

# PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

Students must also complete the Undergraduate Registration Requirement (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/requirements-policies/undergraduate-registration-requirement/>) and the degree requirements of their home school.

**NOTE: This Catalog describes Weinberg College BA requirements that pertain to students who matriculated at Northwestern after spring quarter 2023. Refer to the Archives (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/archives/>) if you are following BA requirements described in the 2018-2019 through 2022-2023 editions.**

## Course Title

### Department Courses (11 units)

#### 3 core courses:

PSYCH 110-0	Introduction to Psychology
PSYCH 201-0	Statistical Methods in Psychology (or approved substitute)
PSYCH 205-0	Research Methods in Psychology

#### 8 additional courses:

At least 2 must be personality, clinical, or social psychology (PSYCH courses numbered 212-219, 300-319, 360-369, 390). See list below.

At least 2 must be cognitive psychology or neuroscience (PSYCH courses numbered 220-239, 320-339, 370-379, 391, or approved COG SCI courses). See list below.

At least 1 must be cross-cutting or integrative (PSYCH courses numbered 240-259, 340-359, 380-389, 392). See list below.

At least 1 must be upper-level research (PSYCH courses numbered 360-392, 397-2, 398-1,2,3). See list below.

At least 2 must be at the 200 level; COG\_SCI 210-0 and COG\_SCI 211-0 may count toward this requirement.

At least 3 must be at the 300 level.

A course may count toward more than one of these categories, but the total number of courses must be at least 8.

### Related Courses (5 units)

2 quantitative courses: EITHER two 200-level Mathematics courses OR one 200-level Mathematics course and one advanced Statistics course (STAT 232 or higher)

3 additional units of credit chosen from the following:

Any 200-level mathematics course

COG_SCI 202-0	Evaluating Evidence
COG_SCI 207-0	Introduction to Cognitive Modeling
COMP_SCI 110-0	Introduction to Computer Programming
COMP_SCI 111-0	Fundamentals of Computer Programming
COMP_SCI 130-0	Tools and Technology of the World-Wide Web
COMP_SCI 150-0	Fundamentals of Computer Programming 1.5
PHIL 327-0	Philosophy of Psychology

Any statistics course at the 232 level or higher

Any course outside of psychology and cognitive science counting toward the WCAS Area I natural sciences requirement

AP credits in biology, chemistry, environmental science, and physics

With department consent, PSYCH 380-0 may count as a related course

- First-Year Seminars, College Seminars, and First-Year Writing Seminars do not count toward the major.
- Only 1 quarter total of PSYCH 397-1 or PSYCH 399-0 may count toward the major. Students may not count both courses.
- Only 1 quarter total of PSYCH 397-2 or PSYCH 398-x may count toward the major. Students may not count both courses.

- See Weinberg College rules about Independent Study and Undergraduate Seminars (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptionstext>) for further restrictions on enrollments in PSYCH 398-1, PSYCH 398-2, PSYCH 398-3, and PSYCH 399-0; these also apply to PSYCH 397-1 and PSYCH 397-2.
- For students with an adjunct major in MMSS: MATH 385-0 Probability and Statistics for MMSS counts in place of PSYCH 201-0 (for triple major limitations see MMSS Adjunct Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/mathematical-methods-social-sciences/mmss-adjunct-major/>)); the five related courses for the Psychology Major are fulfilled by MATH 285-1, MATH 285-2, MATH 285-3, MATH 386-1, and MATH 386-2.

