

University of Indianapolis – *College of Education & Behavioral Sciences*
2024-2025 Curriculum Guide for Psychology Majors (PSYC)
Bachelor of Arts or Science

The Department of Psychological Sciences offers one undergraduate major in psychology. It is strongly recommended that Psychology majors enhance their psychology degree by completing an optional concentration or certificate. Please see below for recommended concentrations/certificates.

The following guide is a suggested sequence of courses; transfer students or those changing majors may find it necessary to deviate from this suggested sequence. Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Occupational Therapy students should refer to pre-professional program curriculum guides for additional requirements or substitutions. Please note that PSY 124, 125, and 165 are recommended prerequisites for the 200-level courses and required for the 300 and 400-level courses.

Foundational Courses (7 hours)

- **PSY 124** Foundations of Psychological Sciences I - Methods (3)
- **PSY 125** Foundations of Psychological Science II - Statistics (3)*
- **PSY 165** Career and Educational Pathways for Psychology Majors (1)

Psychology Core Requirements (12 hours)

- **PSY 215** Social Psychology (3)
- **PSY 230** Brain and Behavior (3)
- **PSY 235** Cognitive Psychology (3)
- **PSY 245** Lifespan Psychology (3)

Pre-Capstone Experience (3 Hours)

- **PSY 400** Writing and Professional Development in Psychology (3)
(Prereq: PSY 124, PSY 125, PSY 165; PSY 215 or PSY 245; PSY 230 or PSY 235; Fulfills General Education Writing and Speaking Requirement)

Psychology Readings Courses (6 hours)

Choose TWO courses from the following:

- **PSY 315** Readings in Diversity (3)
- **PSY 335** Readings in Cognition and Emotion (3)
- **PSY 340** Readings in Biological Bases of Behavior (3)
- **PSY 370** Readings in Advanced Topics (3)
- **PSY 385** Readings in Human Development (3)
- **PSY 395** Readings in Clinical Psychology (3)

Capstone Experience (3 hours)

- **PSY 476** Capstone in Psychological Sciences (3)
(Prereq: PSY 400; Fulfills General Education Capstone Requirement)

Electives (at least 6 hours):

Choose at least two (2) different courses not required for the major (one must be at the 300-level or above).

- **PSY 460** Research Practicum (2) and/or **PSY 499** Internship in Psychology (2-4)
- **300** or **400** Level Psychology Elective Not Counting Towards the PSYC Major or a PSYC Concentration (3)
- Any Psychology Elective Not Counting Towards the PSYC Major or a PSYC Concentration (3)

NOTES:

1. Prerequisite for PSY 125 is readiness for MATH 105, 108, 150, or 180.
2. Recommended prerequisites for Psychology Core Courses are PSY 124, 125, and 165.
3. Required prerequisites for Psychology Readings Courses are PSY 124, 125, and the relevant 200 level course.
4. PSY 460 Research Practicum may be taken up to 4 times and PSY 499 Internship in Psychology may be taken up to 2 times.
5. A grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required in all courses applying toward the Psychology Major.
6. The Psychology major requires a total of 37 credit hours.
7. Students are strongly encouraged to take PSY 400 during their junior year.
8. Students may not double count classes towards the psychology major or minor and a psychology concentration.

The Bachelor of Arts/Science Degree requires a minimum of 120 hours.

Please see the General Education Curriculum guide for additional requirements.

A student may complete more than one major as long as each major has at least 24 discrete hours. Please see the Academic Catalog for additional details.

We strongly encourage our psychology majors to complete a second major, concentration, certificate, or minor along with their psychology major. Many of our majors will also choose a minor or second major. On this page, we list some suggested concentrations, certificate options, and minors that pair well with a psychology degree.

Optional Concentration/Certificate/Major/Minor Options (Strongly Recommended)

Clinical and Counseling Studies Concentration (12 hours)

Students interested in pursuing graduate school in areas related to clinical or counseling psychology or professional experiences related to mental health are encouraged to complete the Clinical and Counseling Studies Concentration

- PSY 250** Personality Theories (3)
- PSY 345** Abnormal Psychology (3)
- PSY 425** Foundational Skills of the Helping Professions (3)
- PSY 395** Readings in Clinical Psychology (3)

Neuroscience Concentration (12 hours)

Students interested in pursuing graduate school in areas related to neuroscience or neuropsychology or professional experiences related to biological bases of thought and behavior are encouraged to complete the Neuroscience Concentration.

- PSY 301** Neuroscience Foundations (3)
- PSY 302** Biological Basis of Perception and Movement (3)
- PSY 303** Cognitive Neuroscience (3)

PSY 304 Clinical Neuropathology (3)

Undergraduate Certificate in Aging Studies (12 hours)

Undergraduates in any area of study who have an interest in learning about or working with older adults are encouraged to earn the Undergraduate Certificate in Aging Studies. Students with a certificate in aging studies may find themselves to be more employable in a marketplace that increasingly works to meet the needs of a growing older adult population.

GERO 301 Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Aging (3)

GERO 305 Physical Dimensions of Aging (3)

GERO 310 Aging in Society & Community (3)

GERO 320 Psychology of Aging (3)

Other Concentrations/Certificates that pair well with a psychology major:

- Africana Studies Concentration

Majors/Minors that pair well with a psychology major:

- Anthropology
- Biology/Human Biology
- Business
- Child & Youth Programs
- Communication
- Community Inequality & Change
- Criminal Justice
- Data Science
- Gender Studies
- Marketing
- Race & Ethnic Studies
- Religion
- Sociology
- Social Work
- Spanish
- Statistics

REMEMBER: If you have any questions about the Psychology Major and its requirements, contact your academic advisor. Courses and requirements sometimes change so keep in contact with your advisor.