

Department of Psychology

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Mission

The mission of the Department of Psychology is to offer a broadly based liberal arts education with a major in Psychology that incorporates the educational goals of the profession as enumerated by the American Psychological Association. Achievement of these goals prepares the undergraduate student for graduate study or successful entry into a wide variety of occupations at the Bachelor's Degree level. Both faculty and students engage in public service and research related to needs of the region and the profession.

Facilities

The department is housed on the third floor of the Andy Holt Humanities Building. Laboratory and computer facilities are available to students for use in laboratory courses and for individual research projects. Sophisticated behavioral and physiological equipment is used to conduct research on both human and animal subjects.

Student Organizations

Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology, is available to psychology majors or minors who have completed nine hours of psychology and are currently registered for, or have already completed, at least three additional hours. A minimum psychology GPA of 3.2 and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 are required.

The Psychology Club is available to anyone interested in psychology. Field trips, speakers, and various other activities are provided for members.

Psychology Major

B.A. or B.S. Curriculum. The major in Psychology is designed for students who want to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree and attend graduate or professional school, or enter the workforce in a variety of applied areas, including mental health, drug rehabilitation, business, industry, or human resources. The major totals 39 hours and consists of the following courses: Psychology 110-120, 315, 318, 475, 480; at least one course from each of the following groups: (a) Psychology 312, 313; (b) Psychology 350, 450; (c) Psychology 320, 470; and an additional nine hours of upper-division psychology electives. No more than nine upper-division hours may be taken prior to completing the 315 and 318 sequence with a grade of C or better. A grade of C or better is required for all psychology courses taken and a psychology course may be repeated only once. Psychology 480 must be taken the final semester.

Following the American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines for ethical behavior is an essential part of training and education. Students are expected to follow the APA guidelines in all field work and research.

If a student places the welfare of a patient, client, or research participant (human or animal) in jeopardy and is determined to be inappropriate or irresponsible, the student will be removed from the course, receive a failing grade for the course, and additional disciplinary action may be taken (such as removal from the psychology program). In addition, all general education requirements for the B.A. or B.S. Degree must be met. A minor is required for the B.A. option.

Psychology Minor

A minor consists of the following courses: Psychology 110-120 and 12 additional hours of upper-division psychology courses.

Courses Offered by Department of Psychology

- Psychology 110-120 General Psychology (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 110H-120H Honors: General Psychology (as needed)
- Psychology 300 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (F)
- Psychology 310 Human Relations and Personal Adjustment (Sp, Su)
- Psychology 311 Human Relations for Staff (as needed)
- Psychology 312 Social Psychology (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 313 Developmental Psychology (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 315 Experimental Psychology I (F, Sp)
- Psychology 318 Experimental Psychology II (E, Sp)
- Psychology 320 Learning and Cognition (Sp)
- Psychology 330 Applied Behavior Analysis (F, Sp)
- Psychology 340 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (F, Sp)
- Psychology 350 Abnormal Psychology (F, Sp)
- Psychology 355 Abnormal Child Psychology (Sp)
- Psychology 360 Drugs and Behavior (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 365 Special Topics in Psychology (as needed)
- Psychology 370 Psychology of Women (as needed)
- Psychology 445 Undergraduate Research Participation (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 450 Theories of Personality (Sp, Su)
- Psychology 470 Physiological Psychology (F)
- Psychology 475 History of Psychology (F, Sp)
- Psychology 490 Field Work in Psychology (F, Sp, Su)
- Psychology 701 Directed Studies in Psychology (F, Sp, Su)

Complete course descriptions can be found in the Course Description section of the catalog.