

PSYCHOLOGY, BA

Studies in psychology introduce students to contemporary understandings of how organisms perceive, learn, think and interact with one another, how they develop, how they are motivated and how, individually and as members of species, they may be compared with one another. Psychology at Penn is a diverse discipline, with topics ranging from neuroscience to psychopathology.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 33. Double majors may entail more course units.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required.

6 course units of Psychology courses must be taken at the University of Pennsylvania.

For more information: <https://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/penn-undergraduate-psychology> (<https://psychology.sas.upenn.edu/penn-undergraduate-psychology/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements²		
<i>Introductory Psychology</i>		
PSYC 0001	Introduction to Experimental Psychology (or Replacement PSYC course) ³	1
<i>Distribution</i>		
Biological Basis of Behavior:		
Select one of the following:		1
NRSC 1110	Introduction to Brain and Behavior	
PSYC 1210	Introduction to Brain and Behavior	
PSYC 1230	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PSYC 1530	Memory	
Select 1 credit unit of a Biological Psychology Elective with the following Attribute:		1
Attribute: APCI (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/apci/)		
Cognitive Basis of Behavior:		
Select one of the following:		1
PSYC 1310	Language and Thought	
PSYC 1340	Perception	
PSYC 1530	Memory	
PSYC 1777	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
Select 1 credit unit of a Cognitive Psychology Elective with the following Attribute:		1
Attribute: APCC (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/apcc/)		
Social Science Bases of Behavior:		
Select one of the following:		1
PSYC 1440	Social Psychology	
PSYC 1462	Abnormal Psychology	

PSYC 1777	Introduction to Developmental Psychology	
Select 1 credit unit of a Social Psychology Elective with the following Attribute:		1
Attribute: APCS (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/apcs/)		
<i>Research Experience</i>		
Select 1 credit unit of any Psychology course at the 4000 level		1
<i>Statistics</i>		
Select one of the following approved courses:		1
ANTH 3454	Quantitative Analysis of Anthropological Data	
BIOL 2510	Statistics for Biologists	
CRIM 1200	Statistics for the Social Sciences I	
ECON 2300	Statistics for Economists	
NURS 2300	Statistics for Research and Measurement	
SOCI 2010	Social Statistics	
STAT 1010	Introductory Business Statistics	
STAT 1020	Introductory Business Statistics	
STAT 1110	Introductory Statistics (day or summer only)	
STAT 1120	Introductory Statistics	
STAT 4310	Statistical Inference	
<i>Elective Psychology Courses</i>		
Select 2 course units in Psychology between the 1000 and 4000 level		2
Select 2 additional course units in Psychology or Approved Psychology Cognate Electives with: Attribute APMR (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/apmr/)		2
Approved Psychology Cognate Electives:		
ANTH 1040	Sex and Human Nature	
ASAM 1800	Psychology of Asian Americans	
ECON 0120	Strategic Reasoning	
EDUC 2535	Psychology of Women	
EDUC 2541	Educational Psychology	
EDUC 2551	Mindfulness and Human Development (SNF Paideia Program Course)	
EDUC 3545	Psychology of Personal Growth	
GSWS 3440	Psychology of Personal Growth	
LING 0750	Language and Thought	
LING 2700	Language Acquisition	
NRSC 2233	Neuroethology	
NRSC 2240	Chronobiology and Sleep	
NRSC 3310	Functional Neuroanatomy	
NRSC 4430	The Cognitive Neuroscience of Autism	
NRSC 4469	Stress Neuroscience	
NRSC 4470	Animal Models of Neuropsychiatric Disorders	
NRSC 4480	Biological Basis of Psychiatric Disorders	
NRSC 4482	Clinical Psychopharmacology	
OIDD 2900	Decision Processes	
PHIL 4840	Philosophy of Psychology	
PHIL 4843	Philosophy and Visual Perception	
PPE 3001	Strategic Reasoning	
PPE 3003	Behavioral Economics and Psychology	

PSYC 2750	Behavioral Economics and Psychology
STAT 1020	Introductory Business Statistics
STAT 1120	Introductory Statistics
Total Course Units	
33	

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

² A maximum of two study abroad courses can count in the major. The study abroad courses are PSYC 2982, 2983, 2984, 3985, 3986, 3987.

³ Replacement PSYC course if PSYC 0001 Introduction to Experimental Psychology waived by an AP score of 5.

Honors

Code	Title	Course Units
STAT 1120	Introductory Statistics	1
PSYC 4997		0.5
PSYC 4997	Senior Honors Seminar in Psychology	0.5

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.