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 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.

The major can be completed at either Chicago, Schaumburg, or online.

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. In addition, a total of 12 credit hours within the major must be at the 300 level. A grade of C- is the minimal acceptable grade for a course to be applied to the major and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all courses within the major. 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.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core		
PSYC 103	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSYC 200	INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS	3
PSYC 285	RESEARCH METHODS	3
Area 1: Biological/Cognitive/Learning Psychology		
Select one course from this list:		3
PSYC 316	LEARNING	
PSYC 325	SENSATION AND PERCEPTION	
PSYC 326	COGNITIVE PROCESSES	
PSYC 336	BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR	
PSYC 350	HUMAN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY	
Area 2: Social/Diversity Psychology		
Select one course from this list:		3
PSYC 211	PSYCHOLOGY STUDY OF RACISM	
PSYC 220	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 345	PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER	
PSYC 366	POVERTY & THE INDIVIDUAL	
Area 3: Human Development/Individual Differences		
Select one course from this list:		3
PSYC 243	THEORIES OF PERSONALITY	
PSYC 254	CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE	
PSYC 339	ADULT DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC 341	OLDER ADULTHOOD AND AGING	
PSYC 381	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	
Area 4: Applied/Clinical Psychology		
Select one of the following:		3
PSYC 201	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 215	LEARNING & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	
PSYC 270		
PSYC 319	CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHOPATHOLOGY	
PSYC 344	INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 347	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 351	LAW AND PSYCHOLOGY	
Psychology electives		
Five courses in Psychology		15
General Education, University Writing Requirement, and Electives		
Courses to total 120		84
Total Credit Hours		**120**

CORE Requirements (General Education)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
First Year Success Course or Transfer Success Course		
FYS 101	FIRST YEAR SUCCESS COURSE	1
or TRS 101	TRANSFER SUCCESS 101	
Communication Requirement		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
COMM 101	PUBLIC SPEAKING (or program specific CORE communications course)	3
Ideas of Social Justice		

3 credits in coursework categorized as Ideas.		3
Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts [2, 3]		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Communication and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) [1]	3
Science		
One biological science and one physical science required (one must include a one credit lab).		7-8
Social Sciences [2,3, 4]		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Experiential Learning		
6 credits from coursework categorized as Experiential Learning.		6
Total Credit Hours		**47-48**

1 Higher level of Math may be required by major
2 Coursework must come from outside of students' major discipline
3 A maximum of 9 credits can be applied from a single discipline towards humanities and social science requirements
4 Digital Advertising and Public Relations Majors must complete COMM 110 with a grade of C or higher. This course can fulfill one Social Science requirement.

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees.

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.
- 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 70 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students earning less than 60 total hours in residence 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 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
FYS 101	1	ENG 102	3
ENG 101	3	PSYC 200	3
PSYC 103	3	BIOL 111 or 112[2]	4
MATH 110	3	Social Science #1	3
Humanities #1	3	Ideas of Social Justice	3
Physical Science[2]	3		
	16		**16**

Year 2

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
COMM 101	3	PSYC 211, 220, 345, or 366	3
PSYC 285	3	Humanities #3	3
Humanities #2	3	Social Science #3	3
Social Science #2	3	General Elective [1]	3
General Elective[1]	3	General Elective[1]	3
	15		**15**

Year 3

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
PSYC 243, 254, 339, 341, or 381	3	PSYC 316, 325, 326, 336, or 350	3
PSYC 201, 215, 270, PSYC 319, PSYC 344, PSYC 347, or PSYC 351	3	Psychology Elective Course	3
General Elective[1]	3	Experiential Learning Course[3]	3
General Elective [1]	3	General Elective [1]	3
General Elective [1]	3	General Elective [1]	1
	15		**13**

Year 4

Fall	Credit Hours	Spring	Credit Hours
Psychology Elective Course	3	Psychology Elective Course	3
Psychology Elective Course	3	Psychology Elective Course	3
Experiential Learning Course[3]	3	General Elective [1]	3
General Elective [1]	3	General Elective [1]	3
General Elective[1]	3	General Elective [1]	3
Complete all four PSYC Areas		Complete 12 hours of 300-level PSYC	
	15		**15**

Total Credit Hours 120

1 Or course towards an optional Minor.
2 One Natural Science course must have a lab.

[3] Experiential Learning class must be 200/300 level and can be a PSYC course or taken outside the major. Psychology options include PSYC 350, PSYC 360, PSYC 366, PSYC 368, PSYC 381, PSYC 393, PSYC 398, and PSYC 399.