

## Psychology Major Requirements

The Psychology Department offers two major degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts (B.A. 37 credit hours) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S. 40 PSY credit hours, 12 natural science credit hours). This form outlines the required coursework for both degrees.

Course Requirement	Term/Year	Hours
PSY 1 – Introductory Psychology		
PSY 11 – Statistics		
PSY 13 – Research Methods		

*One of the following courses with labs:*

PSY 111 – Advanced Stats		
PSY 120/121 – Conditioning & Learning		
PSY 125 – Cognitive Psychology		
PSY 126 – Comparative Psychology		
PSY 130 – Experimental Social Psych		
PSY 133 – Psychological Assessment		
PSY 162 – Applied Behavior Analysis		

### Notes:

Students must pass PSY 11 and PSY 13 (or equivalent) with a “C” grade (not C-) or better to major in psychology and to take any upper-level courses for which PSY 11 and PSY 13 are prerequisites.

Students complete 16 hours of upper-division coursework in psychology, including at least one 4 credit psychology laboratory course. These hours exclude independent studies, research seminars, and internships.

**At least one lower-division course must be completed in each of the following three areas.**

Biology, Behavior, and Cognition	Term/Hrs	Development, Identity, and Society	Term/Hrs	Health, Wellness, and Treatment	Term/Hrs
NSCI 1 - Intro to Neuroscience		PSY 30 – Social Psychology		PSY 22 – Health Psychology	
PSY 25 – Cognitive Processes		PSY 32 – Theories of Personality		PSY 70 – Intro to Counseling Techniques	
PSY 28 – Drugs and Behavior		PSY 42 – Child and Adolescent Psych		PSY 76 – Abnormal Psychology	
PSY 60 – Principles of Behavior		PSY 44 – Adult Development and Aging		PSY 81 – Human Sexuality	

**Students must take at least 12 hours of upper-division coursework (not including required lab)**

Upper Division Coursework (see elective options on reverse sheet)	Term/Hrs
Capstone (see reverse):	3
<b>Upper Division Total</b>	<b>/12</b>

Psych Electives	Total Hours**:	/37 (40)
Psychology courses not listed above may count as electives (see reverse side). Elective hours count towards the total required hours for the major.	<b>Cumulative GPA:</b>	
	<b>Students must obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0 across all PSY courses to graduate with a B.A. or a B.S. in Psychology</b>	

**\*\*B.S. students will choose one additional Psychology Elective, bringing their total required Psychology hours to 40.**

### Capstone Requirement

Students will choose *one* capstone option from the list below. Students who choose PSY 190C to fulfill this requirement must engage in a research project under supervision of a Psychology faculty member. This project must result in a scholarly product. These courses **will** count towards upper division requirements.

<b>Capstone Course Options (choose one):</b> PSY 138: Multicultural Psychology PSY 145: Applied & Professional Ethics in Psychology PSY 151: History & Systems of Psychology	<b>or</b>	<b>Experiential Learning Options (choose one):</b> PSY 190C: Independent Study PSY 192C: Internship
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### Psychology Electives

#### Lower-Division Electives

- NSCI 1 – Intro to Neuroscience
- PSY 12 – Scientific Writing
- PSY 22 – Health Psychology
- PSY 25 – Cognitive Processes
- PSY 28 – Drugs and Behavior
- PSY 30 – Social Psychology
- PSY 32 – Theories of Personality
- PSY 42 – Child and Adolescent Psych
- PSY 44 – Adult Development and Aging
- PSY 60 – Principles of Behavior
- PSY 70 – Intro to Counseling Techniques
- PSY 76 – Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 81 – Human Sexuality

#### Upper-Division Electives

- PSY 122 – Sensation and Perception
- PSY 127 – Behavior Genetics
- PSY 135 – Psychology of Prejudice
- PSY 137 – Psychology of Gender
- PSY 142 – Behav. Analysis of Child Development
- PSY 148 – Psych of Developmental Disabilities
- PSY 172 – Trauma & Recovery
- PSY 176 – Advanced Psychopathology
- PSY 177 – Fundamentals of Clinical Psychology
- PSY 179 – Understanding Suicide
- \*\*Upper-division lab courses may also count as upper division hours once lab requirement is met*

### Additional Requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

To earn a B.S. in Psychology, students must take 12 credit hours of natural science courses outside the Psychology department (not including NSCI 01). *One of these courses must include a laboratory component.*

Non-Psychology Natural Science Courses	Credit Hours
<b>Natural Sciences Total</b>	<b>/12</b>

### Important Notes

1. Eighteen of the credit hours in psychology required for the major (not including independent study, research seminars, or internships) must be taken at Drake. Nine must be upper-division hours.
2. Students may substitute PSY 11 with BIO 140, HSCI 60, or STAT 71 and STAT 72. Students taking these alternatives will need additional PSY designated courses to reach the credit hour requirement for the major.
3. Students interested in graduate school in psychology are encouraged to take History and Systems (PSY 151), Applied and Professional Ethics (PSY 145), Independent Study (PSY 90 or PSY 190), Advanced Statistics (PSY 111), two laboratory courses (one human and one animal), and to participate in a Research Seminar (PSY 198). Travel Study Seminar (PSY 194), Topical Seminar (PSY 95 and PSY 195), and Service Learning Seminar (PSY 196) courses may also count toward the Psychology major hour requirements with department approval. In addition, PSY 95 courses may substitute for lower-level area requirements at the department's discretion.
4. Students are encouraged to take courses in the Arts and Sciences that will improve their verbal, quantitative, and critical reasoning skills.