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.

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
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Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability $^a$ | | 0

First Year

Fall
PSY:1001 | Elementary Psychology $^b$ | 3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030 | The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric | 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion $^c$ | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course $^d$ | 4 - 5
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2

Spring
Major: lower-level psychology course (or elective course) | 3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200 | Rhetoric or The Interpretation of Literature | 3 - 4

Second Year

Fall
PSY:2811 | Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I | 3
Major: lower-level psychology course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives $^c$ | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course $^d$ | 4 - 5
Elective course $^e$ | 2 - 3

Hours | 16-18

Spring
PSY:2812 | Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology II | 3
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab $^c$ | 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course $^d$ | 4 - 5
Elective course $^e$ | 3

Hours | 15-17

Third Year

Fall
PSY:2701 | Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience | 4
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course | 3
Major: second area of concentration course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture $^c$ | 3
Elective course $^e$ | 3

Hours | 16

Spring
Major: cognate course $^b$ | 3 - 4
Major: second area of concentration course | 3
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts $^c$ | 3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab $^c$ | 4
Elective course $^e$ | 2 - 3

Hours | 18-20

Fourth Year

Fall
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course | 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning (if not met by cognate course) $^c$ | 3
Elective course $^e$ | 3
Elective course $^e$ | 3

Hours | 12

Spring
Major: second area of concentration course | 3
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course | 3
Elective course $^e$ | 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

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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 and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
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 years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
e 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.
f Please see Academic Calendar, 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 Graduation Services.