INTRODUCTION

This packet outlines the requirements necessary to graduate with an undergraduate degree in psychology and clarifies some departmental regulations for majors. While this packet provides the formal guidelines, you may need other types of information upon occasion. If so, please utilize the Undergraduate Student Services Office located in Barnwell College, Room 208 (telephone 803-777-7674.) The office is staffed by the Undergraduate Program Director, Undergraduate Program Coordinator and other Peer Counselors and advisors. Beyond assistance with advisement and related questions, this office keeps various forms and your academic records. We also have information on graduate schools, career options, research opportunities, psychology related events, and other opportunities for involvement on campus.

The Department of Psychology offers two undergraduate degree programs – the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS). Both provide a professional training in the theories and practices of psychology combined with a liberal arts background. The primary difference is that the BS track requires twelve hours of mathematics and only six hours of fine arts/humanities, whereas the BA track requires only six hours of math and twelve hours of fine arts/humanities. In addition, the BS track requires students take one 500-level psychology laboratory course.

The major is completed with 32 semester hours of credit in psychology courses, beyond the PSYC 101 (Introductory Psychology) course. The entire degree for both BA and BS is completed with a minimum of 120 semester hours, in which the 32 semester hours of psychology courses are included. Note that at least half of the major courses must be completed in residence on the Columbia campus.

Your studies in the Department of Psychology will be structured around courses that fulfill general education requirements established by the College of Arts and Sciences, courses that comprise your major, cognate/minor, and electives. During the freshman and sophomore years your concentration will generally be on general education requirements such as English, foreign language, history, and math.

Each major must maintain a semester, yearly and cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale. Each term your record is reviewed for compliance. If you do not meet this standard you will be placed on probation for a term. If you still don’t meet this standard at the end of that time, you will be removed as a psychology major.

PLEASE NOTE: This guide is not intended to replace the Undergraduate Studies Bulletin, the College of Arts and Sciences Guidelines for Advisement, the Master Schedule of classes or your advisor. It is intended to supplement these sources and to summarize information relevant to Psychology Majors.

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I. College Core

Writing (CMW) (6 hours)

**Grade of C or better required**

a. ENGL 101

b. ENGL 102

History (GHS) (6 hours)

**Grade of D or better required**

a. United States (111/112)

b. Non-US (101, 102, 104-109)

Math/Analytical Reasoning (ARP) (6 or 12 hours)

**Grade of D or better required**

--- BA Track (6 hours)

Pick two courses from the following list:
STAT course (excluding PSYC 227), PHIL 110, PHIL 111, CSCE course, MATH 122/141 or higher MATH course

Course #1________

Course #2________

--- BS Track (12 hours)

Course #1 MATH 122 or 141

Course #2 MATH 142, 170, or 172

Course #3 STAT 201 or higher

Course #4 CSCE 102 or higher

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Foreign Language (GFL) (0-9 hours)

**Grade of D or better required**

Language: __________ Placement Score: __________

**Must complete through 122 level**

Course #1________

Course #2________

Course #3________

II. Distribution Requirements

Lab Science (SCI) (8 hours)

**Grade of D or better required**

a. 4 hours must be BIOL 101*, 110, or 243

*BIOL 101 restricted to BIOL majors, Neuroscience minors, and Pre-Med. All others must take BIOL 110*

b. 4 hours can be chosen from the following:

ANTH 161, ASTR 101, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOG 201 or 202 (for BA only), GEOL, MSCI, PHYS

Course #1 (BIOL)________

Course #2________

*Credit cannot be given for both BIOL 110 and BIOL 120/L*

** Credit cannot be given for either PHYS 151 and 153/155

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Humanities (AIU) (BA 12 hours, BS 6 hours)

**Grade of D or better required**

a. Fine Arts or Literature Course (3 hours):

