

Psychology, B.A.

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 B.A. 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
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		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
Hours		15-17
Spring		
Major: lower-level psychology course (or elective course)		3
RHET:1030 or ENGL:1200	Rhetoric or The Interpretation of 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 ^e	3
Hours	16-18

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 Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		2 - 3
Hours		15-17

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		16-17

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: 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
Major: cognate course ^b		3 - 4
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
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline^f
 (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours	15
Total Hours	123-132

- 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.