Psychology Major Requirements

Thirty hours of coursework must be completed successfully to fulfill department requirements. Majors must take PSCL 101 (or have 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology test) and PSCL 282 (or approved equivalent). In addition, two courses from each of the following lists are required:

Select 2 of the following nomothetic courses:
- PSCL 315 Social Psychology
- PSCL 352 Psychiological Psychology
- PSCL 353 Psychology of Learning
- PSCL 357 Cognitive Psychology

Select 2 of the following idiographic courses:
- PSCL 230 Child Psychology
- PSCL 313 Psychology of Personality
- PSCL 321 Abnormal Psychology
- PSCL 325 Psychotherapy & Personality Change
- PSCL 369 Adult Development & Aging

The remaining 12 hours are taken from electives chosen by the student in collaboration with their advisor.

Research Opportunities

We strongly encourage all undergraduate psychology majors, especially those interested in PhD programs, to become involved in research activities. Students should discuss with their advisors how to become involved in research and reach out to department faculty to ask about potential research opportunities in their labs.
Pathways for Customizing your major

**Pathways** are structured to help you define your areas of study based on your professional goals.

**CLINICAL**
For those interested in clinical psychology and pursuing a career in clinical research, therapy, or counseling.

**LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT**
For those interested in working with people throughout their lives; those pursing careers in clinical psychology or speech-language pathology.

**PRE-HEALTH**
For those interested in health-related fields such as medicine, nursing, allied-health professions, and hospital administration, to name a few.

**NEUROSCIENCE**
For those interested in pursuing research in cognitive neuroscience, social neuroscience, clinical neuroscience, or affective neuroscience.

**RESEARCH**
For those considering a career in research. Areas include academia (professor), nonprofit (NIH), and Public/private institutions (hospitals, government, military).

---

**OUR FACULTY & SPECIALTIES**

- Arin Connell  Depression, Substance Abuse, & Family Functioning
- Heath Demaree  Emotional & Cognitive Processing
- Anastasia Dimitropoulos  Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Julie Exline  Psychology of Religion & Spirituality
- Norah Feeny  Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Grover Gilmore  Perceptual development and aging
- Robert Greene  Human Learning & Memory
- Sarah Hope Lincoln  Social Dysfunction
- Brooke Macnamara  Skill Acquisition, Learning, & Expertise
- James Overholser  Depression & Suicide
- Amy Przeworski  Anxiety Disorders, Stress, and Diversity
- Sandra Russ  Pretend Play
- Elizabeth Short  Disparity in Cognitive & Emotional Function
- Lee Thompson  Behavioral Genetics & Cognitive Development

---

**Why Choose Us?**

- Close student-faculty relationship
- Opportunities for individualized study & research
- Undergraduate seminars & practicum in hospitalized child psychology in partnership with Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital
- Hands-on research in departmental labs

---

**Psychology Honors Program**

Qualified psychology majors are encouraged to consider the department’s Honors Program which leads to a BA with honors in psychology. The program’s purpose is to provide an intensive, supervised research. Completion of the Honors Program also satisfies the SAGES capstone graduation requirement. Only those students majoring in psychology with a serious interest in the behavioral sciences should consider completing the Honors Program.