

PSYCHOLOGY

Degree Offered: BA

Minor: Yes (See Catalogue for requirements.)

Courses appropriate for beginning students:

- Psychology courses numbered below 200 have no prerequisites.

Courses required for majors and appropriate for beginning students:

- 105 Topics in Psychology. Courses numbered below 150 are designed to introduce students to psychology in the context of one particular issue or problem. One of these courses can count toward the major, but they are designed for non-majors.
- 150 Foundational Issues in Psychology. Most upper-level psychology courses require this course as a prerequisite. Non-majors interested in further study in the department or in psychology-related careers should enroll in this course. (F8)
- 200 Research Methods and Statistics. Required of all majors and minors. Students will be taught critical thinking and scientific reasoning, basic experimental design, and elementary statistics. **Students planning to major in psychology should take this as soon as possible.**
- 211 Statistical Methods. Required of all majors. Statistical methods are an integral part of social sciences, particularly psychology, as they provide the tools that are needed to reveal patterns in complex behavior. Students will develop an appreciation of the role of statistics and knowledge of the major tests that demonstrate differences and relationships. **Students planning to major in psychology should take this class as soon as possible.**

Required courses in other departments:

- None

Recommended courses in other departments:

- Recommended courses vary depending on the student's career goals.

Latest time to begin a major and graduate on schedule:

- Second semester of first year.

AP credit:

- See [AP Exam table](#) for details

Courses that close quickly:

- Most psychology courses close in pre-registration. Students will need to put psychology courses high in the registration tree.

Courses that must be taken in sequence:

- 200 should be taken after 150
- 200 and 211 can be taken in any order or concurrently
- All 300 level courses should be taken after 150, 200 and 211
- Advanced Topics in Research Methods (350 – 353) must be taken in the Junior Year

Courses that don't count toward a major:

- a second 105 Topics course

Exceptions to general rules:

In the following cases, prerequisites can be waived:

- 229 Developmental Psychology—Junior or Senior biology majors and Educational Studies minors need not take Psych 200. First-year Learning Community students enrolled in 229 Developmental Psychology need not take 150 or 200.