

MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

Students may choose to major in General Psychology (p. 1) or to select a concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (p. 1) or Psychobiology (p. 2).

Per campus academic policy, transfer credits may be applied to major requirements; however, one-half of the major must be completed at New Paltz.

The following plans of study reflect revisions effective fall 2021. If you declared a Psychology major in or before spring 2021, your plan of study will be different. Please consult your advisor and refer to your progress report.

General Psychology

(44 credits¹)

This program leads to either a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

To declare the general Psychology major, students must have:

- Completed PSY101 Introduction to Psychology with a minimum grade of C-.
- A total cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- A Math Placement Level (MPL) of 3 or higher.

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Course (3 Credits)		
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Methodology Core (8 Credits)		
PSY201	Psychological Statistics ¹	4
PSY301 & PSY311	Psychology Research Methods and Research Methods Lab	4
Content Core (15 Credits)		
PSY221	Social Psychology	3
PSY231	Psychopathology and Mental Distress	3
PSY241	Lifespan Development	3
PSY351	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY361	History & Systems of Psychology	3
Advanced Courses (15 Credits)		
Select five (5) courses by advisement. No more than six (6) credits from the following courses will count toward this requirement: PSY392 Internship, PSY394 Crisis Intervention, PSY494 Fieldwork In Psychology, PSY495 Independent Study Psychology, DIS492 Practicum in Disaster Response, and PSY393 Selected Topic or PSY493 Selected Topic courses designated as "experiential."		15
DIS333	Disaster Psychology	
DIS492	Practicum in Disaster Response	
PSY322	Personality	
PSY323	Motivation	
PSY324	Psychology of Social Problems	
PSY332	Mental Health Professions	
PSY334	Behavior Modification	
PSY352	Perception	
PSY353	Psycholinguistics	
PSY362	Learning	

PSY363	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSY364	Constructivist Psychology	
PSY372	Psychology of Women	
PSY383	Organizational Psychology	
PSY384	Health Psychology	
PSY392	Internship	
PSY393	Selected Topic	
PSY443	Infancy and Childhood	
PSY444	Adolescence and Adulthood	
PSY452	Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSY453	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY454	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY482	Industrial Psychology	
PSY485	Psychological Testing	
PSY492	Crisis Intervention	
PSY493	Selected Topic	
PSY494	Fieldwork In Psychology	
PSY495	Independent Study Psychology	
Research Experience (0 Credits)		
Complete at least 12 half-hour experiential credits (i.e., 6 hours).		0
Capstone Experience (3 Credits)		
PSY498	Seminar in Psychology (Writing Intensive)	3
Total Credits		44

¹ A 3-credit transfer course equivalent to PSY201 Psychological Statistics will satisfy the core statistics requirement, thus allowing for completion of the major with 43 credits.

Psychology with Concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology

(59 credits¹)

This program leads to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

To declare the concentration in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, students must have:

- Completed PSY101 Introduction to Psychology with a minimum grade of C-.
- A total cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- A Math Placement Level (MPL) of 3 or higher

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Course (3 Credits)		
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Methodology Core (8 Credits)		
PSY201	Psychological Statistics ¹	4
PSY301 & PSY311	Psychology Research Methods and Research Methods Lab	4
Content Core (15 Credits)		
PSY221	Social Psychology	3
PSY231	Psychopathology and Mental Distress	3
PSY241	Lifespan Development	3
PSY351	Cognitive Psychology	3

PSY361	History & Systems of Psychology	3
Industrial/Organizational Core (9 Credits)		
PSY383	Organizational Psychology	3
PSY482	Industrial Psychology	3
PSY485	Psychological Testing	3
Advanced Course (3 Credits)		
Select one of the following:		3
DIS333	Disaster Psychology	
DIS492	Practicum in Disaster Response	
PSY322	Personality	
PSY323	Motivation	
PSY324	Psychology of Social Problems	
PSY332	Mental Health Professions	
PSY334	Behavior Modification	
PSY352	Perception	
PSY353	Psycholinguistics	
PSY362	Learning	
PSY363	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSY364	Constructivist Psychology	
PSY372	Psychology of Women	
PSY384	Health Psychology	
PSY392	Internship	
PSY393	Selected Topic	
PSY443	Infancy and Childhood	
PSY444	Adolescence and Adulthood	
PSY452	Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSY453	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY454	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY492	Crisis Intervention	
PSY493	Selected Topic	
PSY494	Fieldwork In Psychology	
PSY495	Independent Study Psychology	
Business Administration Studies (9 Credits)		
BUS250	Principles of Management	3
Select two of the following (note prerequisites):		6
BUS271	Legal Environment of Business	
BUS312	Operations Management	
BUS323	Introduction to Entrepreneurship	
BUS325	Marketing	
BUS326	Consumer Behavior	
BUS345	Human Resource Management	
BUS422	Leadership	
Concentration Electives (9 Credits)		
Select three (3) courses by advisement. In addition to the courses below, those listed above as "Advanced Course" options can count as concentration electives.		9
CMM104	Public Speaking	
CMM202	Interpersonal Communication	
CMM204	Small Group Communication	
CMM353	Persuasion and Social Influence	
CMM360	Organizational Communication	
CMM450	Negotiation	

