



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:

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

Dual Degrees

Students wishing to complete two degrees concurrently, (example: Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts) must complete a minimum of an additional 30 credits above the required 120 credits.

Multiple Credentials

Any additional major, minor or certificate in a degree must have at least 6 credits of course work not used to meet the requirements of another major, minor or certificate in the degree.

Required Credits: 48

Required GPA: 2.25

I REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following courses:

- PSYC 1100 Introductory Psychology (4 credits)
- PSYC 3401 Basic Statistics for Research (4 credits)
- PSYC 3402 Research Methods (4 credits)
- PSYC 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.

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

Group 2: Helping Professions Electives

Select one course from the following list:

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

Group 3: Applied Electives

Select one course from the following list:

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

Group 4: Developmental Electives

Select one course from the following list:

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

Group 5: Cognitive Electives

Select one course from the following list:

- PSYC 2227 Learning and Cognition (4 credits)
- PSYC 3437 Cognitive Psychology (4 credits)
- PSYC 4450 Behavioral Neuroscience (4 credits)
- PSYC 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.