

PSYCHOLOGY (B.A.)

Bachelor of Arts Program

Program Code: BA-AS

Major Code: PSY

Psychology Department

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Students in the B.A. degree program receive a broad and comprehensive background in the science of psychology, which will qualify them to seek entry to graduate or professional schools, or to apply for jobs that require a liberal arts training. The department's approach is both theoretical and empirical at all levels. The broad content areas represented include learning, perception, lifespan development and aging, animal behavior, industrial/organizational psychology, social processes, and normal and abnormal behavior.

B.A. Honors in Psychology

Departmental honors are for students who are performing exceptionally well in their courses. The honors designation is an adjunct to the B.A. degree with an added emphasis on independent work, and requires that students conduct a comprehensive original research project under the supervision of a faculty mentor. To be considered, students must have at least 24 credit hours in psychology from Buffalo State with a minimum GPA of 3.5, and a minimum GPA of 3.25 in all courses taken at Buffalo State. In addition to the required courses in the B.A. degree program, honors students must take PSY 496 and PSY 498. A 42-credit-hour sequence of psychology courses is required for a B.A. honors degree. This requirement is identical to that of the B.A. degree except that PSY 496 is used as a psychology elective and PSY 498 is an additional required course. Students should see their adviser no later than the junior year for more information about the honors option.

It is strongly recommended that all Psychology majors take BIO 101 Human Biology as part of their Intellectual Foundations coursework.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)	33

Psychology Major Requirements (39 credit hours)

Required Courses (15 credit hours)		
PSY 101	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 350	STATISTICS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH ¹	3
PSY 450	RESEARCH METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS	3
PSY 471	HISTORY AND SYSTEMS OF PSYCHOLOGY	3
PSY 472	SEMINAR ON PSYCHOLOGY	3
Note: PSY 350, PSY 450 and PSY 472 must be taken in sequence.		
Content Courses (15 credit hours)		
Students must select one course from each of the following groups. The prerequisite for all 300-level courses is PSY 101 with a grade of C or better, unless otherwise noted.		15
Biological and Cognitive Psychology		
PSY 304	LEARNING: THEORY AND RESEARCH	
PSY 308	SENSATION AND PERCEPTION	
PSY 321	COMPARATIVE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR	
PSY 330	THE PSYCHOLOGICAL POWER OF LANGUAGE	
PSY 333	BRAIN AND BEHAVIOR	
PSY 340	COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY	
Social/Personality Psychology		
PSY 311	PERSONALITY: THEORY AND RESEARCH	
PSY 325	SOCIAL BEHAVIOR	
Developmental Psychology		
PSY 301	PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD ABUSE AND ADVOCACY	
PSY 327	ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING I	
PSY 355	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSY 356	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	
PSY 357	ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT	
Clinical Psychology		
PSY 392	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY ²	

PSY 393	ABNORMAL CHILD PSYCHOLOGY ²	
Applied Psychology and Diversity		
PSY 365	PSYCHOLOGY IN THE WORKPLACE	
PSY 367	ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR	
PSY 370	ENVIRONMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY I	
PSY 375	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	
PSY 376	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	
PSY 381	PSYCHOLOGY OF CULTURE	
PSY 382	PSYCHOLOGY OF THE CONSUMER	
PSY 383	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR	
PSY 387	PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER	
PSY 388	PSYCHOLOGY OF DEATH AND DYING	
<i>Advanced and Electives Selected by Advisement (9 credit hours)</i>		
Three additional courses (9 credit hours) required. At least two courses must be at the 400-level.		9
One course from the following may count toward the major:		
PSY 488	INTERNSHIP	
PSY 495	SPECIAL PROJECT	
PSY 496	HONORS THESIS I	
PSY 498	HONORS THESIS II	
PSY 499	INDEPENDENT STUDY	
All College Electives		
48 credit hours		48
Total Credit Hours		120

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Prerequisite: At least sophomore status; Completion of the Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning General Education requirement – only a MAT course at MAT 114 or higher.

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Prerequisite: PSY 101 (<http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/search/?P=PSY%20101>) with a Grade of C or higher and 3 additional hours of psychology.

Students will:

1. demonstrate an understanding of the major historical schools of thought and approaches in psychology.
2. demonstrate mastery of APA technical report writing.
3. be prepared for careers related to psychology or graduate studies.
4. be able to select and critically evaluate existing literature in a given topic area of psychology.
5. demonstrate the ability to generate a scientific hypothesis in a given area of psychology.
6. demonstrate the rudimentary skills to design and implement research to test scientific hypotheses.
7. be able to apply appropriate statistical techniques for a given research design.

8. demonstrate the ability to apply valid conclusions based on topic area, hypothesis, review of literature, and study outcomes.