

Psychology Major Degree Plan

The following four-year course of study is suggested for students working toward a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Students should check with the Psychology Undergraduate Office regarding availability of courses each semester.

Freshman Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

ENGL 1010 (CL1) Introduction to Writing: Academic Prose	3
PSY 1010 (BSS) General Psychology	3
STAT 1040 (QL) ¹ Introduction to Statistics	3
University Studies Breadth courses ²	6
Passing scores on Computer and Information Literacy (CIL) exams ³	0
(Note: The CIL requirement is met <i>only</i> by passing all six exams.)	

Spring Semester (15 credits)

PSY 1400 Analysis of Behavior: Basic Principles.....	3
PSY 1410 Analysis of Behavior: Basic Principles Lab.....	1
PSY 2800 (QI) Psychological Statistics.....	3
PSY 2950 Orientation to Psychology as a Career and Profession (F,Sp,Su).....	2
University Studies Breadth courses ²	6

Sophomore Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

PSY 1100 Developmental Psychology: Infancy and Childhood	3
PSY Primary Elective courses (chosen from group 1, 2, 3, or 4) ⁴	6-7
University Studies Breadth course ²	3
Course counting toward minor.....	3

Spring Semester (15 credits)

ENGL 2010 (CL2) Intermediate Writing: Research Writing in a Persuasive Mode	3
PSY 3500 (CI) Scientific Thinking and Methods in Psychology	3
PSY 4950 (CI) Undergraduate Apprenticeship.....	3
PSY Primary Elective course (chosen from group 1, 2, 3, or 4) ⁴	3-4
Course counting toward minor.....	3

Junior Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

PSY 5330 Psychometrics	3
PSY Primary Elective course (chosen from group 1, 2, 3, or 4) ⁴	3-4
Course counting toward minor.....	3
Elective course(s).....	6

Spring Semester (15 credits)

PSY 5100 History and Systems of Psychology	3
PSY Primary Elective course (chosen from group 1, 2, 3, or 4) ⁴	3-4
University Studies Depth course (DHA or DSC).....	3
Elective courses	6

Senior Year (30 credits)

Fall Semester (15 credits)

University Studies Depth course (DHA or DSC).....	3
PSY Secondary Elective course.....	3
Course counting toward minor.....	3
Elective courses	6

Spring Semester (15 credits)

Elective courses or courses counting toward minor (as needed).....	15
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Note: In order to graduate, students must complete *at least* 120 credits with a minimum USU GPA of 2.75. Of these 120 credits, 40 credits must be completed in upper-division courses (numbered at the 3000-level and above). For psychology courses used to complete the major, a minimum GPA of *at least* 3.0 is required, with no grades below C-.

¹To enroll in STAT 1040, students must have: (1) completed MATH 1010, (2) achieved a score of 70 percent or higher on the MATH 1050 placement test, (3) received an ACT score of 23 or higher, or (4) received an SAT score of 540 or higher.

²To fulfill the breadth requirements, students must complete *one* course from *each* of the six breadth areas (BAI, BCA, BHU, BLS, BPS, and BSS). PSY 1010 will fulfill the BSS requirement. At least *two* of the remaining five breadth courses *must* be completed in courses having a USU prefix.

³Students may fulfill the CIL requirement by taking OSS 1400 and receiving passing scores on all six required CIL exams, which are included in this course. OSS 1400 may be substituted for one of the elective courses.

⁴Students must complete 4 credits chosen from Group 3. Students must complete 6 credits (or two courses) chosen from Group 4. Courses approved for each of the four groups are shown below.

Primary Elective Courses

Group 1. Select 3 credits from the following:

PSY 3510 Social Psychology (F,Su).....	3
PSY 4210 Personality Theory (Sp).....	3

Group 2. Select 3 credits from the following:

PSY 3450 Perception and Psychophysics (F).....	3
PSY 3460 Physiological Psychology (Sp)	3

Group 3. Select 4 credits from the following:

PSY 3400 Analysis of Behavior: Advanced (F,Sp).....	4
PSY 4420 Cognitive Psychology (Sp) (3 cr) and	
PSY 4430 Cognitive Psychology Laboratory (Sp) (1 cr).....	4

Group 4. Select 6 credits from the following:

PSY 3110 Health Psychology (Sp).....	3
PSY 3120 Abuse, Neglect, and the Psychological Dimensions of Intimate Violence (F,Su)	3
PSY 3210 Abnormal Psychology (F,Sp)	3
PSY 5200 (CI) Introduction to Interviewing and Counseling (F).....	3
Drugs and Behavior course (number and approval pending).....	3