Psychology Department  
Major Requirements  
Effective Fall 2013

The Psychology Department offers two major degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.). Each of these requires 39 hours of coursework within the Department of Psychology. In addition, the B.S. requires 12 hours of additional coursework outside of the department (described on the back of this form).

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<th>PSYCH COURSE REQUIREMENTS</th>
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<td>Psy 1- Introductory Psych</td>
<td>4 hrs.</td>
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<td>Students must pass Psy 10 and 11 (or equivalent) with a grade of &quot;C&quot; or better to major in psychology and to take any upper level courses for which they are prerequisites.</td>
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<td>Psy 10- Research Methods</td>
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<td>Psy 11-Statistics</td>
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<td>One of the following courses with labs:</td>
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<td>Psy 120/121- Conditioning &amp; Learning</td>
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<td>Psy 130- Experimental Social Psych</td>
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<td>Psy 133- Psychological Assessment</td>
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At least one course must be completed in each of the following four areas (a theme may be filled by a laboratory course):

### Theme A. Sensation, Perception & Biopsychology

- Psy 24- Animal Behavior
- Psy 26- Human Evolutionary Psych
- Psy 28- Drugs and Behavior
- Psy 122- Sensation & Perception
- Psy 123- Biological Basis of Behavior
- Psy 124- Health Psych
- Psy 127- Behavior Genetics
- Psy 128- Hormones & Behavior

### Theme B. Learning, Cognition & Memory

- Psy 60- Principles of Behavior
- Psy 120/121- Conditioning & Learning
- Psy 125- Cognitive Psych
- Psy 126- Comparative Psych
- Psy 129- Primate Cognition
- Psy 154 - Theories of Consciousness
- Psy 162- Applied Behavior Analysis

### Theme C. Clinical, Personality & Assessment

- Psy 76- Abnormal Psychology
- Psy 81*- Human Sexuality
- Psy 132- Theories of Personality
- Psy 133- Psychological Assessment
- Psy 137*- Psychology of Gender
- Psy 176- Advanced Psychopathology
- Psy 177- Fundamentals of Clinical Psychology

* Courses are not offered on a regular basis.

### Theme D. Developmental, Social & Organizational

- Psy 30- Social Psych
- Psy 42- Child and Adolescent Psych
- Psy 44- Adult Develop and Aging
- Psy 85- Organizational Psych
- Psy 130- Experimental Social Psych
- Psy 134- Ethnopoltical Conflict
- Psy 142- Beh. Anal. of Child Develop
- Psy 148- Psych of Develop Disabilities
- Psy 183- Industrial Psych

**TOTAL HRS: _____**

**UPPER HRS: _____**

**CUMULATIVE GPA: _____**

**NOTE:** Students must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0 in psychology (computed across all PSY courses) to graduate with a B.A. or a B.S. in Psychology.

### Capstone in Psych

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B.S. NON-PSYCHOLOGY COURSE REQUIREMENTS: An additional 12 hours of coursework must be successfully completed in natural science courses outside of the Department of Psychology, including Astronomy, BCMB, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Mathematics (20 or above), Physics, and NSCI not cross-listed with Psychology.

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NOTE: 8 of the 12 hours must be from courses that include a laboratory component.

CAPSTONE OPTIONS: Students should work closely with their faculty advisors to find an appropriate psychology capstone experience to fulfill the requirements of the Drake Curriculum. To be counted as a capstone, the experience must be the equivalent of 3 student credit hours. No experience should be considered “approved” until the student has consulted the faculty advisor. Advisors will typically approve the following kinds of experiences. Capstone experiences other than those listed under bullet “a” will be designated with a “C” following the course number (e.g. Psy 191C) at the time of registration or during the semester of enrollment. Capstones may not be taken as pass/fail.

a- Capstone Courses:
Courses designated as senior capstone experiences (History and Systems of Psychology-Psy 151, and Applied Professional Ethics in Psychology-Psy 145) may complete the capstone requirement.

b- Research Experience:
A student may, with faculty guidance, complete an independent scholarly project. This project may be empirical or theoretical in nature, and must result in a scholarly product at the end.

c- Internship:
A student may work in a setting relevant to his/her interests in psychology a minimum of 10 hours a week for at least one semester. The internship experience must result in a scholarly product at the end. (Prerequisite: 2.8 GPA)

d- Group projects:
Under faculty guidance, small groups of students may work together on an original project, perhaps in the context of a research seminar course. All members must contribute equally.

e- Occasionally, one or more members of the faculty may offer a senior seminar on a topic of current interest in psychology. Active participation in discussion and substantial written work will be required of seminar students.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Of the 39 credit hours in psychology required for the major, 18 credit hours that do not include independent study, research seminars or internships must be taken at Drake, and a minimum of 9 of these must be upper division psychology credit hours.

2. Students may take both Stat 71 & Stat 72, or Bio 99 as substitutes for Psy 11. These students will need to take additional credit hours in psychology to reach the 39 hours of Psych coursework needed for the major.

3. Students who are interested in graduate school study in psychology are encouraged to take History and Systems (Psy 151), Independent Study (Psy 90/91 or 190/191) and participate in a Research Seminar (Psy 198 series). These courses will count toward the Arts and Sciences degree. Additional courses strongly recommended for majors with GPA’s of 3.00 and above who are interested in graduate study in psychology: Advanced Statistics (Psy 111) and two laboratory courses; one human, one animal.

4. Independent Study/Internship (Psy 90/91, 190/191, 192): A maximum of 6 credit hours of independent study and/or internship may be counted toward the 39 hours required for the major.

5. Travel Study Seminar (Psy 194) and Topical Seminar (Psy 95 and Psy 195) courses count toward the Psychology major.

6. Students are encouraged to take courses in the arts and sciences that will improve their verbal, quantitative, and critical reasoning skills.