

Psychology Major Curriculum Reorganization (Rev. 3/11/08)

Effective Fall Semester 2008

Consistent with the psychology department planning documents and goals, the psychology faculty has discussed the organization and requirements for the psychology major. Based on our deliberations, consideration of other programs, the perceived needs of our students, and anticipated developments in the field, we have reorganized the courses that are required for the psychology major. The number of required credits remains at 36. With the exception of a course number change (Advanced Research Methods 275-3cr), we are not proposing any new courses. The revised curriculum attempts to ensure students receive a sound background in the traditional areas of psychology, provide some degree of choice within those areas, and encourage the development of research skills. We believe this modification will provide students with course options and also allow the department additional flexibility in course scheduling for our large number of majors. It is our intention to initiate these changes in the fall semester, 2008.

The minor course requirements will remain unchanged. Twenty-four credits are required for the minor program.

Current Requirements

General Education Requirements

General Psychology 101-3cr
Behavioral Statistics 201-3cr

Required Courses-18 credits

Research Methods 205-3cr
Social Psychology 265-3cr
Psyc Meas and Eval 315-3cr
Learning and Motivation 305-3cr
Physiological Psychology 355-3cr
History and Systems 401-3cr

Required Area Options-9 credits

Child and Adoles Dev 236-3cr or
Adult Dev and Aging 336-3cr

Memory and Thinking 310-3cr or
Sensation and Perception 350-3cr

Psychology of Personality 320-3cr or
Abnormal Psychology 325-3cr

Additional Course Work-9 credits

Various Psychology Electives

Proposed Requirements

General Education Requirements

General Psychology 101-3cr
Behavioral Statistics 201-3cr

Required Courses-6 credits

Research Methods 205-3cr
History and Systems 401-3cr

Required Area Options-21 credits

Psychological Methods-3 credits
Adv Research Methods 275-3cr or
Psyc Meas and Eval 315-3cr

Psychological Development-3 credits
Child and Adoles Dev 236-3cr or Adult
Dev and Aging 336-3cr

Learning and Cognition-3 credits
Learning and Motivation 305-3cr or
Memory and Thinking 310-3cr