

# Psychology, B.A.

## Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in psychology requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including 46-47 s.h. of work for the major, with at least 34 s.h. in psychology courses. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Transfer credits must be approved by the department, and transfer students must complete at least 18 s.h. of psychology courses at the University of Iowa.

The major for the B.A. is designed for students who wish to gain considerable knowledge in psychology but do not necessarily plan a professional career in the discipline. It is appropriate for students preparing for careers in law, business, counseling, social work, or secondary school teaching (see "Teacher Licensure" below). It can be combined with a second major more easily than can the Bachelor of Science program.

Choice of a degree program should be dictated by a student's personal career goals. B.A. students interested in pursuing graduate study in psychology or other social sciences may enrich their program by taking courses in mathematics, statistics, research methods, and the natural sciences.

B.A. and B.S. students complete the same psychology core and psychology electives. The major for the B.A. also requires an additional statistics or computer science course plus a second concentration area.

Students are advised to take PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology as the first course in the major; however, if a student must take PSY:1001 for the first time after completing another psychology course with a higher number, the student may do so. Students may retake PSY:1001 for a second-grade-only option; however, this must be completed before taking any upper-level psychology courses (PSY:3000-PSY:3800). Students may not retake PSY:1001 after taking an upper-level psychology course; this is considered regression and no credit will be awarded.

The B.A. with a major in psychology requires the following courses or their equivalents.

Code	Title	Hours
	Psychology Core	6
	Lower-Level Psychology Requirements	19
	Upper-Level Psychology Electives	9
	Cognate Requirement	3-4
	Second Concentration Area Courses	9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>46-47</b>

## Psychology Core

All majors complete the following coursework for the psychology core.

Code	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
PSY:1001	Elementary Psychology	3
PSY:2811	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I	3

## Lower-Level Psychology Requirements

Students take these courses after completing PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology.

Code	Title	Hours
All of these:		
PSY:2301	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	3
PSY:2401	Introduction to Developmental Science	3
PSY:2501	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSY:2601	Introduction to Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY:2701	Introduction to Behavioral Neuroscience	4
PSY:2812	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology II	3

## Upper-Level Psychology Electives

Students take three advanced psychology courses (total of 9 s.h.) after satisfactorily completing the psychology core and other specified prerequisites. Psychology courses (prefix PSY) numbered 3000 or above may be used to fulfill this requirement, except those in the following list.

Code	Title	Hours
PSY:3994	Research Practicum in Psychology	arr.
PSY:3995	Advanced Research Practicum	1-3
PSY:3996	External Practicum in Psychology	1-3
PSY:3997	Teaching/Advising Practicum in Psychology	1-3
PSY:3998	Individual Readings and Projects	1-3
PSY:3999/ BIOL:3999	Independent Research in Neuroscience	2-3
PSY:4020	Laboratory in Psychology	4
PSY:4025	Laboratory in Cognitive Neuroscience	4
PSY:4090	Psychology Seminar	3
PSY:4990	Honors Thesis Research	1-3
PSY:4995/ BIOL:4995	Honors Research in Neuroscience	arr.

## Additional Requirements

### Cognate Requirement

Students complete one of the following math, statistics, or computer science courses.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Statistics</b>		
BIOS:4120	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510	Biostatistics	3

STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3
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### **Computer Science**

CS:1020	Principles of Computing	3
CS:1110	Introduction to Computer Science	3
CS:1210	Computer Science I: Fundamentals	4

### **Mathematics**

MATH:1860	Calculus II	4
MATH:2700	Introduction to Linear Algebra	4

## **Second Concentration Area**

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.

## **Teacher Licensure**

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.