Psychology, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

PREB in Pre-Psychology
MN in Psychology, Minor
BA in Psychology, B.A.
MA in Psychology, M.A.
EDS in Psychology, Ed.S.
MA in Applied Behavior Analysis, M.A.

REQUIREMENTS

Department of Psychology

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements Psychology Major

1. Major requirements (48 units)
   Pre-Major Core: PSYCH 10, 42, 63, 144

   Foundation: Choose at least four (13-21 units). PSYCH 36, 66, 128, 136, 155, 156

   Psychology Electives: 13-21 units (See Advising Note 5). PSYCH 120T, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 140T, 143, 149, 150T, 151, 152, 154, 157, 160T, 162, 163, 169, 170T, 171S, 172, 175, 176, 177, 178S, 180T, 181, 182, 184A

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (9 units)
   American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

5. Total units (120)*

   * G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. This total indicates that 3 units of PSYCH 10 in G.E. Breadth D2 may be applied to the psychology major. In addition, G.E. certified courses that are equivalent to PSYCH 10 and PSYCH 42 taken at another CSU campus or a public California community or junior college may be applied to the major. Courses that meet both major and G.E. requirements require adjustment of elective hours to reach the 120 unit total requirement. Consult the department or college advising office for additional details and guidance on electives.

Advising Notes

1. Advising for psychology students is done by both the Psychology Advising Office in the Department of Psychology and by the Advising Resource Center (ARC) in the College of Science and Mathematics. The Psychology Advising Office handles advising related specifically to the psychology major and minor. ARC handles GE advising and is responsible for lifting second-semester advising and My Degree Plan holds.

2. When students first apply to the major, they are given pre-psychology major status. They must then complete the Pre-Major Core courses or their equivalents with grades of C or better and have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 before applying for full psychology major status.

3. Students should apply for full psychology major status during the semester in which they expect to complete the Pre-Major Core courses. Approval will be contingent on the satisfactory completion of these courses.

4. Most upper-division psychology courses are restricted to students with full psychology major or minor status. Students with pre-psychology major status are limited to the Pre-Major Core courses, other lower-division courses (PSYCH 36 and 66), and a small number of additional upper-division courses (PSYCH 162, 169, and 175).

5. The number of Psychology Elective units required depends on the Foundation courses that are taken. It can range from 12 units for students who take all six Foundation courses to as many as 20 units for students who take the minimum of four Foundation courses.

6. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the psychology major.
All full-time faculty members in the department have a Ph.D. in psychology or a closely related field. Their areas of expertise represent the breadth of contemporary scientific psychology. In addition to being dedicated teachers, most faculty members also conduct and publish original research. Many are also licensed or certified as practitioners of clinical psychology, school psychology, or applied behavior analysis.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages. The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.