

Psychology Major Course Requirements

The psychology major at Notre Dame requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of psychology courses.

- 9 credit hours of required courses
- 21 credit hours come from 300-level content area courses and 400-level senior seminar courses.

Psychology majors are encouraged to complete more than the minimum 30 course credit hours required for graduation, especially if they are considering graduate school.

Introductory Psychology is not a direct requirement for the major, but it is a prerequisite for the 300-level content area courses. Special studies or directed readings credits do NOT fulfill any graduation requirements.

- Required Courses
- 300-Level Content Area Courses
- 400-Level Senior Seminar Courses

Required Courses

- Psy 20010: Psychology: Science, Practice, & Policy Seminar
Taken the semester after declaring the major
- Psy 30100: Experimental Psychology I: Statistics
Includes a laboratory section
- Psy 30160: Experimental Psychology II: Research Methods
Includes a laboratory section

300-Level Elective Courses

These content area courses provide students with a more in-depth experience in the main substantive areas of the field. These courses are divided into two categories. The first group covers the social and developmental processes (Class A) while the second covers the biological and learning processes. Students are required to take a minimum of 2 courses (6 credits) from each of the groups. All courses require completion of Introductory Psychology prior to

Class A Courses

- Psy 30200: Developmental Psychology
- Psy 30220: Adolescent Development
- Psy 30600: Social Psychology
- Psy 30300: Personality Psychology
- Psy 30310: Abnormal Psychology
- Psy 30340: Multicultural Psychology
- Psy 30314: Intro to Clinical Psychology

Class B Courses

- Psy 30500: Physiological Psychology
- Psy 30430: Learning & Memory
- Psy 30440: Sensation & Perception

- Psy 30510: Behavioral Genetics
- Psy 30400: Cognitive Psychology
- Psy 30501: Intro to Biopsychology
- Psy 30550: Intro to Cog Neuroscience
- Psy 30655: Cognitive Development
- Psy 30272: Neurodevelopmental Disorders

400-Level Elective Courses

Senior level seminars that are typically taken in the senior year and are reading and writing intensive seminars that require active involvement from students. These are typically taught in the faculty members' particular area of research expertise and course offerings may change from semester to semester.

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300/400-Level Additional Elective Course

Students need to complete either an additional 300-level course (i.e., a fifth course out of the Class A or Class B section) or an additional 400-level seminar (i.e., a third 400 level course). NOTE: special studies or directed readings credits DO NOT fulfill this requirement.