

Psychology, BA

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

In addition to courses in psychology, the BA requires three graded courses in a second concentration area.

Before the third semester begins: PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology and PSY:1005 Orientation to the Psychology Major: Foundations for Academic and Career Success.

Before the fifth semester begins: PSY:2811 Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I and one or more lower-level psychology requirements.

Before the seventh semester begins: four courses in the major (including PSY:2701 Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience and PSY:2812 Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology II), one course in the second concentration area, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: two additional courses in the major and an additional course in the second concentration area.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
Students are strongly encouraged to complete internships, practicums, and other experiential learning; PSY:3994 Research Practicum in Psychology is required if planning to complete a PhD in psychology.		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology ^b	3
PSY:1005	Orientation to the Psychology Major: Foundations for Academic and Career Success	1
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	Interpreting Literature or Rhetoric: Writing and Communication	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Understanding Cultural Perspectives ^c		3

GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^d	4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa
Hours	
15-17	

Spring

PSY:2401 or PSY:2501	Introduction to Developmental Science ^e or Introduction to Social Psychology	3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric: Writing and Communication or Interpreting Literature	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course (or exploratory course for major second concentration area) ^f		3
Hours		16-18

Second Year

Fall

PSY:2401 or PSY:2501	Introduction to Developmental Science ^e or Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSY:2811	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I	3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		2 - 3
Hours		15-17

Spring

PSY:2301	Introduction to Clinical Psychology ^e	3
PSY:2812	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology II	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab (BIOL:1140 Human Biology: Nonmajors recommended but not required) ^c		4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		17-18

Third Year

Fall

PSY:2601	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology ^e	3
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4
Major: second concentration area course ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Society ^c		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		16

Spring

Major: cognate requirement course ^h		3 - 4
Major: second concentration area course ^g		3
Major: upper-level psychology course (prefix PSY, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c		3

GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c	3
Hours	15-16
Fourth Year	
Fall	
Major: upper-level psychology course (prefix PSY, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Elective course ^f	3
Hours	15
Spring	
Major: second concentration area course ^g	3
Major: upper-level psychology course (prefix PSY, numbered 3000 or above) ⁱ	3
Elective course ^f	3
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Elective course ^f	3
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^j	
Hours	15
Total Hours	124-132

j Please see Academic Calendar, on Office of the Registrar website, for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Degree Services.

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative or Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Society.
- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- d Students who have completed four levels of a single language or two levels of two different languages in high school or college have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Students who have completed three levels of a single language may complete a fourth-level course in the same language or may choose an approved World Language and Cultural Exploration course. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course. Contact your academic advisor or CLAS Undergraduate Programs Office with questions concerning the World Languages requirement.
- e PSY:2301, PSY:2401, PSY:2501, and PSY:2601 may be completed in any order.
- f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- g Students complete 9 s.h. of graded coursework in a single department other than the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Courses used to fulfill this requirement must be taken at the University of Iowa and may not be used to fulfill GE CLAS Core requirements. A second major or a minor may be used to fulfill the requirement.
- h See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
- i Students take three advanced psychology courses (total of 9 s.h.) after satisfactorily completing the psychology core and other specified prerequisites. See the General Catalog for list of courses that do not count toward this requirement.