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Introduction

The Department of Psychology offers training for individuals interested in combining a major in psychology with a variety of career areas. Careful selection of courses required to complete a major in psychology along with an accompanying 18-hour minor from another field provide the following possibilities: (1) graduate training in such specialty areas of psychology as experimental, clinical, counseling, quantitative, health psychology/behavioral medicine, physiological; (2) application to dental, medical and law schools; or (3) entry-level employment in such fields as advertising, gerontology, child development/child care, computer science, criminal justice, marketing, recreation, rehabilitation, social work and technical writing. Other areas also are available upon consultation with an advisor.

The Bachelor of Science with a major in psychology is primarily for those students planning to enter a graduate program in psychology leading to a PhD degree. It requires the completion of Introduction to Psychological Measurement (PSYC 3630) and Honors Thesis (PSYC 4950).

Programs of Study

The department offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the following areas:

- Bachelor of Arts, and
- Bachelor of Science, both with a major in psychology;
- Doctor of Philosophy, with a major in clinical psychology;
- Master of Science, and
- Doctor of Philosophy, both with a major in counseling psychology;
- Doctor of Philosophy with a major in health psychology and behavioral medicine;
- Master of Science, and
- Doctor of Philosophy, both with a major in experimental psychology.

Admission to the Major

All students wishing to declare psychology as a major must first meet the pre-major. Before declaring psychology as a major, (i.e. filing a degree audit to reflect psychology as the student's choice of major) all students must first meet the following pre-major requirements:

1. Completion of 45 hours of college course work with a GPA of at least 2.5.
2. Completion of the university composition requirement with a grade of C or better.
3. Completion of the university mathematics requirement and 14 hours of the following Psychology classes: PSYC 1630, PSYC 1650, PSYC 2317 and PSYC 2950, completing each course with a grade of at least C, with an average GPA of these four courses of at least 2.5.

Graduation Requirements

The following are graduation requirements for the psychology major, over and above those course requirements stated in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science paragraphs below:

1. Once the psychology major has been applied for and approved, which would normally occur in the spring semester of the student's second year of college, a GPA of 2.5 in all psychology courses must be maintained in order for the student to graduate with a psychology major. If the psychology GPA falls below 2.5, additional psychology courses must be taken and passed with high enough grades to retain a 2.5 GPA to graduate as a psychology major.
2. Psychology majors must earn a grade of C or better for any psychology courses used in the degree.

Bachelor of Arts

Degree Requirements for the BA with a Major in Psychology

- Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.
- Major Requirements:** At least 35 hours of psychology course work, composed of the following 17-hour core: PSYC 1630, PSYC 1650, PSYC 2317, PSYC 2950 and PSYC 4600; plus 18 additional hours of psychology course work selected with and approved by a faculty advisor. At least 18 hours of psychology course work must be taken at UNT. Of these 18 hours, *at least 12 hours must be advanced hours.*
- Other Course Requirements:** None.
- Minor:** Optional.
- Electives:** See four-year plan.

BA with a Major in Psychology

The following four-year plan is one example of a variety of ways in which you can complete your chosen degree in four years, and will serve as guide for you to design your pathway to degree completion. Variations will depend on whether you need to take prerequisites or have college credit from exams or dual enrollment.

The College of Arts and Sciences expects you to have completed the State recommended high school program and be ready to enroll for Language 2040 or a mathematics course above college algebra. If you are not prepared for this level, the necessary prerequisites will either replace electives or increase the hours required for the degree.

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 1310, College Writing I, or ENGL 1313, Computer Assisted College Writing I*	3
LANG 2040, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
MATH (see approved list)**	3
PSCI 1040, American Government*	3
PSYC 1630, General Psychology I (may be used to satisfy Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement*)	3
Total	15

SPRING

ENGL 1320, College Writing II, or ENGL 1323, Computer Assisted College Writing II*	3
LANG 2050, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
PSCI 1050, American Government*	3
PSYC 1650, General Psychology II	3
Visual and Performing Arts*	3
Total	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL	HOURS
HIST 2610, United States History to 1865*	3
PSYC 2317, Quantitative Methods	4
Elective	3
Humanities*	3
Physical Science**	3
Total	16

SPRING

HIST 2620, United States History Since 1865*	3
PSYC 2950, Experimental Methods	4
Natural Sciences**	3
Elective	3
Elective	1
Natural Sciences**	3
Total	14

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
PSYC elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Laboratory Sciences**	3
Total	15

SPRING

PSYC Elective (advanced)	3
PSYC Elective	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Total	15

SENIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
PSYC 4600, History and Systems	3
PSYC Elective	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
PSYC Elective (advanced)	3
PSYC Elective	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	<u>3</u>
Total	15

**See the University Core Curriculum section of this catalog for approved list of course options.*

***See Arts and Sciences degree requirements section of this catalog for approved list of course options.*

Actual degree audits may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.

Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.

Students may wish to use opportunities for electives to complete a minor of their choice.

Bachelor of Science

Degree Requirements for the BS with a Major in Psychology

1. **Hours Required and General/College Requirements:** A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree as specified in the "General University Requirements" in the Academics section of this catalog and the College of Arts and Sciences requirements.

2. **Major Requirements:** At least 35 hours of psychology course work, composed of the following 23-hour core: PSYC 1630, PSYC 1650, PSYC 2317, PSYC 2950, PSYC 3630, PSYC 4600 and PSYC 4950, plus 12 additional hours of psychology course work selected with and approved by a faculty advisor. At least 18 hours of psychology course work must be taken at UNT. Of these 18 hours, *at least 12 hours must be advanced hours.*

3. **Other Course Requirements:** None.

4. **Minor:** Optional.

5. **Electives:** See four-year plan.

6. **Other Requirements:** A 3.5 GPA in psychology course work and a 3.0 GPA in all course work.

BS with a Major in Psychology

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The College of Arts and Sciences expects you to have completed the State recommended high school

program and be ready to enroll for Language 2040 or a mathematics course above college algebra. If you are not prepared for this level, the necessary prerequisites will either replace electives or increase the hours required for the degree.

FRESHMAN YEAR

FALL	HOURS
ENGL 1310, College Writing I, or ENGL 1313, Computer Assisted College Writing I*	3
LANG 2040, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
MATH**	3
PSCI 1040, American Government*	3
PSYC 1630, General Psychology I (may be used to satisfy Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement*)	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING	HOURS
ENGL 1320, College Writing II, or ENGL 1323, Computer Assisted College Writing II*	3
LANG 2050, Foreign Language (intermediate, may be used to satisfy a portion of the Understanding the Human Community requirement)**	3
PSCI 1050, American Government*	3
PSYC 1650, General Psychology II Visual and Performing Arts*	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

FALL	HOURS
HIST 2610, United States History to 1865*	3
PSYC 2317, Quantitative Methods	4
Elective	3
Humanities*	3
Physical Science**	<u>3</u>
Total	16

SPRING	HOURS
HIST 2620, United States History Since 1865*	3
PSYC 2950, Experimental Methods	4
Elective	3
Elective	1
Elective	<u>3</u>
Total	14

JUNIOR YEAR

FALL	HOURS
PSYC 3630, Introduction to Psychological Measurement	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective (advanced)	3
Elective	3
Laboratory Science**	<u>3</u>
Total	15

SPRING		HOURS
PSYC Elective (advanced)		3
PSYC Elective		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective		<u>3</u>
Total		15
SENIOR YEAR		
FALL		HOURS
PSYC 4600, History and Systems		3
PSYC Elective		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective (advanced)		<u>3</u>
Total		15
SPRING		HOURS
PSYC 4950, Honors Thesis		3
PSYC Elective		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective (advanced)		3
Elective (advanced)		<u>3</u>
Total		15

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Minors

Psychology

A minor in psychology requires 18 semester hours, including 6 advanced hours. Some fields may require more than the minimum 18 hours to provide adequate background for employment.

Faculty advisors are available to assist students who minor in psychology.

LGBT Studies

A minor in LGBT studies requires 18 hours, including at least 6 advanced hours. Courses across the curriculum address the impact of sexual attitudes and behaviors on history, politics, social arrangements, artistic and literary creation, and conceptions of the self. Students investigate the ways in which human sexuality has been shaped by medical and scientific discourse, economic imperatives, philosophy, religion, law, politics, art, visual culture and literature. Students choose from a multidisciplinary list of approved courses updated annually. For more information, visit www.lgbt.unt.edu. Students

interested in this minor should contact Dr. Mark Vosvick, Department of Psychology, Terrill Hall.

Graduate Degrees

The department offers degree programs leading to the Master of Arts, Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. For further information, consult the *Graduate Catalog*.

The doctoral program in counseling and clinical psychology and the doctoral program in health psychology and behavioral medicine have been approved by the American Psychological Association (Committee on Accreditation, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; 202-336-5979).

Courses of Instruction

All Courses of Instruction are located in one section at the back of this catalog.

Course and Subject Guide

The "Course and Subject Guide," found in the Courses of Instruction section of this book, serves as a table of contents and provides quick access to subject areas and prefixes.