

PSYCHOLOGY

Bachelor of Science Degree

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology program is designed to prepare students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies for the diverse career possibilities within the field of psychology as well as graduate study. The program provides students with a foundation of knowledge along with communication, analytical, and research skills within an ethical multicultural framework essential for succeeding in both professional and educational endeavors. Students build foundational knowledge and skills in core areas and individualize their program through program electives and experiential learning, including a capstone course, optional concentrations, and internship possibilities.

Program Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology.
- Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
- Apply ethical standards to evaluate psychological science and practice.
- Demonstrate effective communication for different purposes.
- Apply psychological content and skills to career goals.

Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.
2. Choose from list of General Education Electives starting page 99; one course must be 300-level or above.

General Education Requirements— see p. 98	
40 credits	Credits
CSI 101 Introduction to Computers	3 credits
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits
ENG 102 English Composition II ¹	3 credits
History/Government	3 credits
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits
MAT 107 Statistics	3 credits
BIO 111 General Biology	4 credits
SOC 101 General Sociology	3 credits
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits
Humanities Electives	6 credits
General Education Electives ²	6 credits
Program Requirements – 42 credits	
Credits	
PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology ¹	3 credits
PSY 216 Growth & Development	3 credits
PSY 221 Health Psychology ¹ (S)	3 credits
PSY 280 Research Design & Methodology ¹	3 credits
HSV 260 Diverse Populations	3 credits
PSY 311 Cognition ¹ (S)	3 credits
PSY 305 Personality ¹ (F)	3 credits
PSY 330 Social Psychology ¹ (F)	3 credits
PSY 340 Psychology in the Workplace	3 credits
PSY 350 Group Dynamics ¹ (F)	3 credits
PSY 413 Adolescent Development and Mental Health: Theory, Practice, and Intervention ¹ (S)	3 credits
PSY 421 Psychology of Emotion ¹ (S)	3 credits
PSY 442 Cultural Psychology ¹ (F)	3 credits
PSY 499 Psychology Capstone	3 credits
Program Electives (21 credits, see Domains)	
Credits	
<i>**See next page for Program Electives Arranged by Psychology Domain**</i>	
Open Electives-18 credits	
Credits	
Total credits required for graduation	
121 credits	

Program Electives Arranged by Psychology Domain

Note: Students are required to take 21 credits from the list below, according to their interests. Students are not required to take a specific number of credits in any category.

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion		Credits
HSV 200 Human Behavior and the Social Environment		3 credits
PSY 270 Psychological Dimensions of Climate Change (S)		3 credits
PSY 331 Psychology of Gender ¹ (S)		3 credits
SOC 316 Intercultural Communications ¹		3 credits
SOC 355 Race, Class, Gender, and Social Justice ¹		3 credits
Cognition		Credits
PSY 210 Psychology of Learning ¹		3 credits
PSY 317 Sensation and Perception ¹ (F)		3 credits
PSY 419 Consciousness ¹ (S)		3 credits
PSY 481 Advanced Research Seminar ¹ (F)		4 credits
Development		Credits
PSY 103 Child Development		3 credits
PSY 301 Child Psychology ¹ (S)		3 credits
SOC 140 Aging in America ¹		3 credits
Social Psychology and Personality		Credits
PSY 300 Positive Psychology ¹		3 credits
SOC 203 Sociology of the Family		3 credits
Behavioral Health		Credits
HSV 103 Introduction to Social Work		3 credits
HSV 201 Counseling Skills		3 credits
HSV 205 Substance Addiction Counseling		3 credits
PSY 230 Sport Psychology (S)		3 credits
PSY 307 Psychology of Change ¹ (S)		3 credits
SOC 320 Sociology of Health, Illness, & Medicine ¹		3 credits
EXP 297 or EXP 397 ²		3 credits
Other		Credits
HSV 240 Social Policy		3 credits
PSY 217 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences		3 credits

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2. EXP 297 must be taken before EXP 397. EXP 397 is for students who have already taken EXP 297 but would like to take another internship as part of their baccalaureate program.

Minors

Minors are designed to provide baccalaureate students with knowledge and skills in a field other than their majors, that may lead to a post-graduation competitive advantage. Bachelor's students who have earned a minimum of 45 credits and have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher are eligible. The *Request for Minor Form* must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. To be able to complete your minor within 120 credits (minimum credits required for a major), students are strongly recommended to meet with an Academic Advisor for course planning prior to declaring a minor.

