PSYCHOLOGY, BA

A background in psychology is essential in today’s complex society to gain an understanding of why people and groups behave as they do and how individuals struggle to achieve their full potential.

The Department of Psychology is the largest academic program in the College of Arts and Sciences. It offers a rich array of courses and course sequences for more specialized studies. There is a balance between the scientific tradition of experimental psychology and the major domains of applied psychology. Students may learn about human sexuality, social psychology, child and adult psychopathology, multicultural psychology, and stress management. There are courses and course sequences on research methods and statistics, biopsychology, cultural diversity, forensic psychology, and the human lifespan from infancy to old age. The traditional areas of experimental psychology are available for study, including sensation-perception, cognitive processes, and learning-memory.

Students may choose to major or minor in Psychology or earn a concentration in Child and Family Studies, Mental Health, Neuroscience or Forensic Psychology. A degree in Psychology provides an excellent foundation for graduate studies in any aspect of psychology or related human services. Knowledge of psychological principles is a valued skill for any career or job description that involves working with people.

An undergraduate major in Psychology provides students with an excellent background for careers that involve working with people. Psychology graduates find work in business, sales, counseling, education, and health care. The BA is also essential preparation for those considering master’s or doctoral work in psychology, and similarly provides an excellent foundation for graduate work in counseling and social work.

Courses offered by our department address a wide variety of fields within the discipline. These classes focus on both research in psychology and the many ways in which psychological knowledge can help people, groups, and society. There are also opportunities to specialize within the major and to complete undergraduate concentrations as part of the degree program. The major can be completed at either Chicago or Schaumburg, day or evening.

Standards

A grade of C- is the minimal acceptable grade for a course to be applied to the major, minor, or concentrations. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all courses in the major, minor, and the psychology concentrations.

Requirements

To earn a BA in Psychology, students must complete 36 credit hours in Psychology. PSYC 103 INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY must be taken as soon as the major is declared. PSYC 200 INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS and PSYC 285 RESEARCH METHODS should be completed within the first two to three semesters of declaring the major.

Students need to complete 21 credit hours at Roosevelt University, including 9 credit hours at the 300 level at this university. In addition, a total of 12 credit hours within the major must be at the 300 level. Psychology majors resuming their major after an interruption of two or more years must follow the Psychology requirements in effect at the time students resume their studies.

General Education Requirements

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Psychology, BA

ACP 250  GROUNDS FOR CHANGE  3

English Composition  2
ENG 101  COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING  3
ENG 102  COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH  3

Humanities
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Speech and Women's and Gender Studies  9

Mathematics
MATH 110  QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above)  3

Non-Western requirement
Non-Western course (can be used for Humanities or Social Sciences general education requirements)  3

RU mission-related course  2
LIBS 201  WRITING SOCIAL JUSTICE  3

Science
One biological science and one physical science required (at least one must be a four-hour lab (not applicable for science majors))  7-8

Social Sciences
Select 9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies  9

Total Credit Hours  49-50

1 Required for students who enter RU with fewer than 12 credit hours
2 Minimum grade of C required
3 Math, Computer Science & Technology, and Science majors have different requirements--see advisor

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences:

- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 66 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.
- Students must have a minimum of 90 hours in Arts and Sciences.
- Students may apply no more than 51 hours in the major (BA) or 57 hours in the major (BS)

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program’s degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student’s academic plan can look slightly different.

Year 1

Fall  |  Credit Hours  |  Spring  |  Credit Hours
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ACP 101 | 3  | ACP 110 | 3
ENG 101 | 3  | ENG 102 | 3
PSYC 103 | 3  | PSYC 200 | 3
MATH 110 | 3  | BIOL 111 or 112 | 4
Humanities #1 | 3  | Social Science #1 | 3

Total  | 15  | 16

Year 2

Fall  |  Credit Hours  |  Spring  |  Credit Hours
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ACP 250 or LIBS 201 | 3  | LIBS 201 or ACP 250 | 3
PSYC 285 | 3  | PSYC 211, 220, 345, or 366 | 3
Physical Science | 3  | Social Science #2 | 3
Humanities #2 | 3  | Humanities #3 | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3

Total  | 15  | 15

Year 3

Fall  |  Credit Hours  |  Spring  |  Credit Hours
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PSYC 243, 254, 335, 339, 341, or 381 | 3  | PSYC 310, 316, 325, 336, or 350 | 3
PSYC 201, 215, 270, 319, 344, 347, 351, or 373 | 3  | Elective  | 3
PSYC 243 | 3  | Elective Course  | 3
Social Science #3 | 3  | General Elective  | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3

Total  | 15  | 15

Year 4

Fall  |  Credit Hours  |  Spring  |  Credit Hours
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Psychology | 3  | Psychology  | 3
Elective Course | 3  | Elective Course  | 3
Psychology | 3  | Psychology  | 3
Elective Course | 3  | Elective Course  | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3
General Elective  | 3  | General Elective  | 3
Complete all four PSYC Areas | Complete 12 hours of 300-level PSYC | Complete 12

Total Credit Hours 121

1 Or course towards an optional Minor.
2 Any course at the 200 level within the discipline.
Any course at the 300 level within the discipline.
This requirement can be fulfilled by other requirements.
One Natural Science course must have a lab.