The undergraduate psychology major introduces students to a breadth of psychological topics, including the biological, social, and environmental influences on human behavior. As a department in the natural sciences, it also focuses on developing strong research and analytical skills. The department encourages students to complement their coursework with experiential learning opportunities, such as research and internships, to prepare themselves for a variety of career and graduate school paths.

**Required courses for the Psychology major**
The psychology major requires the completion of 33 to 34 credits in psychology, four credits in statistics, and nine to 10 credits of co-requirements distributed as follows.

**Foundation courses**
PSY 0010 Introduction to Psychology
STAT 0200 Basic Applied Statistics or
STAT 1000 Applied Statistical Methods or
STAT 1100 Statistics & Probability for Business Management
PSY 0036 Research Methods Lecture
PSY 0037 Research Methods Lab

**Note:** The required STAT course should be taken as early as possible because the content is important to many other PSY courses. The STAT course must be taken prior to taking PSY 0036 and PSY 0037 because it is a prerequisite.

**Core courses**
Four of the following
PSY 0105 Introduction to Social Psychology
PSY 0205 Psychopathology
PSY 0310 Developmental Psychology
PSY 0422 Cognitive Psychology
PSY 0505 Introduction to Biopsychology or NROSCI 1000 Introduction to Neuroscience

**Upper-level courses**
Two 1000-level courses, not to include any of the following
PSY 1900 Supervised Field Placement
PSY 1902 Directed Reading
PSY 1903 Directed Research
PSY 1907 Directed Individual Research
PSY 1950 Psychology Senior Seminar
PSY 1970 Undergraduate Teaching Experience
PSY 1973 Honors Directed Research
PSY 1975 Honors Thesis

**Elective course**
Choose one elective PSY course from any of the following.
PSY 0100-level
PSY 0200-level
PSY 0300-level
PSY 0400-level
PSY 0500-level
PSY 1000-level

The elective course cannot include any course used to fill a core requirement, any 1000-level requirement, or lab methods requirement. Experiential learning courses—PSY 1900, PSY 1903, and PSY 1907 may be used to fulfill this requirement. PSY 0011, PSY 1950, PSY 1970, PSY 1973, and PSY 1975 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

**Laboratory methods course; choose one**
PSY 0423 Cognitive Psychology Lab
PSY 1025 Tests and Measurements *
PSY 1059 Topics in Advanced Research Methods **
PSY 1064 Advanced Directed Research
PSY 1112 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality: Research Writing Practicum
PSY 1213 Psychopathology Advanced Lab
PSY 1305 Experimental Child Psychology
PSY 1471 Mapping Brain Connectivity
PSY 1975 Honors Thesis

* Offered infrequently ** Topics vary

**Co-requirement courses**
Students must take a minimum of one approved course in each of the following areas: mathematics; biological science; social science. Courses that fulfill these requirements are listed on the back of this sheet.

**Grade requirements**
All foundation, core, upper level, PSY elective, PSY lab, and statistics courses used to fulfill the major requirements must be completed with a grade of C or better. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

**Satisfactory/No Credit option**
All PSY and STAT courses used to fulfill requirements for the major must be taken for a letter grade.
Writing (W) requirement
Students must complete at least one W-course in the major. PSY 0037 Research Methods Lab meets this requirement.

Declaring the major
To declare the psychology major, students must complete courses PSY 0010 and the required statistics course with a C or better and be enrolled in PSY 0036.

Honors major requirements
Honors in psychology is granted if in addition to fulfilling all requirements for the major, the student:
- maintains a GPA of 3.5 or above in PSY courses;
- maintains an overall GPA of 3.25 or above;
- completes three credits in both PSY 1973 and PSY 1975; and
- successfully completes an honors research project, thesis, and oral defense.

Students planning to pursue the honors major should select a faculty advisor early in their junior year. PSY 1903 Directed Research should be taken prior to pursuing the honors major. Students planning to complete an honors project must meet with the director of psychology advising before registering.

New major orientation: New majors must complete an online orientation prior to registering.

Student advising: Students planning to pursue the honors major should contact the director of psychology advising before registering.