## Personality, Clinical, or Social Psychology Courses

Course	Title
PSYCH 213-0	Social Psychology
PSYCH 215-0	Psychology of Personality
PSYCH 303-0	Psychopathology
PSYCH 306-0	Introduction to Clinical Psychology
PSYCH 308-0	Cognitive Behavior Therapy
PSYCH 310-0	Special Topics in Social/Clinical/Personality
PSYCH 311-0	Psychology of Attitudes
PSYCH 313-0	Relationship Science
PSYCH 317-0	The Holocaust: Psychological Themes & Perspectives
PSYCH 360-0	Personality Research
PSYCH 364-0	Social and Personality Development
PSYCH 366-0	Stereotyping & Prejudice
PSYCH 367-0	Child Psychopathology
PSYCH 369-0	Psychological Tests & Measures
PSYCH 390-0	Advanced Seminar in Personality, Clinical, or Social Psychology

## Cognitive Psychology or Neuroscience Courses

Course	Title
PSYCH 221-0	Introduction to Neuroscience
PSYCH 228-0	Cognitive Psychology
PSYCH 324-0	Perception
PSYCH 327-0	Brain and Cognition
PSYCH 328-0	Brain Damage and the Mind
PSYCH 330-0	Special Topics in Cognition/Neuroscience
PSYCH 333-0	Psychology of Thinking
PSYCH 336-0	Consciousness
PSYCH 370-0	Cognitive Development
PSYCH 372-0	Language and Cognition
PSYCH 373-0	Decision Making
PSYCH 374-0	Human Memory
PSYCH 378-0	Images of Cognition
PSYCH 391-0	Advanced Seminar in Cognition or Neuroscience
COG_SCI 210-0	Language and the Brain
COG_SCI 211-0	Learning, Representation & Reasoning

## Cross-Cutting or Integrative Courses

Course	Title
PSYCH 244-0	Developmental Psychology
PSYCH 248-0	Health Psychology
PSYCH 249-0	Buddhist Psychology
PSYCH 340-0	Psychology and Law
PSYCH 341-0	Positive Psychology: The Science of Well-Being
PSYCH 343-0	Psychology of Beauty
PSYCH 344-0	Cultural Psychology
PSYCH 345-0	Presenting Ideas & Data
PSYCH 348-0	Psychology of Sex and Gender Differences
PSYCH 350-0	Special Topics in Psychology
PSYCH 380-0	Advanced Statistics & Experimental Design
PSYCH 381-0	Children & the Law
PSYCH 383-0	Psychology and Food
PSYCH 387-0	Consumer Psychology and Marketing Research
PSYCH 392-0	Advanced Seminar in Psychology

honors-in-psychology.html) and Honors in the Major (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#academicoptiontext>).

## Upper-level Research Courses

Course	Title
PSYCH 360-0	Personality Research
PSYCH 364-0	Social and Personality Development
PSYCH 366-0	Stereotyping & Prejudice
PSYCH 367-0	Child Psychopathology
PSYCH 369-0	Psychological Tests & Measures
PSYCH 370-0	Cognitive Development
PSYCH 372-0	Language and Cognition
PSYCH 373-0	Decision Making
PSYCH 374-0	Human Memory
PSYCH 378-0	Images of Cognition
PSYCH 380-0	Advanced Statistics & Experimental Design
PSYCH 381-0	Children & the Law
PSYCH 383-0	Psychology and Food
PSYCH 387-0	Consumer Psychology and Marketing Research
PSYCH 390-0	Advanced Seminar in Personality, Clinical, or Social Psychology
PSYCH 391-0	Advanced Seminar in Cognition or Neuroscience
PSYCH 392-0	Advanced Seminar in Psychology
PSYCH 397-2	Advanced Supervised Research 2
PSYCH 398-1	Senior Thesis Seminar
PSYCH 398-2	Senior Thesis Seminar
PSYCH 398-3	Senior Thesis Seminar

## Honors in Psychology

Majors with strong academic records and an interest in pursuing honors should submit an application in spring of junior year. Course grades and research experience are both considered in selecting participants. Students typically enroll in PSYCH 398-1 in fall, PSYCH 398-2 in winter, and PSYCH 398-3 in spring of senior year and carry out a year-long research project; one Senior Thesis Seminar credit may count toward requirements for the major. The senior thesis is a report on the research project.

Students whose theses and grades meet department criteria are recommended to the college for graduation with honors. For more information see the department website (<https://www.psychology.northwestern.edu/undergraduate/research/>)