INTRODUCTION

This handbook outlines the requirements necessary to graduate with an undergraduate degree in psychology and clarifies some departmental regulations for majors. While this handbook does provide the formal guidelines, you may need other types of information upon occasion. If so, please utilize the Undergraduate Student Services Office located in Barnwell, 208 (call 777-7674). The office is directed by the Undergraduate Coordinator and staffed by Peer Counselors and Graduate Assistants most of whom are psychology majors. 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, and psychology related events.

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 Bachelor of Science requires twelve hours of mathematics and the student takes one fewer humanities and social science. In addition, the BS requires one 500-level psychology laboratory course. The Bachelor of Arts requires only six hours of mathematics, with an additional humanities and social science.

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.

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 or 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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1 Note that at least half of the major courses must be completed in residence on the Columbia campus.

For information and updates in the Psychology Department, please note that they will be posted on the Dep't of Psychology Opportunities.
**COLLEGE CORE**

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**History (6 hours)**

**Grade of D or better required**

| a. United States (111/112) |                |
| b. Non-US (101,102,104-109) |                |

**100 level only**

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

**Grade of D or better required**

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**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

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**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 |                |

**Foreign Language (0-9 hours)**

**Grade of D or better required**

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**LAB SCIENCE (8 hours)**

**Grade of D or better required**

- 4 hours must be BIOL 101*, 110, or 243
  *BIOL 101 restricted to BIOL majors, Neuroscience Minors, and Pre-Med. All others take BIOL 110.
- 4 hours can be chosen from the following: ANTH 161, ASTR, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOG 201 or 202, 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 both PHYS 151 and 153/155.

**II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS**

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

**Grade of D or better required**

- **Fine Arts or Literature courses:**
  1. Fine arts includes: ARTS, ARTH, ARTE, FILM, MUSC, THEA, DANC, MART No speech, band, chorus, or orchestra.
  2. Literature includes: ENGL 270-289.

- **General:** 9 hours from the following course subjects: AFAM, ARTS, ARTE (not 399, 465, 471, 565, 595), ARTH, CLAS, CPLT, DANC, ENGL (270 or higher), EURO 300, FILM, HIST, LASP, LING, MART (not 302, 399), MUSC, PHIL (not 110, 111, 399, 511), RELG, SOST, SPCH, THEA (not 119-123, 129-221, 399), WGST, Foreign Language and Lits (not 100-level or 315)

**Fine Arts/Literature**

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**General Humanities**

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(Not needed for BS degree)

| Course #3 |                |
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IV. OVERLAY
**2 of 3 overlay courses can fulfill General Education requirements and one must stand alone. Overlay courses cannot also count for Major/Cognate/Minor.

**Persuasive Communication**

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**Information Literacy**

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**Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility**

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V. COGNATE OR MINOR

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**Cognate:** 12 hours, grade of C or better. Only upper level coursework accepted for cognate credit. See CAS handbook for what constitutes upper level in each subject.

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**Minor:** 18 hours, grade of C or better. See Academic Bulletin for list of approved courses for each minor.

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VI. GENERAL ELECTIVES

*These courses help complete the 120 hour minimum for graduation. The number of electives will vary.

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INAPPLICABLE HOURS:

*Include courses that an acceptable grade was not achieved. (i.e. D or F in major/minor course)

**All PEDU and First Aid courses should be recorded here (unless part of minor).

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*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.*
PSYCHOLOGY ENTRANCE & PROGRESSION

There are two degrees you can earn as a psychology major: Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS). A BS requires six additional hours of math and a 500-level psychology laboratory course.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

LOWER DIVISION: To be admitted to the Department of Psychology, freshmen and transfer students must meet all university and college admission requirements. Transfer students must meet all such requirements and have a GPA of 2.00 or better. Acceptance into the department with a lower division classification does not guarantee progression into the upper division psychology major.

UPPER DIVISION: Progression into the upper division is based on the successful completion of all lower division criteria.

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

LOWER DIVISION: All students in the lower division in the psychology program are subject to the following regulations:

1. Students must maintain a USC 2.0 GPA or better.

2. Students must complete PSYC 101 and 226 with a grade of "C" or better within the first 30 semester hours as a psychology major.

3. Students must achieve a USC GPA of 2.0 or better at the completion of the first 30 semester hours as a psychology major.

Restrictions for Lower Division

1. Students in the lower division are not eligible to enroll in 500-level courses or above.

2. Students in the Lower Division who fail to attain a USC GPA of 2.0 at the completion of 30 hours will be removed from the major.