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Checklist for the Psychology major

Foundation courses
_____ PSY 0010
_____ STAT 0200 or STAT 1000 or STAT 1100
_____ PSY 0036
_____ PSY 0037

Core courses; choose four of the following
_____ PSY 0105
_____ PSY 0205
_____ PSY 0310
_____ PSY 0422

Upper-level elective courses
_____ PSY 1______ (1000-level course)
_____ PSY 1______ (1000-level course)

Psychology elective course
_____ PSY _______ (see options on the front of this sheet)

Laboratory course; choose one of the following
_____ PSY 0423 Cognitive Psychology Lab
_____ PSY 1025 Tests and Measurements
_____ PSY 1059 Topics in Advanced Research Methods
_____ PSY 1064 Advanced Directed Research
_____ PSY 1112 Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality
_____ PSY 1213 Psychopathology Advanced Lab
_____ PSY 1305 Experimental Child Psychology
_____ PSY 1471 Mapping Brain Connectivity
_____ PSY 1975 Honors Thesis

Co-requrement courses
Students must take a minimum of one course in each of the following areas.

Mathematics; choose one of the following
_____ CS 0007 Introduction to Computer Programming
_____ CS 0008 Introduction to Programming with Python
_____ CS 0011 Introduction to Computing for Scientists
_____ CS 0012 Introduction to Computing for the Humanities
_____ CS 0401 Intermediate Programming Using Java
_____ MATH 0125 and MATH 0126 Calculus for Business 1 and 2
_____ MATH 0120 Business Calculus
_____ MATH 0220 Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1
_____ MATH 0400 Finite Mathematics
_____ STAT 1201 Nonparametric Statistics

Note: Any student who wants to take an entry level MATH course (0120, 0200, 0220, 0032, or 0400), and who has not taken the prerequisite course for credit at the University of Pittsburgh must take the placement assessment (www.Mathematics.Pitt.edu/MathPlacement).

Biological Science; choose one of the following
_____ ANTH 0620 Biocultural Anthropology
_____ ANTH 0630 Forensic Anthropology
_____ ANTH 0680 Physical Anthropology
_____ BIOSC 0150 Foundations of Biology 1
_____ BIOSC 0160 Foundations of Biology 2
_____ BIOSC 0805 The Human Body
_____ BIOSC 0815 Genes and Diseases
_____ NROSCI 0081 Drugs and Behavior

Social Science; choose one of the following
_____ ANTH 0538 The Archaeologist Looks at Death
_____ ANTH 0582 Introduction to Archaeology
_____ ANTH 0768 Human Sexuality in Cross Culture
_____ ANTH 0780 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
_____ COMMRC 0310 Rhetorical Process
_____ COMMRC 0320 Mass Communication Process
_____ COMMRC 1110 Theories of Interpersonal Communication
_____ ECON 0100 Introduction to Microeconomic Theory
_____ ECON 0110 Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
_____ ECON 0800 Introduction to Economics
_____ GSWS 0100 Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies
_____ GSWS 0200 Sex, Race, & Popular Culture
_____ LING 0080 Aspects of Language
_____ LING 1000 Introduction to Linguistics
_____ PS 0200 American Political Process
_____ PS 0300 Comparative Politics
_____ PS 0500 World Politics
_____ PS 0600 Political Theory
_____ SOC 0005 Societies
_____ SOC 0010 Introduction to Sociology
_____ SOC 0150 Social Theory
_____ SOC 0230 Social Research Methods
_____ SOC 0317 Global Society
_____ SOC 0411 Deception and Betrayal
_____ SOC 0432 Wealth and Power
_____ SOC 0438 Sociology of the Family
_____ SOC 0444 Urban Sociology
_____ SOC 0446 Sociology of Gender
_____ SOC 0460 Minority Groups
_____ SOC 0471 Deviance and Social Control
_____ SOC 0475 Sociology of Aging
_____ SOC 1365 Race, Gender and Development
_____ SOC 1413 Marriage
_____ SOC 1448 Working Women
_____ SOC 1450 Health and Illness