The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences

Minors available within the Psychology Department

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614-292-5750; http://undergrad.psy.ohio-state.edu/

The minor in psychology varies in credit hours  
(approximately 20-24) based on individual course selection.

You are strongly encouraged to meet with a psychology  
advisor early to discuss your course selection and the track  
option best suited for your future goals. Honors students  
must meet with the psychology honors advisor (292-5750).

Requirements for all Psychology Department Minor Programs

Psychology 100*, Psychology 220 (or equivalent determined  
by the Department of Psychology**), Psychology 300, and  
three additional courses specific to the chosen track are  
required of all psychology minors. Psychology 220 and  
Psychology 300 should be taken as early as possible.

*Note: Because Psychology 100 is a 100-level course,  
students must take at least 25 credit hours total. See ASC rules 1 and 2 
under ASC Minor Guidelines.

**Note: If using a preapproved equivalent to Psychology 220,  
an additional psychology minor course must be taken. Please see  
psychology advisor for course options.

General Psychology Minor

The general psychology minor is intended to accommodate  
the interests and the needs of students from a variety of  
majors who want to develop a basic, foundational  
perspective in the field of psychology. The minor provides  
introductory coursework in fundamental psychological  
issues of behavior, cognition, development, and individual  
differences.

Complete one course from three of the six core areas (A-F)  
listed below, with at least one at the 500-level or above.

Area A: Perception and Action  
Psychology 302, 309, 310, 311

Area B: Memory, Decision-Making, and Language  
Psychology 312, 465, 508 or 508H

Area C: Clinical/Counseling Psychology  
Psychology 331, 335, 540

Area D: Developmental Psychology  
Psychology 340 or 340H, 550 or 550H, 551, 552

Area E: Behavioral Neuroscience  
Psychology 313

Area F: Social Psychology  
Psychology 325 or 325H or 367.01*, 375*, 376

Clinicial & Individual Differences Minor

The minor in Clinical and Individual Differences considers  
the intellectual, emotional, biological, psychological, social,  
and behavioral aspects of human functioning in an effort to  
reduce discomfort and promote adaptation and personal  
adjustment. This minor will provide students with knowledge  
about current perspectives and research in the areas of  
abnormal psychology, adjustment, testing, health  
psychology, and diversity issues.

Complete three courses, at least two at the 500+ level.

Psychology 331 or 331H, 335, 511, 530, 531, 532, 540, 543,  
545, 597.03*, 613H, 681, 684

Developmental Psychology Minor

Developmental Psychology considers fundamental  
questions in the field of psychology from the perspective of  
developmental change, utilizing a cognitive, social, physical,  
emotional, and moral lens. This minor will provide students  
with broad exposure to human development across the  
lifespan, as well as to developmental issues with special  
populations, such as adolescents, individuals with  
developmental disabilities, and delinquents.

Complete three courses, at least two at the 500+ level.

Psychology 340 or 340H, 350, 550 or 550H, 551, 552, 554,  
555, 571, 681, 684

Organization & Performance Minor

The minor in Organization and Performance provides  
students with knowledge of issues on both an individual and  
group basis, such as motivation, decision-making,  
leadership, creativity, and attitude formation, that impact  
performance on multiple levels.

Complete three courses, at least two at the 500+ level.

Psychology 311, 321, 325 or 325H or 367.01*, 375*, 462,  
508, 508H, 511, 521, 522, 530, 545, 597.04*

Social and Personality Minor

Social and Personality is a subfield of psychology that  
studies how people think about, influence, and relate to one  
another. This minor will provide students with knowledge  
about personality theory, attitudes and attitude formation,  
stereotyping and prejudice, and decision-making.

Complete three courses, at least two at the 400+ level.

Psychology 325 or 325H or 367.01*, 375*, 376, 475, 508 or  
508H, 515, 518, 520, 525, 530, 543, 545, 630

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Biological Bases of Behavior Minor
Biological Psychology explores the relationship between the brain and behavior. The Biological Bases of Behavior minor will allow students to study behavior specifically from a physiological perspective.

Psychology 313 and complete two additional courses.

Psychology 305, 501, 513, 515, 601, 613H

**Psychology Research Minor**

The Psychology Research minor is designed to accommodate students with an interest in honing their analytical and quantitative skills. This minor will provide students with knowledge of advanced research methods, psychometrics, and modeling that can be applied to any number of fields, including the social sciences, business, medicine, and law.

Complete three courses, at least two at the 500+ level.

Psychology 321 or 321H, 510, 511 or 597.02*, 520, 301 or 532, 699 (at least 3 credit hours)

* Indicates courses that can also be used to meet GEC Requirements

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**Psychology minor program guidelines**

- Required for graduation

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No

- **Credit hours required**
  - A minimum of 20-24

- **Transfer credit hours allowed**
  - A maximum of 5

- **Overlap with the GEC**
  - Permitted

- **Overlap with the major**
  - Not Permitted
  - The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
  - The same courses cannot count on the minor and major.

- **Overlap between minors**
  - Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

- **100-level course**
  - For every five credit hours of 100-level course work on the minor, the minimum total required for the minor is increased by five.

- **Psychology 220**
  - If using a preapproved equivalent to Psychology 220, an additional psychology minor course must be taken. Please see psychology advisor for course options.

- **Grades required**
  - Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
  - Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required minor.
  - Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count.

- **Approval required**
  - The minor course work must be approved by the Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office.

- **Filing the minor program form**
  - The minor program form must be approved by Psychology Undergraduate Advising and then filed with college or school counselor at least by the time the graduation application is submitted.

- **Changing the minor**
  - Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the Psychology Undergraduate Advising Office.