UPPER DIVISION: All students in the upper division in the Psychology program are subject to the following regulations:

1. Students must maintain a USC GPA of 2.00 or higher.

2. Students who fail to maintain a USC GPA of 2.00 will be placed on probation. At the end of the second consecutive semester of a cumulative USC GPA below 2.00 the student must select another major.

3. Students may attempt PSYC 226, 227 and PSYC 228 two (2) times. If, after the second attempt, a student has not earned a grade of “C” or better, the student will be removed from the major.

GRADE FORGIVENESS

It is the policy of the University of South Carolina that every currently enrolled fully-admitted, degree-seeking undergraduate earning a “D+”, “D”, “F” or “WF” in a USC course may take up to two (2) undergraduate courses for a second time for the purpose of grade forgiveness. Both the first and second grades shall appear on the USC permanent record, but only the second grade will be used in computing the University of South Carolina cumulative grade point average. An explanatory notice will appear on the record. Once grade forgiveness is applied to a repeated course, the action may not be revoked.

Eligible students wishing to apply the course grade forgiveness policy to a course enrollment may do so at any time during his/her undergraduate enrollment, but no applications will be honored after the degree is awarded. Grade forgiveness can only be applied once per course for a maximum of two courses (not to exceed 8 credits) on a student’s undergraduate academic record, without regard to the number of degrees sought. Under the grade forgiveness policy, the forgiven and repeated class must both be taken at the same USC campus. Courses transferred from other institutions are excluded from this policy.

This policy does not preclude students from repeating classes multiple times, in accordance with program requirements, but only the second attempt at the class may forgive the original grade of D+, D, F, or WF. Only a regular letter grade can replace a forgiven grade. Grades of “W”, “I”, “S”, “U” or “AUDIT” may not replace previous grades. Grades carrying an honor code
Established requirements for repeating classes, admission to, or progression in, specific academic programs of the University take precedence over the grade forgiveness policy. Program or progression grade point averages are not affected by this policy. Refer to the guidelines for each program for specific requirements. Courses intended to be repeated for additional credit, such as research or applied music, are not eligible for grade forgiveness. Semester honors (dean's or president's honor list), academic standing (scholastic deficiency, probation, suspension), or previous grade point totals will not change retroactively as a result of applying this policy.

Students who have been granted Academic Forgiveness to reset the grade point average after readmission are not eligible for course grade forgiveness.

GRADE FORGIVENESS – DEPARTMENTAL POLICY
In addition to following the grade forgiveness policy as outlined by the College of Arts and Sciences, students should be aware of the Psychology Department’s policy on grade forgiveness as listed below:

The grade forgiveness policy cannot be used to replace a grade of D+, D, F, or WF acquired during a student’s second attempt at PSYC 226, 227, or 228. If a student takes one of these classes a second time without receiving a C or higher they will be removed from the major, per established departmental policy.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
Academic advising is one of the most important aspects of your college experience. Your advisor can be a central resource for you beyond merely helping with the selection of your courses each term. However, it is up to you, the student, to get the most out of your relationship with your advisor.

We strongly encourage you to contact your advisor during the semester to discuss career options, graduate school plans, and other items important to your undergraduate experience. Because most advisors are very busy, you will need to call to set up an appointment. You will want to do this outside of the formal advisement period held during fall and spring semesters.

The formal advisement period consists of about two weeks during which you will need to schedule an appointment to plan your course work for the next semester. You will receive a postcard from the department informing you of the dates for advisement and the steps which you need to follow. There are two different advising processes for Lower and Upper Division majors.

This postcard/ advisement reminder is merely a courtesy of the Department and is not guaranteed. The student must therefore take responsibility in finding out when the advisement period is each semester and in getting advised.

LOWER DIVISION ADVISING
As a new psychology major, you will be placed in the Lower Division. There are three prerequisites which must be completed during the first thirty hours as a declared psychology major. These are PSYC 101 (Introduction to Psychology), PSYC 226 (Research Methods), and achievement of at least a 2.25 cumulative USC grade point average. Once these three prerequisites are completed, you will be moved into the Upper Division.

While in Lower Division, you will be assigned to the Student Services Office (specifically the Undergraduate Coordinator) for advising. You will participate in group advising as well. This is the procedure:
1. Receive advisement reminder by email (see footnote below).
2. Sign up in Barnwell, 208 for one of the sessions convenient to your schedule.
3. Review your handbook, take a look at the available courses the master schedule, take time to plan courses and write down questions.
4. Attend session for which you signed up bringing the handbook.