The minimum number of credits for a minor is 18. A maximum of two courses required for the major (including the general education) can be used toward a minor, and open electives may be used to satisfy the remaining of the minor requirements.

Successful completion of a minor requires a grade of C or higher in all courses of that minor. A minor must be completed at the time of the bachelor's degree and will be so noted on the student's transcript. A student cannot be readmitted to complete only a minor.

MINOR IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The minor in Business Management is available to bachelor students in other disciplines and is focused on providing a strong foundation in business, accounting, and management. Students will gain an understanding of how subjects such as ethics, communication, and human behavior can assist managers in leading effectively.

BUS 101 Fundamentals of Business	3 credits
MGT 201 Principles of Management	3 credits
MGT 330 Managerial Communication	3 credits
BUS 220 Business Ethics	3 credits
BUS 401 Organizational Behavior	3 credits
ACC 101 Accounting I	3 credits
Total Credits Required for Minor	18 credits

MINOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

The minor in Computer Science is designed to provide bachelor students in other disciplines with a foundation of knowledge and skills in programming, networking, database management, and general computer science. Students will develop competencies needed to analyze, design, implement, and assess computing solutions using various programming languages and technologies.

CSI 104 Introduction to Programming with Python	3 credits
CSI 107 C++ Programming	3 credits
CSI 244 Networking I	3 credits
CSA 213 Database Management	3 credits
CSI 315 Advanced Database Management	3 credits
Program Elective (Choose one course below)	3 credits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSI 213 Advanced C++ Programming CSA 227 Website Design CSI 226 Unix with Linux CSI 217 Introduction to Operating Systems CSI 311 Computer Organization 	
Total Credits Required for Minor	18 credits

Semester 1	Credits	Pre-Requisites
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits	
ENG 101 English Comp I	3 credits	
CSI 101 Introduction to Computers	3 credits	
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits	
General Education Elective***	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 2	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 216 Growth and Development	3 credits	Placement at ENG 101 level strongly recommended
ENG 102 English Composition II	3 credits	ENG 101
BIO 111 General Biology	4 credits	
MAT 107 Statistics	3 credits	Appropriate Placement Score or Completion of MAT 097
PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology	3 credits	PSY 101
Total	16 credits	

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 305 Personality	3 credits	PSY 101 & PSY 280
SOC 101 General Sociology	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 4	Credits	Pre-Requisites
History/Government	3 credits	
Humanities Elective	3 credits	
PSY 221 Health Psychology	3 credits	PSY 101 or permission of the instructor.
PSY 280 Research Design & Methodology **	3 credits	PSY 101, ENG 101 & MAT 107
HSV 260 Diverse Populations	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Student Resources:

Academic Advising
617-984-1720

**Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences
& Professional Programs**
617-405-5920

Dean's Office of Allied Health
617-405-5960

Dean's Office of Nursing
617-405-5990

Financial Aid Office
617-984-1620

Registrar's Office
617-984-1650

**Student Accessibility and
Academic Support Services**
617-405-5915

** A grade of C (73%) is required for earning the BS in psychology.

Semester 5	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 330 Social Psychology	3 credits	PSY 101 & SOC 101
PSY 340 Psychology in the Workplace	3 credits	PSY 101 OR SOC 101
Psychology Elective	3 credits	
Humanities Elective	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

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***Choose from list of General Education Electives starting page 99; one course must be 300 or above.

Semester 6	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 311 Cognition	3 credits	PSY 101; PSY 280 Recommended
Program Elective	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
General Education Elective***	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 7	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 350 Group Dynamics	3 credits	PSY 101
PSY 442 Cultural Psychology	3 credits	PSY 101 & PSY 280
Psychology Elective	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 8	Credits	Pre-Requisites
PSY 413 Adolescent Development and Mental Health: Theory, Practice, and Intervention	3 credits	PSY 101 & PSY 216
PSY 421 Psychology of Emotion	3 credits	PSY 101 & PSY 280
PSY 499 Psychology Capstone**	3 credits	PSY 481 (C/73% or higher)
Program Elective	3 credits	
Open Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	