PSYCHOLOGY, B.A.

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the Guide.

General Education

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Mathematics

Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language

- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

L&S Breadth

- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
- 12 credits of Social Science; and
- 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework Complete at least 108 credits.

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.

Major Declare and complete at least one major.

Total Credits Complete at least 120 credits.

UW-Madison Experience

- 30 credits in residence, overall; and
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.

Quality of Work

- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison

NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The major requires 33 credits in PSYCH (https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/psych/) and completion of the four learning areas below:

FOUNDATION

Foundation courses provide a grounding in basic psychological facts and an understanding of the methodologies used to produce those facts. Four courses are required with grades of C or better in each course:

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| STAT 371   | Introductory Applied Statistics for the Life Sciences | |}

Research Methods—one course:

PSYCH 225 Research Methods 4

Introductory Biology—complete one of three tracks: 5-10

ZOLOLOGY/
BIOLOGY 101
& ZOLOLOGY/
BIOLOGY 102 Animal Biology

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BOTANY 151 Introductory Biology
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<td>PSYCH/ ZOOLOGY 523</td>
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### Biological Courses

- **Code**: PSYCH 401
- **Title**: Psychology, Law, and Social Policy
- **Credits**: 3

### Cognitive and Perceptual Sciences

- **Code**: PSYCH 406
- **Title**: Psychology of Perception
- **Credits**: 3-4

- **Code**: PSYCH 413
- **Title**: Language, Mind, and Brain
- **Credits**: 3-4

- **Code**: PSYCH 414
- **Title**: Cognitive Psychology
- **Credits**: 3-4

### Developmental

- **Code**: PSYCH/SOC 453
- **Title**: Human Sexuality
- **Credits**: 4

- **Code**: PSYCH 460
- **Title**: Child Development
- **Credits**: 3-4

- **Code**: PSYCH 464
- **Title**: Adult Development and Aging
- **Credits**: 3

### Social and Personality

- **Code**: PSYCH 403
- **Title**: Psychology of Personality
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 428
- **Title**: Introduction to Cultural Psychology
- **Credits**: 3-4

- **Code**: PSYCH 456
- **Title**: Social Psychology
- **Credits**: 3-4

- **Code**: PSYCH/ GEN&WS 522
- **Title**: Psychology of Women and Gender
- **Credits**: 3

### DEPTH

- **Code**: PSYCH 501
- **Title**: Depth Topic in Social Science (multiple separate topics offered each semester)
- **Credits**: 4

- **Code**: PSYCH 502
- **Title**: Cognitive Development
- **Credits**: 4

### Capstone

Capstone courses allow students to engage in depth with particular content areas in psychology in a seminar setting. **One course** is required:

- **Code**: PSYCH 601
- **Title**: Current Topics in Psychology (many separate topics each semester)
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 602
- **Title**: Intermediate Statistics for Psychology
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 603
- **Title**: Epigenetics and the Brain
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 606
- **Title**: Hormones and Behavior
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 607
- **Title**: Introduction to Psychotherapy
- **Credits**: 3

- **Code**: PSYCH 612
- **Title**: Neuropharmacology
- **Credits**: 3

### ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

To attain 33 credits in PSYCH, students may complete any additional PSYCH course(s), including courses from: the Breadth, Depth, or Capstone areas; Honors in the Major; or directed/independent study and mentored research.

### RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all PSYCH and major courses
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence
- 15 credits in PSYCH, taken on the UW–Madison campus

### HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may apply for Honors in the Psychology Major in consultation with the psychology undergraduate advisor(s). Decisions on admission to the Honors in the Major in Psychology program are made on a rolling basis throughout the year by a committee of psychology faculty. Overall, criteria emphasize demonstrated ability and commitment to becoming a first-rate scholar. Performance in coursework at the university, particularly Honors courses in psychology and related fields, is among the criteria for admission. Consistent with the philosophy that there is more to honors scholarship than distinguished grades, commitment to excellence in the science of psychology, evidence of broad scholarship (including mathematics and sciences), and evidence of involvement within the university and the broader community enhance students' credentials.
HONORS IN THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Psychology, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.300 GPA in all PSYCH and major courses
- Complete the following courses with Honors and a grade of B or higher:
  - PSYCH 380
  - Three Psychology Breadth and/or Depth courses
  - A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in PSYCH 681 and PSYCH 682 for a total of 6 credits.

FOOTNOTES

1. A score of 4 or higher on the IB Psychology exam or a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology exam.
2. A score of 4 or better on the IB Biology exam, or a score of 4 or 5 on the AP Biology exam will satisfy the Introductory Biology requirement.
3. PSYCH 300-699 are upper-level in the major.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree

To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency

Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work

Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.