GROUP ADVISING SESSION: During the group advising, you will participate in a large group session and a small group session. The large group session will cover information which all majors need to know and provides an opportunity to ask questions. You will then divide into a small group led by a faculty advisor and peer counselor or graduate assistant. The faculty advisor already has your records and will discuss your course needs with you at that time.

UPPER DIVISION ADVISING
After successful completion of the prerequisites within the first thirty hours, you will be moved into Upper Division and
knowing when advisement period begins). You will need to go to the office of your advisor and sign up for an appointment on the calendar posted outside their office. Your advisor will have your records and the necessary forms. The key to a successful advisement appointment is being prepared. It is very important to SIGN UP EARLY AND KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT. Rescheduling is up to the advisor and usually only occurs in the case of verifiable emergencies.

After your advisement appointment, you will return your folder and advisement form to the Student Services Office in Barnwell, 208.

PREPARING FOR AN EFFECTIVE ADVISING APPOINTMENT
It is important to carefully prepare for your appointment with your advisor. He or she cannot adequately help you if you do not properly prepare. It is not the advisor’s responsibility to make your decisions for you, or to schedule your time blocks for courses, so please have an idea of what you want to discuss.

1. Get a list of courses in which you are currently enrolled, your student handbook, and a list of available courses from the Master Schedule online.
2. Make sure that the undergraduate degree plan in your psychology packet is up to date and lists all courses including those in which you are currently enrolled.
3. After reviewing your degree plan, make a note of the general education, major and cognate/minor requirements which you still need to complete.
4. Spend some time thinking about your career goals. If you have questions, write them down to discuss with your advisor. If you are not sure about your choice of psychology as your major, we encourage you to go to the Career Center located on the sixth floor of the Business Administration building and make an appointment with a career counselor.
5. Make a list of other questions for your advisor.

Remember, the final responsibility of a successful college experience rests with you, the student. You are responsible for knowing college and major requirements, academic regulations, advisement dates, making and keeping your advising appointment, and registering for your classes. Your advisor, the Student Services Office, and the Dean’s Office are resources available to help you so please utilize them in the most productive way possible.

REGISTRATION
You must be advised before you can register for classes. You will register for classes by using the web (Self Service Carolina). You will need to have your VIP ID number and password. To be cleared to register, you must turn in the pink copy of your signed advisement form to the Student Services Office, Barnwell, 208. A typical course load per semester will be roughly five classes or about 15-17 hours. Overloads are allowed but you must speak with the Undergraduate Student Services Office before being permitted an overload. In order to take 18 or more hours, a student must have attained in the previous full semester (12 hours taken on a non-pass/fail basis) a USC 3.0 GPA or higher.
CURRICULUM
The curriculum for psychology involves the completion of the college core requirements; distribution requirements; psychology major requirements; cognate, minor or double major requirements; and electives.

I. COLLEGE CORE
WRITING BA BS
English 101, 102 6 hrs
(Must be passed with a C or higher and completed within the first 60 hours)
FOREIGN LANGUAGE
Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to 122 level 0-9 hrs
HISTORY
American: HIST 111 or 112 3 hrs
Non-American: HIST 101-109 3 hrs

MATHEMATICS/ANALYTICAL REASONING (For BA degrees only):
Choose any two of the following: 6 hrs
1. MATH 122 higher*
2. PHIL 110 or 111
3. CSCE 101 or higher
4. STAT 110 or higher

*Note: A math placement exam must be taken before enrolling in math courses; Math 221 and 222 will not meet the math requirement for the College of Liberal Arts.

MATHEMATICS/ANALYTICAL REASONING (For BS degrees only)
To complete a BS degree you must take the following courses: 12 hrs
1. MATH 122 or 141
2. MATH 142, 170 or 172
3. STAT 201 (or equivalent) or higher
4. CSCE 102 (or equivalent) or higher

SOCIAL SCIENCES
6 hrs
PSYC 101 plus another course chosen from ANTH, SOCY, CRJU, POLI, PSYC, WGST (certain courses)

LABORATORY SCIENCES
Psychology majors must take BIOL 110 or 120 8 hrs
Pre-med Psychology majors and Neuroscience minors are required to take BIOL 101. Non-pre-med Psychology majors are advised to take BIOL 110.
Majors cannot take both BIOL 110 and BIOL 120 to fulfill their laboratory science requirements.
Other lab sciences may be selected from:
1. Anthropology 161
2. Astronomy 111, 211
3. Biology 110, 120*, 200, 243, 244, 270 (BIOL 101 and 102 can only be taken if a student is a double major with BIOL, pre-med or a neuroscience minor)
4. Chemistry 102, 105, 107, 111*, 112, 141, 142
5. Environmental Studies 101, 200
6. Geography 201 or 202
7. Geology 101, 102, 103, 215
8. Marine Science 101, 102, 210, 215
9. Physics 101, 151*, 153, 155, 201, 211

