Academic Planning Guide - Psychology

North Park University

effective with 2015-2016 Catalog

Major Requirements

Required Semester Hours **: BA: 40 semester hours**
BS: 60 semester hours

Prerequisites and Supporting Courses **: BA: 4 sh, BS: 8 sh**

- ☐ STAT 1490: Introductory Statistics (4) - *meets Analytical & Quantitative Reasoning requirement*
- ☐ BS degree: Science elective outside of the Psychology department. Must be approved by faculty advisor. (4)

Required Core Courses **: 24 semester hours**

- ☐ PSYC 1000: Introduction to Psychology (4)
- ☐ PSYC 2100: Research Methods in Psychology (4) - *meets Writing Research designation*
- ☐ PSYC 3010: Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3100: Learning and Cognition (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3150: Developmental Psychology (4) - *meets Ethical Reasoning requirement*
- ☐ PSYC 3500: Social Psychology (4)
- ☐ PSYC 4901: Psychology Comprehensive Exam (0)

Additional Course Requirements:
BA: Choose one course from Cluster A and two courses from Cluster B (12)
BS: Choose five courses from Cluster A or B (20)

Cluster A **:**

- ☐ PSYC 3200: Personality (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3600: Abnormal Psychology (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3700: Counseling Psychology (4)

Cluster B:

- ☐ PSYC 3250: Psychology of Gender and Sexuality (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3400: Psychological Testing (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3800: Perception (4)
- ☐ PSYC 3900: Psychology of Language (4)

BS degree: Additional Required Courses

- ☐ PSYC 3910: Topics (4) - *meets Writing Intensive designation*
- ☐ PSYC 4970: Internship or PSYC 4000: Departmental Honors (4)
- ☐ PSYC 4902: Psychology Portfolio (0), pass/fail

Notes:

· All majors are required to take and pass an objective departmental comprehensive exam in their final semester; or anyone failing that exam will be required to take and pass a department comprehensive essay exam.

· Students preparing for particular graduate programs should meet with their advisor to select appropriate cluster courses and electives, and plan enriching experiences such as internships or directed research.

· Students who wish to pursue doctoral studies in psychology should choose the BS option. Graduate psychology programs are extremely competitive and this curriculum offers the most thorough preparation.

· BS degree students must meet with their advisor to verify eligibility for additional required courses (science elective, topics, internship).

· If student meets the criteria for Honors and has a faculty sponsor, s/he may complete a senior honors project (PSYC 4000) as an alternative to an internship. Students particularly interested in an experimental PhD program should pursue this option.

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Core Curriculum

Starting with the framework of North Park's identity as a Christian, liberal arts institution, our Core Curriculum is intentionally multi-disciplinary and multi-year. It is set up as a progress through three areas: Foundation Courses, Explorations Courses, and Capstone Courses.

http://www.northpark.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Studies/Core-Curriculum

Foundations

Preparing for more in-depth work in both the Core Curriculum and your major

	Cornerstone Seminar (4sh)

	Biblical Studies (4sh)

	Health and Well-Being (2sh)

	Analytical & Quantitative Reasoning (4sh)
	met by STAT 1490

	Global Histories (4sh)

	Modern Languages (8sh)

Explorations

Knowledge in specific disciplines, with strong emphasis on how you can use them in the context of your own life

	Art and Aesthetics (2sh)

	Christian Life & Thought (4sh)

	Life Science (2sh/lab)

	Physical Science (2sh/lab)

	Culture and Society (4sh)

	Ethical Reasoning (2sh)
	met by PSYC 3150

Intermediate Level Writing

Two courses in the context of your major that specifically address writing clearly and doing effective research

	Writing Intensive Course (4sh)
	met by PSYC 3910

	Research Writing Course (4sh)
	met by PSYC 2100

Keystone

Interdisciplinary integration of skills and knowledge applied to contemporary social issues

	Keystone Seminar (4sh)

Notes:

- Students must take and pass a national biology comprehensive exam the second semester of their fourth year.
- Students must receive a minimum passing grade during the last year prior to graduation

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