

New Program Proposal

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Candidates for the B.S. in Psychology must complete at least 37, but no more than 50, hours of courses taught by or cross-listed with the Department of Psychological Sciences. In addition to the above courses, students must complete the following:

Select four Psychology courses numbered 3000 to 4998 ¹	12
In addition, select at least one of the following Psychology courses	3
Neuroscience	
PSYCH 4300	Introduction To Psychopharmacology: Drugs And
PSYCH 4314	Behavioral Neuroscience
PSYCH 4330	Hormones, The Brain And Behavior
PSYCH 4340	Introduction to Human Neuroanatomy
PSYCH 4349	Human Learning And Memory
PSYCH 4350	Emotions and the Brain
PSYCH 4372	Introduction to Social Neuroscience
Clinical	
PSYCH 3340	Clinical Problems Of Childhood
PSYCH 3500	Health Psychology
PSYCH 3820	Cross-Cultural Psychology
PSYCH 4374	Introduction To Clinical Neuropsychology
Applied	
PSYCH 3316	Fundamentals Of Leadership
PSYCH 3318	Industrial And Organizational Psychology

PSYCH 4250	Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination	
PSYCH 4365	Psychological Testing and Assessment	
Natural Science ^{2, 3}		7
Select two courses from Biology, Chemistry, and Physics with at least one of them including a laboratory		
Social Science ²		3
Select one course from Anthropology, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Economics, Political Science, and Sociology		
Total Hours		25

¹ No more than 3 hours can be PSYCH 3295 or PSYCH 3390.

² These courses must be above and beyond the General Education requirements.

³ Pre-requisite Biology courses for Psych 2211 Biological Psychology may not be used to meet the Natural Science requirement.

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher in the major overall, and must earn a C- or above in each of the courses comprising the 37 credits applied to the B.S. degree in Psychology. Failure to earn a C- or above in the required courses will necessitate re-taking them for a satisfactory completion of the C- requirement. No Psychology courses taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis may be applied to the major.

Rationale

The faculty of the Department of Psychological Sciences requests that a Bachelor of Science option be offered along with the Bachelor of Arts option. Addition of a B.S. option allows students whose career goals will benefit from additional courses in the natural and social sciences rather than the language courses required for the B.A. degree. We anticipate that a majority of our majors will continue to track toward the B.A. degree. However, some students are excited by the modern trend in psychology toward a more science-based curriculum than the historical B.A. focus of the field. Indeed, the recent name change for the department to Psychological Sciences reflects the faculty's recognition of that trend