*Note that credit cannot be given for both BIOL 110 and 120, 120L. Also, credit cannot be given for both CHEM 111 and 141 or for CHEM 112 and 142. Finally, credit cannot be given for both PHYS 151 and 153 or 151 and 155.
II. DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

HUMANITIES BA BS

a) Fine Arts/Literature  3 hrs 3 hrs
A 3-hour course or dealing with the study and/or practice of the visual and performing arts. Includes art studio, design, history, appreciation; media arts; music history, theory, appreciation, performance; theater history and appreciation, acting, stagecraft, theater design; dance; film. Courses in speech apply to the humanities requirement but not to the fine arts requirement. Theater production labs (THEA 119-123, 219-221), one-hour credits for participation in music organizations (band, chorus, orchestra) and MART 302 do NOT apply to the fine arts or humanities requirements. Can also do a Literature which are English courses numbered 200 or higher (which includes more specifically the ENGL 270-289 courses), comparative literature, or foreign language literature courses.

b) Additional Humanities courses  9 hrs needed for BA 3 hrs needed for BS
Excluding 399 and internships

African American Studies (AFRO)

Arts (ARTS)
Art Education (ARTE) [excluding 399, 465, 471, 565, 595]
Art History (ARTH)
Classics (CLAS)
College of Liberal Arts (COLA) [pending content]
Comparative Literature (CPLT)
Dance (DANC)

English (ENGL) [numbered 270 or higher]
5 May not include all ENGL courses numbered 270 or higher. No grammar or creative writing courses. Please check with the College of Arts and Sciences or your advisor before choosing an ENGL course outside the ENGL 270-289 courses.

European Studies (EURO) [EURO 300, Introduction to European Studies]

Film (FILM)

Foreign Languages and Literatures (ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPA, LATN, PORT, RUSS, SPAN, SWAH) [excluding 100-levels, 315]

History (HIST)

Latin American Studies (LASP) [LASP 201, 301, 314, 321, 324, 361, 371, 398 pending content, 441-442, 447, 471, 481 only]

Linguistics (LING) [LING 301, 405 pending content, 421, 431, 440-442, 502-505 pending content, 512, 514, 530, 540, 565, 600, 610, 620, 627, 650 only]

Media Arts (MART) [excluding MART 302, 399]

Music (MUSC) [excluding one-hour credits for participation in music organizations, 399]

Philosophy (PHIL) [excluding 110, 111, 399, 511]

Religious Studies (RELG)

Southern Studies (SOST) [298, 299, 301, 302 pending content, 305, 405 pending content]

Speech (SPCH)

Theater (THEA) [excluding THSP 119-123, 219-221, 399]

Women’s Studies (WGST) [111, 307, 308, 320, 321, 430 pending content, 437, 464 only]

SOCIAL SCIENCES
(At least two fields for BA; only one needed for BS. Note that internship and independent study courses, or social science statistic courses cannot be applied.)  9 hrs  6 hrs

Anthropology (ANTH) [excluding 399, 501]

Criminology and Criminal Justice (CRJU) [excluding 202, 301, 399, 494]

Economics (ECON) [excluding 399, 421, 499, 524, 595. ECON 221 and 224 are prerequisites to all upper level courses. Students may apply 221 and 222 or 224, but not both, to their degree.]

Geography (GEOG) [excluding 399, 595]

Latin American Studies (LASP) [LASP 301, 311, 312, 315, 322, 325, 331, 351, 398 pending content, 425, 451, 454, 455 only]

Linguistics (LING) [300, 340, 405 pending content, 442, 505 pending content, 540-543, 545, 567, 570, 600 only]

Political Science (POLI) [excluding 379, 399]

Psychology (PSYC) [excluding 226-228, 399, 594-599; 101 is a prerequisite for all courses numbered 400 and above.]

Sociology (SOCY) [excluding 220, 399; 101 is a prerequisite for all others.]

Southern Studies (SOST) [298, 299, 301, 302 pending content, 305, 405 pending content]

Women’s Studies (WGST) [112, 210, 300, 301, 304, 305, 307, 308, 310, 351, 352, 358, 430 pending content, 454, 525, 554, 555]
HANDBOOK FOR STUDENTS WHO BEGAN THE PROGRAM IN FALL 2012 OR LATER

OVERLAY
All students must complete a course in the following areas. Two out of three of these courses can also fulfill general education requirements. One must stand alone.

