Psychology Department Minors

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College of Arts and Sciences

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Requirements for all Psychology Minors

All minors in psychology are 15 credit hours.

Prerequisite to minor: Psychology 1100

Courses in minor: Psychology 2220, Psychology 2300, and three additional courses specific to the chosen minor are required of all psychology minors. Psychology 2220 and Psychology 2300 should be taken as early as possible as they are standard prerequisites to all 4000 & 5000-level psychology courses.

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 two of the four content areas (A-D) listed below. One of the two courses must be at the 3000+ level. Take one additional psychology course from section III.

Area A: Brain and Behavior
Psychology 3313, 3513

Area B: Cognitive Psychology
Psychology 2311, 3302, 3310, 3312

Area C: Clinical and Developmental Psychology
Psychology 2367.02***, 3331(H), 3335, 3340(H), 3530, 3550(H), 3551

Area D: Social Psychology
Psychology 2367.01***, 3325(H), 3375***

Section III: Psychology 4305, 4309, 4485, 4505, 4508(H), 4511, 4515, 4521, 4522, 4531, 4543, 4545, 4552, 4555, 4571, 4475, 4501, 4518, 4520, 4532, 4540, 4554, 4630, 5600, 5601, 5606, 5608, 5609, 5612, 5613H, 5615, 5616, 5617, 5621, 5652, 5681, 5684, 5891, 5898

Clinical Psychology & 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 3000+ level.

Psychology 2367.02***, 3331(H), 3335, 3530, 4511, 4531, 4532, 4540, 4543, 4545, 4597.01***, 5613H, 5681, 5684

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 3000+ level.

Psychology 2350, 3340(H), 3550(H), 3551, 4552, 4554, 4555, 4571, 5681, 5684

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 3000+ level.

Psychology 2311, 2367.01***, 3321, 3325(H), 3375***, 3530, 4508(H), 4511, 4521, 4522, 4545, 4597.02***

Social Psychology and Personality Minor

Social Psychology 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 3000+ level.

Psychology 2367.01***, 2376, 3325(H), 3375***, 3530, 4475, 4508(H), 4515, 4518, 4520, 4525, 4543, 4545, 4630

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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.

Complete Psychology 3313 and two additional courses from the following: Psychology 3513, 4305, 4501, 4515, 5601, 5613H

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.

Psychology 3321(H), 4510, 4511, 4520, 4532 OR 2301, 4998 (if you choose this course, 3 credit hours are required; any credit hrs above that will not count toward the minor)

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

Psychology Minors Program Guidelines

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 15. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hours must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed: A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE: A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s):
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required:
• Minimum C- for a course to be counted on the minor.
• Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
• No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits: No more than 3 credit hours.

Approval required:
The minor coursework 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 a college or school counselor at least by the time the graduation application is submitted, no later than one semester before graduation.

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