

Psychology, BS

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.

The psychology major for the BS is open only to students who have earned 30 s.h. and have a grade-point average of at least 2.67. Students complete 7 s.h. of natural science coursework, either as part of the GE CLAS Core or in addition to it. Students also must complete two quantitative and formal reasoning courses which may require some preliminary work.

Before the third semester begins: PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology and one additional course in the major.

Before the fifth semester begins: one course for the department's quantitative and formal reasoning requirement and three additional courses in the major, including PSY:2811 Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I and PSY:2812 Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology II.

Before the seventh semester begins: two more courses in the major, one course for the major's natural science requirement, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: second course for the department's quantitative and formal reasoning requirement and two more courses in the major.

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
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
	or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature	
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
ENGL:1200	The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
	or RHET:1030 or Rhetoric	
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16-18

Second Year

Fall

PSY:2811	Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I	3
GE: Natural Sciences without Lab ^{b, f}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course ^d		4 - 5
Elective course ^e		3
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: Historical Perspectives ^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: lower or upper-level psychology course		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^c		3
Elective course ^e		3
Hours		16

Spring

Major: first mathematics, statistics, or computer science course ^{b, f, g}		3 - 4
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 ^{b, f}		4
Elective course ^e		2 - 3
Hours		15-17

Fourth Year

Fall

PSY:4020	Laboratory in Psychology	4
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course		3
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^c		3
Elective course ^e		3
Elective course ^e		2
Hours		15

Spring

PSY:4090	Psychology Seminar	3
Major: lower or upper-level psychology course		3

Major: second mathematics, statistics, or computer science course ^{b, f, g}	3 - 4
Elective course ^e	3
Elective course ^e	2
Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^h	
Hours	14-15
Total Hours	122-132

- 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 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 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 Choose from an approved list to meet Psychology BS major requirements.
- g Enrollment in math courses requires completion of a placement exam.
- h 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 Degree Services.