A) Persuasive Communication (CMS)  
B) Information Literacy (INF)  
C) Values, Ethics and Social Responsibility (VSR)

The following is a list of courses approved to fit the overlay as of 10/10/2013. For an up-to-date list, visit http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/advisor-information.

Persuasive Communication Courses
SPCH 140  
SAEL 200 Social Advocacy & Ethical Life

Information Literacy Courses
ENGL 102 (INF CREDIT ONLY IF TAKEN AT USC COLUMBIA OR REGIONAL CAMPUS)  
LIBR101  
SLIS 202 Introduction to Information Literacy and Technology  
STAT 112 Statistics and the Media

Values, Ethics and Social Responsibility Courses
ANTH 211 Learning Across Cultures  
HIST 108 Science and Technology in World History  
PHIL 103 Special Topics in Ethics and Values  
PHIL 211 Contemporary Moral Issues  
PHIL 320 Ethics  
PHIL 321 Medical Ethics  
PHIL 322 Environmental Ethics  
SAEL 200 Social Advocacy and Ethical Life  
WGST112 Women in Society

III. THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Psychology 101 must be completed and passed with a "C" or better for a major in psychology. While this course does not count for major credit, PSYC 101 may be used as a Social Science or as a general elective. The 101 course is a prerequisite to all other psychology courses.

Major Requirements: In addition to PSYC 101 students must take:

HOURS
a. 226 (Research Methods) ................................................................................................................. 3  
b. 227 (Psychological Statistics) ........................................................................................................ 3  
c. You must either take MATH 111 or MATH 111i or place out of College Algebra or a higher math to qualify to take PSYC 227.  
d. You cannot take PSYC 226, 227 and 228 in the same semester. They must be taken consecutively in different semesters. Note that PSYC 228 may not be offered in summer sessions.  
e. 228 (Laboratory) ............................................................................................................................. 2  
f. One course from the PSYC 400, 405 or 470 .............................................................................. 3  
g. One course from PSYC 420, 430, 465 or 487 ........................................................................... 3  
h. One course from PSYC 410, 440, 510 ....................................................................................... 3  
i. One course from PSYC 450, 460, 503 or 507 ........................................................................... 3  
j. Electives: 12 hours. A maximum of three hours may be at the 300-level, excluding 399. Nine hours must be at 400-level or above (three hours of which must be at 500-level or above). No more than six hours of independent study courses or community practicum may count (PSYC 489, 498, 598, 599).
BS track: Students pursuing the BS degree must take an advanced laboratory course (PSYC 570-572, 574, 575, 598 or 599) as one of their electives.

All major coursework must be passed with a "C" or better.

Psychology major courses may be repeated only one time to achieve the required grade of “C”.

Please see departmental grade forgiveness policy on page 5.

Independent Study: In addition to psychology classes taken for major credit, independent study courses may also be taken and can be included as psychology major elective credit. Up to six hours worth of independent study courses can be used towards psychology major elective credit. Anything beyond six hours can be used toward general elective credit. As stated above, PSYC 399 will not count toward psychology major credit and can only be taken pass/fail for psychology majors. Thus, it is often recommended by the department to take PSYC 498 (advanced independent study) or 598 (individual research).

To take PSYC 498, you need PSYC 101 and six additional hours of psychology credit. For 598, you need psychology 101 and nine additional hours of psychology credit. You also need a collegiate grade point average of 2.5 to enroll. You may come to the psychology undergraduate office to pick up an independent study contract which you will have to fill out with your instructor. Several signatures are needed including your advisor’s, the department chair’s and the dean’s office. It is advised that you bring your completed form to the undergraduate coordinator for review before bringing your form to the dean’s office.

For more information on independent study opportunities, please visit the following website:
http://www.cas.sc.edu/psyc/psycgrad/ugoffice.html.

IV. COGNATE, MINOR, OR DOUBLE MAJOR

In addition to the major, the student seeking a BA or BS is required to complete a supplemental study area of either a cognate, minor, or double major. Many curriculum blends are possible with a psychology major. Cognate or minor areas of study frequently combined with psychology include: anthropology; business; criminal justice; education; family studies; foreign language studies such as Spanish or Latin; law; nursing; neuroscience; science disciplines, such as biology, chemistry and physics; philosophy; political science; social work; sociology.

