



Psychology, B.A. *major*

The Psychology major at BSU provides students with unique opportunities to prepare for work in applied psychology and the human services at the Bachelor's level. The major also offers unique opportunities for students to prepare for graduate programs leading to Master's and Doctoral degrees in various fields of psychological practice and science. Many students choose the major to complete a general liberal arts degree or to prepare for work in fields other than psychology.

A total of 120 semester credits are needed for the **Psychology B.A.** degree and include the following:

- 40 upper division credits (level 3000/4000)
- 48 required major core credits
- Completion of Core Curriculum credits (Minnesota Transfer Curriculum [MnTC] Goal Areas 1-10) - required for all baccalaureate degrees
- Completion of BSU Focus and Nisidotaading Course Requirements

Required Credits: 48

Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- PSY 1100 Introductory Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 3401 Basic Statistics for Research (4 credits)
- PSY 3402 Research Methods (4 credits)
- PSY 4588 Multicultural Psychology (4 credits)

II REQUIRED ELECTIVES

Students should select 32 credits of elective courses in the following six categories that best match their interests and career goals, in consultation with their advisor. Note: Groups 1-6 must include 8 credits of 4000 level courses. This excludes the following courses: PSY 4910, PSY 4917, PSY 4588, PSY 4970. PSY 4447 may count for a maximum of 4 of the 8 credits.

Group 1: Sociocultural Electives

Select two courses from the following list.

- PSY 2200 Human Sexuality (4 credits)
- PSY 2490 Disability and Ableism (4 credits)
- PSY 3210 Death and Culture (4 credits)
- PSY 3367 Social Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 3456 Community Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4340 Humans and Other Animals (4 credits)
- PSY 4242 Psychology of Women and Gender (4 credits)
- PSY 4243 Queer Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4490 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Discrimination (4 credits)

Group 2: Helping Professions Electives

Select one course from the following list:

- PSY 2217 Psychopathology and Wellness (4 credits)
- PSY 3332 Multicultural Counseling Skills (4 credits)
- PSY 3337 Group Processes (4 credits)
- PSY 4328 Behavioral and Cognitive Intervention (4 credits)
- PSY 4467 Personality Theories (4 credits)

Group 3: Applied Electives

Select one course from the following list:

- PSY 3388 Health Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 3636 Positive Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 3688 American Indian Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4325 Forensic Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4347 Psychological Measurement (4 credits)
- PSY 4357 Industrial and Organizational Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4567 Sexual Violence Prevention (4 credits)

Group 4: Developmental Electives

Select one course from the following list:

- PSY 3237 Lifespan Development (4 credits)
- PSY 3500 Psychology of Aging (4 credits)
- PSY 4247 Adolescent Development (4 credits)

Group 5: Cognitive Electives

Select one course from the following list:

- PSY 2227 Learning and Cognition (4 credits)
- PSY 3437 Cognitive Psychology (4 credits)
- PSY 4450 Behavioral Neuroscience (4 credits)
- PSY 4459 Sensation and Perception (4 credits)

Group 6: General Electives

Select a minimum of 8 additional credits of psychology courses.

Program Learning Outcomes | Psychology, B.A.

1. Knowledge Base in Psychology: Psychology majors will:

- 1.1. describe key concepts, principles, and overarching themes in psychology
- 1.2. develop a working knowledge of psychology's content domains
- 1.3 Describe applications of psychology.

2. Scientific Inquiry and Critical Thinking: Psychology majors will:

- 2.1 Use scientific reasoning to interpret psychological phenomena.
- 2.2. Demonstrate psychology information literacy.
- 2.3 Engage in innovative and integrative thinking and problem-solving.
- 2.4 Interpret, design, and conduct basic psychological research.
- 2.5. Incorporate socio-cultural factors in scientific inquiry.

3. Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World: Psychology majors will:

- 3.1 Apply ethical standards to evaluation psychological science and practice.
- 3.2 Build and enhance interpersonal relationships
- 3.3 Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels.

4. Communication: Psychology majors will:

- 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- 4.2 Exhibit effective presentation skills for different purposes
- 4.3 Interact effectively with others.

5. Professional Development: Psychology majors will:

- 5.1 Apply psychological content and skills to career goals.
- 5.2 Exhibit self-efficacy and self-regulation
- 5.3 Refine project-management skills.
- 5.4 Enhance teamwork capacity
- 5.5. Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation.