**Psychology B.S.**

**Psychology has fluent applications in any field of endeavor, including mental health, business, education, and engineering as well as the arts & sciences. The Psychology major develops a basic understanding of why we act the way we do in a variety of scenarios as well as insight into human connection. With a grounding in both research and theory, the psychology major develops critical thinking skills in addition to social/emotional insight.**

**Essential Skills - Psychology majors develop the skills needed to:**

* Apply knowledge in psychology
* Use scientific reasoning and think critically
* Demonstrate ethical and social responsibility in a diverse world
* Communicate (both oral and written communication)
* Show professional development

[*APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major* (PDF, 447KB)](https://www.apa.org/about/policy/undergraduate-psychology-major.pdf)

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| **FIRST YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| FST | 1 | PSY 2040, 2050 or 2060  Developmental choices | 3 |
| PSY 1110 General Psy | 3 | MAT 1150 | 3 |
| ENG 1100 | 3 | PHI 1000 (Gen Ed) | 3 |
| MUS or ART (Gen Ed) | 3 | COM (Gen Ed) | 3 |
| HIS OR POL (Gen Ed) | 3 | Science (Gen Ed) | 3 |
| THE (Gen Ed) | 3 |  |  |
| Total Credits | 16 credits | Total Credits | 15 Credits |

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| **SECOND YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| PSY 2130 (Stats) | 3 | ETH (Gen Ed) | 3 |
| PSY 3260 (Abnormal) | 3 | PSY 2450 Psych Assessment | 3 |
| Modern Language (Gen Ed) | 3 | Modern Lang or Lit (Gen Ed) | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
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| Elective | 1 | Elective | 1 |
| Total Credits | 16 credits | Total Credits | 16 credits |

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| **THIRD YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| PSY 3110  Experimental Psych | 3 | PSY 3120 Advanced Res. Or Sub. | 3 |
| PSY 3240 Social Psych  PSY 3520 Personality  PSY 3560  Sensation/Perception  Or PSY 3650 Cognitive | 3 | PSY 3020 Behavior  Modification  PSY 3250 Hist. of Psych  PSY 3570 Counseling or PSY 3620 Organizational | 3 |
| SOC (Gen Ed) | 3 | PED (Gen Ed) | 1 |
| COR (Gen Ed) | 4 | Elective | 3 |
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| Total Credits | 16 credits | Total Credits | 13 credits |

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| **FOURTH YEAR** | | | |
| **Fall Courses** | | **Spring Courses** | |
| PSY 4600 or 4900 | 3 | PSY 4600 or 4900 | 3 |
| PSY 3010 | 3 | PSY 4001 | 1 |
| Elective | 3 | PSY Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | Elective | 3 |
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| Total Credits | 15 credits | Total Credits | 13 credits |
| **Total Credits to Graduate** | | | 120 credits |

**HONOR SOCIETY & CLUB:**

The department offers membership in [PSI CHI](https://www.psichi.org/), the International Honor Society for Psychology founded in 1929. The department also hosts a Psychology Club, open to all students, regardless of major.

**Employment Information:**

Popular careers for Psychology majors at the Bachelor’s degree level include those with a demand for excellent ‘people skills,’ including: Human Resources, sales, business management, employee relations, research/data entry. At the master's level, students pursue careers in fields such as: School Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Clinical Counseling, Education, and Social Work. Others go on to the doctoral level for careers as Clinical Psychologists, College Professors, researchers, etc.

**Representative Employers to the Major Include**:

Universities, Hospitals, Advertising, Marketing, Human Resources/Personnel Management, Not-for-Profit Agencies, Government, Publishing, K-12 Education

**Further Resources:**

See the following resources: [National Association of Colleges & Employers: Career Readiness Defined](https://www.naceweb.org/career-readiness/competencies/career-readiness-defined), [American Psychological Association](https://www.apa.org/education-career/guide/careers), [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for Psychology](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/psychologists.htm), [AAC&U](https://www.aacu.org/trending-topics/essential-learning-outcomes), [What Can I Do with This Major?](https://www.molloy.edu/academics/resources/resources-for-students/student-solution-center/undeclared-advisement/career-options), and [Molloy Undergraduate Catalog.](https://molloy.smartcatalogiq.com/2023-2024/undergraduate-catalog/)

**Notice**:

This 8-semester plan is not a contract, either expressed or implied, between the University and the student, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered periodically to carry out the academic objectives of the University. The University specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any 8-semester plan at any time within the student’s period of study at the University.