   1. Fine Arts include: ARTS, ARTH, ARTE, FILM, MUSC, THEA, DANC, MART

   *See bulletin for acceptable courses*

   *No speech, band, chorus, or orchestra*

   2. Literature includes: ENGL 270-289

b. General: 9 hours from the following courses:

   AFAM, ARTS, ARTH (not 465, 471, 565, 595), ARTH, CLAS, CPLT, DANC (not 177, 577), ENGL, EURO, FILM, HIST, MART (not 302), MUSC (not 1 hour credits or 399), PHIL (not 110, 111, 511), RELG, SPCH, THEA (not 119-123, 219-221), Foreign Language and Lits (not 100 level or 315), WGST (111, 307, 308, 320, 321, 376, 379, 437, 464, 485, 535 pending content) and certain LASP, LING, SOST

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Fine Arts/Literature

Course________

General Humanities

Course #1________

Course #2________

Course #3________
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Social Sciences (GSS)(6 hours) Grade/Semester
**Grade of D or better required**
a. PSYC 101 (grade of C or better required)
b. 3 hours from the following (excluding 399 or Internships): ANTH (not 161), CRJU (not 202, 301, 299, 494), ECON, GEOG (not 201, 202), POLI, SOCY (not 220), and certain LASP, LING, SOST, WGST

PSYC 101
Course #2

III. Psychology Major Requirements

**Grade of C or better required**

Prerequisites:
PSYC 101 complete?
MATH 111* complete?
*Prerequisite for PSYC 227. May place out through math placement test. Applies as an elective.

PSYC Core (20 hours):
226, 227, 228 must be taken in order one at a time

PSYC 226 (Research Methods)
PSYC 227 (Psyc Statistics)
PSYC 228 (2 hour lab course)
1 course from PSYC 400, 405, 470
1 course from PSYC 420, 430, 465, 487
1 course from PSYC 410, 440, 510
1 course from PSYC 450, 460, 503, 507

PSYC Electives (12 hours):
a. Max of 3 hours may be at the 300 level (not 399)
b. Minimum of 3 hours must be at the 500 level
c. 9 hours must be at the 400 level or above
d. No more than 6 hours of independent study or community practicum: 489, 498, 598, 599

Course #1
Course #2
Course #3
Course #4

*BS Track: Students pursuing the BS degree must take an advanced lab course: PSYC 570-572, 574, or 575, 598 or 599 as one of their electives.*

IV. Overlay

**2 of 3 overlay courses can fulfill General Core requirements, 1 must stand alone. Overlay courses cannot also count for Major/Minor/Cognate credit.**
Persuasive Communication (CMS) Grade/Semstr
Course
Information Literacy (INF)
Course
Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility (VSR)
Course

V. Minor or Cognate

**Grade of C or better required**

Cognate: 12 hours. Only upper level coursework. See CAS handbook for what constitutes upper level in each subject.
Minor: 18 hours. See Academic Bulletin for list of approved courses for each minor.

Subject:

Course #1
Course #2
Course #3
Course #4
Course #5
Course #6

VI. General Electives

*These course help complete the 120 hour minimum for graduation. Number will vary.*

Course #1
Course #2
Course #3
Course #4
Course #5
Course #6
Course #7

Inapplicable Hours:
*Includes courses that an acceptable grade was not achieved (i.e. D/F in major/minor courses)*
*All PEDU and First Aid courses should be recorded here (unless part of certain minors)
Course #1
Course #2
Course #3
Course #4
Course #5
Core Classes—Choose One From Each Group

The Cognitive Area
- PSYC 400 - Survey of Learning & Memory
- PSYC 405 - Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 470 - Introduction to Language Sciences

Clinical Psychology
- PSYC 410 - Abnormal Psychology
- PSYC 440 - Survey of Personality
- PSYC 510 - Abnormal Behavior in Children

Applied Psychology
- PSYC 420 - Developmental Psychology
- PSYC 430 - Social Psychology
- PSYC 465 - Health Psychology
- PSYC 487 - Community Psychology

