum Degree Credits to Graduate:** 120

**University Degree Requirements**

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specified by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
   a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU resident credits as defined in #7.
   b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/) section of this Bulletin.

**University General Education Requirements**

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<td>COMM 110</td>
<td>Fundamentals of Public Speaking</td>
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<td>Upper Division Writing †</td>
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Total Credits 39
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* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.
† General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcourseshome).

**College Requirements**

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree – An additional 6 credits in Humanities or Social Sciences</td>
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Humans 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**

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<td>PSYC 111</td>
<td>Introduction to Psychology (Cannot be used to satisfy general education category B)</td>
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<td>PSYC 189</td>
<td>Skills for Academic Success</td>
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<td>PSYC 350</td>
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<td>PSYC Electives</td>
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**Psychology 400 Level Electives:** 9

Select one course from 3 of the following 4 groups (A-D)

- **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 PSYC 480 or PSYC 489 or have completed one course from each of the four Core groups (A-D): 3

- PSYC 480: History & Systems
- PSYC 489: Honors Thesis

**PSYC 400 Level Elective** 3

May include PSYC 493 (Undergraduate Research) or PSYC 496 (Field Experience) courses taken for a grade.

**Other Required Courses**

- ENGL 324: Writing in the Sciences (May satisfy general education category C) 3
- or ENGL 325: Writing in the Health Professions
or ENGL 459 Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal 2
MATH 103 College Algebra (or higher level) 3

**Track Elective** 14-16

Students earning a Bachelor of Science degree must select one of the three tracks listed below in consultation with an adviser (14 credit minimum).

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Total Credits 51-53

**Track: Natural Science** 14

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

Courses selected for this track cannot count for general education.

**Track: Social Science** 14

14 additional credits in social sciences (excluding PSYC prefix courses). Prefixes accepted include: ANTH, CJ, ECON, POLS, SOC or HDFS general education courses or courses that include an HDFS general education prerequisite. Courses selected for this track cannot count for general education.

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
- BUSN 487 Managerial Economics
- MGMT 320 Foundations of Management
- MGMT 330 Foundations of Organizational Behavior
- GEOG 151 Human Geography
- GEOG 161 World Regional Geography
- GEOG 262 Geography of North America

**Track: Minor Program of Study** 16+

A minor in an approved area of study.

1 PSYC 189 is only required for first-time, first-year students—A first-time, first-year student is defined as a student who has not yet completed a college course as a college student. Students that are not first-time, first-year students that either transfer into the university or change their major are not required to take PSYC 189.

**Program Notes**

- Students earning a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete the Modern Foreign Language proficiency (3-14 credits).
- Except for courses offered only as pass/fail grading, no course may be taken Pass/Fail.
- When a student selects psychology as a second major, the student will not have to complete the track elective.