Cognate: The 12 hour cognate is designed to support the major. The courses must be at the advanced level, outside of the major, and must have the approval of the advisor. The cognate courses may be taken in one or more departments or degree programs, depending on the student’s interests and the judgment of the advisor. Courses applied toward General Education Requirements cannot be counted as cognate courses. Cognates do not appear on the student’s transcript as minors do. Cognate courses must be passed with a grade of C or better. The following is a list of the courses which the offering departments or colleges deem sufficiently advanced to be considered for cognate credit:

Courses Acceptable for Cognate Credit (list current as of 10/10/2013)

Accounting All numbered 300 and above
Aerospace Studies All numbered 300 and above
African American Studies All
Anthropology All numbered 200 and above
Army/Military Science All numbered 300 and above
Art Studio All numbered 200 and above
Art History All numbered 300 and above
Art Education All numbered 300 and above except 465, 471
Astronomy All numbered 300 and above
Biology All numbered 300 and above
Business Administration (includes ACCT, BADM, IBUS, FINA, MGMT, MGSC, MKTG) All numbered 300 and above except 498,499, MGMT 300
Chemistry All numbered 321 and above
Classics All
Communication Sciences and Disorders All numbered 300 and above
Comparative Literature All numbered 300 and above
Dance All numbered 300 and above
Economics All numbered 300 and above
Education All numbered 300 and above except directed teaching courses and seminars
Engineering All numbered 200 and above
English All numbered 300 and above
Environmental Science All numbered 300 and above
European Studies All numbered 300 and above
Exercise Science All numbered 300 and above
Film and Media Studies All numbered 200 and above
Foreign Languages All numbered 300 and above except 315
Geography All numbered 200 and above
Geology All numbered 202 and above
Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior All numbered 300 and above except 335
History All numbered 300 and above
Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management All numbered 300 and above
Integrated Information Technology (ITEC) All numbered 300 and above except 311, 448, 422, 508, 528
Journalism All numbered 300 and above
Latin American Studies All
Library and Information Science All numbered 300 and above
Linguistics All numbered 300 and above
Marine Science All numbered 215 and above
Mathematics All numbered 241 and above, except 401
Media Arts All numbered 200 and above
Music MUSC 115, 116, 145 and all numbered 200 and above
Naval Science All numbered 300 and above
Nursing All numbered 200 and above
Pharmacy All numbered 300 and above
Philosophy All numbered 200 and above
Physics All numbered 212 and above
Political Science All numbered 300 and above
Psychology All numbered 300 and above
Religious Studies All numbered 300 and above
Retailing All numbered 300 and above
SC Honors College Pending advisor approval; must complement student’s major
Sociology All numbered 300 and above
Social Work All numbered 300 and above
Southern Studies All numbered 300 and above
Speech All numbered 200 and above
Sport and Entertainment Management All numbered 300 and above
Statistics All numbered 300 and above
Theatre All numbered 230 and above
Women’s Studies All numbered 300 and above

Minors: A minor differs from a cognate in that it consists of 18 credit hours concentrated in one department and must follow a structured sequence. Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. The following is a list of Minor Programs of Study approved by the College of Arts and Sciences (copies of the individual Minor Program requirements are available in the Dean’s Office in Flinn Hall, 1st floor or the Psychology Undergraduate Student Services Office, Barnwell, 208). Minors do appear on a student’s transcript. A student may have up to two minors. Minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or better. The following is a list of the studies which the offering departments or colleges deem sufficiently advanced to be considered for minor credit:

Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics
Aerospace Studies
African Studies
African American Studies
Ancient Greek Literature
Anthropology
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Biology
Business Administration
Chemistry
Chinese Studies
Classical Studies
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Criminal Justice
Dance
Economics
Education Minors:
General Education
School Library Media
Secondary Education
English
Environmental Studies
European Studies
Film Studies
French
Geography
Geology
German
Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
History
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism
Inquiry
International Studies
Islamic Culture Studies
Italian
Japanese
Journalism Minors:
Advertising/Public Relations
Electronic Journalism
Print Journalism
Latin
Latin American Studies
Linguistics
Marine Science
Mathematics
Media Arts
Medical Humanities
Military Science
Music
Naval Science
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physical Education/Coaching
Physics
Political Science
Portuguese
Psychology
Religious Studies
Renaissance Studies
Retailing and Fashion Merchandising
Russian
Russian and Eurasian Studies
Social Work
Sociology
Southern Studies
South Carolina Studies
Spanish
Speech Communications
Sport and Entertainment Management
Statistics
Technology Support and Training Management
Theater
DOUBLE MAJOR: A second major may be pursued in addition to the Psychology major. If a second major is pursued, the student does not have to have a cognate or minor. If a student wishes to pursue a double-degree however, a student must have a cognate or minor. The difference between a double major and a double-degree falls with what the other major will be. If the other major is outside of the College of Arts and Sciences (such as Business or Engineering), that will be considered a double-degree. If the second major is found within the College of Arts and Sciences (such as English or Sociology), that second major will be considered a double major.