ECO206	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO207	Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIS367	Business and Society	
PHI201	Symbolic Logic	
PHI305	Business Ethics	
POL356	Sex Discrimination and the Law	
SOC220	Social Inequality in the United States	
SOC407	Organizations and Work	
WOM311	Gender, Race, and Work	
Research Experience (0 Credits)		0
Complete at least 12 half-hour experiential credits (i.e., 6 hours).		
Capstone Experience (3 Credits)		
PSY498	Seminar in Psychology (Writing Intensive)	3
Total Credits		59

¹ Students who receive three (3) transfer credits for a course considered equivalent to PSY201 Psychological Statistics may fulfill the major requirements with 58 credits.

Psychology with a Concentration in Psychobiology

(59-62¹ credits)

This program leads to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

Many graduate programs in psychology regard a broad undergraduate background in natural, physical, and social sciences as the best preparation for graduate study. The concentration in psychobiology may appeal to students interested in pursuing graduate training in physiological psychology, psychobiology, neuropsychology, or animal behavior, or in preparing for professional school while combining an interest in these areas.

To declare the concentration in Psychobiology, students must have:

- Completed PSY101 Introduction to Psychology with a minimum grade of C-.
- A total cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher
- A Math Placement Level (MPL) of 4 or higher

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Course (3 Credits)		
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
Methodology Core (8 Credits)		
PSY201	Psychological Statistics ¹	4
PSY301 & PSY311	Psychology Research Methods and Research Methods Lab	4
Content Core (15 Credits)		
PSY221	Social Psychology	3
PSY231	Psychopathology and Mental Distress	3
PSY241	Lifespan Development	3
PSY351	Cognitive Psychology	3
PSY361	History & Systems of Psychology	3
Psychobiology Core (9 Credits)		
PSY452	Behavioral Neuroscience	3
Select two (2) of the following by advisement:		6

PSY352	Perception	
PSY353	Psycholinguistics	
PSY362	Learning	
PSY363	Evolutionary Psychology	
PSY384	Health Psychology	
PSY443	Infancy and Childhood	
PSY453	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSY454	Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience	
Required Biology Courses (15-16 Credits)		
BIO201 & BIO211	General Biology I and Gen Bio 1 Lab	4
BIO202 & BIO212	General Biology II and Gen Bio 2 Lab	4
BIO320 & BIO321	Genetics and Genetics Lab	4
Select one of the following:		3-4
BIO322	Evolution	
BIO370	Animal Physiology	
BIO412	Evolutionary Theory	
BIO418	Animal Behavior	
Concentration Electives (6-8 Credits)		
Select two (2) courses by advisement:		6-8
ANT301	Human Evolution	
BIO349	Biology Research	
BIO491	Capstone Research	
CHE201 & CHE211	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	
CHE202 & CHE212	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	
CHE318 & CHE306	Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry I Lab	
CHE319 & CHE309	Organic Chemistry II and Organic Chemistry II Lab	
PHY201 & PHY211	General Physics 1 and Physics 1 Laboratory	
PSY560	Cognitive Processes (with permission)	
Research Experience (0 Credits)		
Complete at least 12 half-hour experiential credits (i.e., 6 hours).		0
Capstone Experience (3 Credits)		
PSY498	Seminar in Psychology (Writing Intensive)	3
Total Credits		59-62

¹ Students who receive three (3) transfer credits for a course considered equivalent to PSY201 Psychological Statistics may fulfill the major requirements with 58-61 credits.