The Brain and Behavior
- PSYC 450 - Sensation and Perception
- PSYC 460 - Physiological Psychology
- PSYC 503 - Psychology of Drug Use and Effect
- PSYC 507 - Cognitive Neuroscience
Possible Options for PSYC Electives

PSYC 498/598: Independent Study / Advanced Independent Study
- Gain research experience while serving in a Psychology professor's research lab.
- Choose which professor you want to work, fill out a form with the professor, submit the form, and sign up for the designated course.
- Flexible schedule makes it easy to fit in with your other classes.
- Opportunity to present your research at USC Discovery Day.
- Highly recommended if applying to graduate school in Psychology.
- Can apply up to 6 hours of Independent Study and/or Community Psychology for Psychology Major Coursework (can do more hours and count them as general electives, but only 6 hours can count for the major).
- Prerequisite: 9 hours of Psychology credit.

PSYC 489: Community Psychology
- Use your psychology skills to help people in the surrounding community while working together as a class with a specific group of people. Past groups include: school programs for children with ADHD and homeless in the community.
- Great opportunity to add "real world" (applied) experience to your resume - looks good for employers when searching for jobs and for graduate school.
- Flexible schedule makes it easy to fit in with your other classes.
- Can apply up to 6 hours of Independent Study and/or Community Psychology for Psychology Major Coursework (can do more hours and count them as general electives, but only 6 hours can count for the major).
- Prerequisite: 15 hours of Psychology credit.
Possible Options for PSYC Electives Cont'

**PSYC 589: Special Topics in Psychology**
- Several offering from various professors' personal and research interest.
- Small class size gives students a chance to focus on a topic in an advanced study.
- Recent topics have included: Men and Masculinity, Forensic Psychology, Psychology of Video Games, Traumatic Brain Injury, Psychology of Lying and Deception, Psychology of Reading, Mental Health Interventions in Schools, Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Research, and many more.

**PSYC 570 - 575: Advanced Lab Courses**
- Small class size that offers a hands-on opportunity to practice Psychology in a laboratory setting.
- Topics include: Physiological Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience, Developmental, Cognitive, and Sensation and Perception labs.
- At least one advanced lab course is required for students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree track.

**PSYC 300 Level: Popular Psychology**
- Psychology classes with No Prerequisites - any major can take them.
- Covers popular psychology topics such as Human Sexual Behavior, Psychology of Marriage, Psychology of Women, Psychology of Religion, Sports Psychology, Psychology and the African American Experience, Industrial Psychology, etc.
- Course offering change each semester.
Overlay Courses

Persuasive Communication (CMS)
- PHIL 325 (Engineering Ethics)
- SAEL 200 (Social Advocacy and Ethical Life)
- SPCH 140 (Public Communication)

Information Literacy (INF)
- ENGL 102 (Rhetoric and Composition * only if taken at USC Columbia or a regional campus)
- LIBR 101 (Information Literacy * 1 credit course, if student transferred ENGL 102, AP or IB)
- SLIS 202 (Introduction to Information Literacy and Technology)
- STAT 112 (Statistics and the Media)

Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility (VSR)
- BIOL 208 (Our Hungry World)
- CPLT 150 (Values and Ethics in Literature)
- CSCE 390 (Professional Issues in Computer Science and Engineering)
- HIST 108 (Science and Technology in World History)
- LING 240 (Language Conflict and Language Rights)
- PHIL 103 (Special Topics in Ethics and Values)
- PHIL 211 (Contemporary Moral Issues)
- PHIL 320 (Ethics)
- PHIL 321 (Medical Ethics)
- PHIL 322 (Environmental Ethics)
- PHIL 325 (Engineering Ethics)
- POLI 201 (American National Government)
- POLI 302 (Classical and Medieval Political Theory)
- POLI 304 (Contemporary Political Theory)
- RELG 205 (Morality, Ethics, and Religion)
- SAEL 200 (Social Advocacy and Ethical Life)
- WGST 112 (Women in Society)