To determine the requirements needed for another major, it is advisable to visit that department. Note that the Psychology Undergraduate Office cannot advise you for any other major than Psychology. If another major is added, the student must be advised by both major departments.

V. ELECTIVES

The BA and BS degrees require the successful completion of at least 120 credit hours in academic subjects. Generally, no skill acquisition courses may be taken for credit toward a degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (i.e., typing, shorthand, physical education skills). Up to four hours of elective credit for participation in university bands, orchestra, or chorus may be counted. To encourage the student to choose electives that will broaden his/her educational background, the department encourages utilizing the pass/fail option on elective courses. The pass/fail option is not available to undergraduate students whose semester or cumulative GPA is less than 2.00. Also students are permitted to take up to eight (8) courses pass/fail.

Students must complete the specified number of courses in each area listed below and may use these courses to satisfy other degree requirements (i.e., general education requirements, major, minor, or cognate), except where specifically restricted.

PRE-PROFESSIONS AND SENIOR CHECKS

PRE-MED AND PRE-LAW

If you have any plans that include professional school after graduation, please contact the Office of Pre-Professional Advising at 777-5581, located in Sumwalt College, 20816. Note that pre-med and pre-law are not minors.

If you plan to be pre-med or pre-law, you must go to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's office, located in Flinn Hall and declare it as such. For a list of pre-med required courses, you may come into the Undergraduate Office of the Psychology Department. Course suggestions for pre-law can be found on the USC webpage, however, there are no class requirements for pre-law.

Pre-Med Study: The requirements for medical school vary. To be certain that you are completing the requirements for the medical schools to which you will apply, check the school's Web site or the Medical School Admissions Requirements, a publication of the Association of American Medical Colleges. This book is available in the Office of Pre-Professional Advising. Most medical schools require the following courses and these same courses are absolutely necessary for MCAT preparation:

- Chemistry 111 and Chemistry 112 with lab
- Biology 101 & 101L and Biology 102 & 102L
- Chemistry 333 and 333L
- Chemistry 334 and 332L
- Physics 201 & 201L and Physics 202 & 202L

Traditionally, students finish with these courses by the end of their junior year, and take the MCAT that April. The MCAT is also administered in August.

Pre-Law Study: At the USC Law School there is no required pre-law curriculum. They expect applicants to be able to think and act creatively, and have good language skills. If you plan to be pre-law, you are advised to go to the Dean's office in Flinn Hall and declare it as such. Although there are no requirements for pre-law majors, there are suggestions that can be found on the following webpage: http://www.sc.edu/oppa/law/index.shtml. The following course areas are recommended for pre-law students (and may be useful for a minor):

Criminal Justice Philosophy
English Political Science
SENIOR CHECKS
A senior check (also known as a “major program card”) is a form the Undergraduate Coordinator fills out to check the status of your major work, minor/cognate work and the cultural awareness classes. The senior check must be requested by the student before the student begins their last thirty hours (so the student should request a senior check two semesters in advance of graduation). After the Undergraduate Coordinator fills out the senior check, the student takes the completed check to the Dean’s office where a more comprehensive senior check is done. This is a requirement for graduation!

PSYCHOLOGY COURSE NUMBERS

PSYC 101
Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 103
Psychology of Adjustment
PSYC 226
Research Methods in Psychology
PSYC 227
Psychological Statistics
PSYC 228
Laboratory
PSYC 300
Human Sexual Behavior
PSYC 301 (WGST 301)
Psychology of Marriage
PSYC 310 (WGST 310)
Psychology of Women
PSYC 320 (RELG 361)
Psychology of Religion
PSYC 330 (AFRO 330)
Psychology and the African American Experience
PSYC 350
Industrial Psychology
PSYC 370
Psychology of Consciousness
PSYC 380
Sports Psychology
PSYC 399
Independent Study
(max of 6 hrs. non-major elective credit only; must be taken Pass/Fail)
PSYC 400
Survey of Learning and Memory
PSYC 405
Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 410
Survey of Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 420
Survey of Developmental Psychology
PSYC 430
Survey of Social Psychology
PSYC 440
Survey of Personality
PSYC 450
Sensation and Perception
PSYC 460
Physiological Psychology
PSYC 465
Intro to Language Sciences (LING 300, ANTH 373)

