PSYCHOLOGY (BS)

The goal of the Department of Psychology is to provide students with an understanding of the methods and content of scientific and applied psychology.

The primary means of attaining our mission is classroom instruction. We offer courses across a wide range of disciplines within psychology; some of our courses also include laboratories that focus on experimental and statistical work. Some of these courses are beginning to be offered as fully online and as hybrid courses (partially online and partially in the classroom). Further learning opportunities are made available through field work, the Honors Program, Experiential Learning, Independent Study, and Internships. Our Internship Program consists of supervised work placements for which students earn academic credit; potential sites include human service organizations as well as community and industrial settings.

Bachelor of Science Psychology majors must select one of the three Bachelor of Science concentrations: General, Cognitive Neuroscience or Healthcare. Students are limited to only declaring one concentration.

After completing any of the concentrations, a psychology major should understand key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology and be able to read and understand behavioral science data, design and conduct rudimentary psychological research studies, and apply research findings to everyday situations. These skills are applicable to a wide variety of occupations and professions. Psychology as a major provides excellent opportunities for students planning to go to graduate or professional school. Psychology as a minor provides a flexible complement to other majors.

Program Requirements

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Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Describe key concepts, principles, themes, and applications across a variety of content domains in psychology.
- Use scientific reasoning and critical thinking to interpret psychological phenomena.
- Design, conduct, and interpret, basic psychological research, accounting for sociocultural factors.
- Design, conduct, and interpret basic psychological research, accounting for biological and/or quantitative factors.
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
- Write a paper applying a cogent scientific argument that includes presenting information using a scientific approach, discussing psychological concepts, explaining the ideas of others, and expressing their own ideas with clarity.

College Core Requirements

Modern Language Requirements

Students who intend to graduate with the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. Such competence may be demonstrated in one of several ways:

- completing the last course in the fourth-year high school sequence of any language
- completing the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language
- completing a college course beyond the first-year level in any language
- achieving a satisfactory score on any of the Modern Language placement examinations administered at DePaul
- achieving a satisfactory rating in a proficiency examination accepted by DePaul
- achieving a score of 3 or higher on the Advance Placement (AP) test for any language
- achieving a score of 5 or higher in the Language B assessment from a Standard or Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) program
- achieving a satisfactory score on the CLEP examination

For further information regarding satisfactory scores and possible credit from the DePaul placement, AP, CLEP, or IB examinations, please contact Student Records.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College of Science and Health will abide by the College of Science and Health Modern Language Requirement in place on the effective date of the ICT.

BA students who meet College requirements and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the "Modern Language Option" of the Liberal Studies Program. While Bachelor of Science (BS) students are not required to demonstrate competency in a modern language, the "Modern Language Option" is available to them for language study at any level.

Major Declaration Requirements

All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. After researching College programs, the student should declare a major field by visiting Campus Connection and using the Declarations and Inter-College Transfer tool. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor or staff advisor in the department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

To change major fields, or to declare a minor or concentration, the student should consult an academic advisor or staff advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.
Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/)
  - 3 Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/)
  - 2 Courses Required

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/)
  - 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/)
  - 2 courses required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/)
  - 2 Courses Required

[1 SWK Course or 1 Lab Course, and 1 Additional Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/)
  - 1 Course Required

Notes
Courses offered in the student’s primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student’s major and is cross-listed with a course within the student’s major, can be applied to count for the LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Psychology BS Healthcare
The BS healthcare concentration requires a different set of Liberal Studies Program requirements. Please refer to the healthcare concentration requirements (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/psychology-bs/healthcare-concentration-psychology-bs/) for details.

Major Requirements

Course Requirements

Common Core

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Select one of the following:
University Honors students are not required to complete the capstone in PSY, however it is recommended as an open elective for them.

Upon faculty approval psychology majors may register for one of the following psychology courses as psychology electives:

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1 Students accepted into the honors program must register for PSY 391 and PSY 396 for 3 quarters (autumn, winter, spring) and a maximum of 4 credits total for each course.

PSY 105 and PSY 106 are not sequential, i.e., one is not a prerequisite for the other. They may be taken in either order. For the research sequence, PSY 240 must be taken first; PSY 241 and PSY 242 may be taken in either order. A special note: PSY 340, an elective course, may be taken immediately after the completion of PSY 240.

**Concentration Requirements**

Students must complete the requirements for one of the following three concentrations: General, Cognitive Neuroscience or Healthcare. Students are limited to only declaring one concentration.

Concentrations, tracks and specializations provide focus to the major. In addition to any college core requirements, liberal studies requirements and major requirements, students are required to choose one of the following:

- Cognitive Neuroscience Concentration, Psychology (BS) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/psychology-bs/cognitive-neuroscience-concentration-psychology-bs/)
- General Concentration, Psychology (BS) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/psychology-bs/general-concentration-psychology-bs/)
- Healthcare Concentration, Psychology (BS) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/psychology-bs/healthcare-concentration-psychology-bs/)