PSYC 487
Community Psychology

PSYC 489
Community Practicum

PSYC 498 Advanced Independent Study (may be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours total)

PSYC 501
Human Factors Psychology

PSYC 503
Drug Use and Effects (PHRM 513)

PSYC 506
Psychology of Language (LING 567)

PSYC 507
Cognitive Neuroscience

PSYC 510
Abnormal Behavior in Children

PSYC 520
Psychology of Child Development

PSYC 521
Psychology of Adolescence

PSYC 522
Psychology of Early and Middle Adulthood

PSYC 523
Psychology of Aging

PSYC 524 (EDEX 619)
Psychology of Mental Retardation

PSYC 526
Prevention of Problems in At-Risk Youth

PSYC 528
Psychology of the Children with Exceptionalities

PSYC 529 (EDEX 531)
Specific Learning Disabilities

PSYC 530
Advanced Social Psychology (Prereq: PSYC 430)

PSYC 550
Advanced Sensation/Perception (Prereq: PSYC 450)

PSYC 560
Adv. Physiological Psychology (Prereq: PSYC 460)

PSYC 580
Intermediate Statistics for Psychologists (Prereq: PSYC 226, 227)

PSYC 583
Psychological Tests and Measurement (Prereq: PSYC 227)

PSYC 584
History and Systems of Psychology (Prereq: 15 hours in psychology)

PSYC 585
Advanced General Psychology (Prereq: 12hours in psychology courses numbered above 300)

PSYC 586
Applied Research in Substance Abuse

PSYC 598/599
Individual Research (3 hour maximum for each)

PSYCHOLOGY LAB COURSES
ONE OF THESE CLASSES IS REQUIRED FOR B.S. PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

PSYC 570 Physiological Psychology Laboratory (Prereq or Coreq: PSYC 460)
PSYC 572 Cognitive Laboratory (Prereq or Coreq: PSYC 405)
PSYC 574 Sensation and Perception Laboratory (Prereq or Coreq: PSYC 450)
PSYC 575 Developmental Psychology Laboratory (Prereq or Coreq: PSYC 420)

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES
CHILI COOK-OFF
Every fall, the Psychology Department holds the annual chili cook-off. Faculty, staff and graduate students make large portions of chili and compete for “best chili”, while students walk around tasting their creations. Judges in past years have included head football coaches, Deans and presidents of the university. In addition, countless door prizes are given from local restaurants, bars and specialty shops. Anyone who can make chili is able to participate in this event.

RESEARCH SHOWCASE
During the spring semester, we highlight the research activities in the department with our annual Undergraduate Research Showcase. This is an excellent opportunity for you to check out what is being done in independent study classes (PSYC 498, 598), or to share your hard work with your peers, faculty and staff. Watch for the announcements in the spring!

CAREER GUIDANCE FAIR
What can Psychology majors do after they graduate with a Bachelor’s degree if they do not wish to continue their education? This fair, sponsored by Psi Chi, helps answer that question. Well over 30,000 students graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology annually nationwide and not all will go to graduate school. Students are often in a quandary regarding their next career move. This fair helps guide students on what to do next when graduate school is not the option.

GRADUATE SCHOOL SEMINAR
How do you get into graduate school? When should you apply? How do you apply? These are a few of the questions that will be answered at the Spring Seminar. Date and location will be announced in early spring.

PSI CHI
Psi Chi is the National Honor Society for psychology and is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Association for Psychological Science (APS). It has grown to be one of the four largest honor societies in the Association of College Honor Societies, with over 500,000 members in over 1,000 chapters across the United States. The membership roster includes B. F. Skinner, Carl Rogers, Albert Ellis, and Janet T. Spence.

The purpose of Psi Chi is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship in all fields, particularly in psychology. Academic recognition is provided to Psi Chi members through identification with the society. Psi Chi membership reflects both a high level of academic achievement and a commitment to the field of psychology. The requirements for membership are:

1. Psychology major or minor;
2. Nine hours in psychology;
3. A 3.0 grade point average in psychology courses;
4. A 3.0 overall academic average.

Within the department, members participate in public service, fund raising, and planning for departmental events. Beyond the Psychology Department, Psi Chi members may attend activities at various state, regional and national psychology conferences such as the Southeastern Psychological Association and the meetings of the American Psychological Association.

If you are interested in membership, speak to your advisor, contact the Undergraduate Student Services Office in the Psychology Department or stop by the Psi Chi Office located in Barnwell College, 4th floor.

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT FACULTY

Visit http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/psyc/people for an up to date list of Psychology Department faculty and staff.