

PSYCHOLOGY

Degree Offered

B.A., Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

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The psychology department offers students a selection of courses that constitute a comprehensive view of the current field of psychology. The psychology curriculum is designed to enable students to acquire and apply the methods of social scientific inquiry in the service of describing, understanding, and predicting human behavior and mental processes. Course offerings are both theoretical and applied and provide students with the opportunity to learn, evaluate, and integrate an array of contemporary perspectives on how people think, feel, and act. In addition to availing themselves of the breadth of knowledge covered in general courses, students are encouraged to focus on more specialized areas through advanced coursework, seminars, field work, and supervised research. The program prepares students for a full range of career options as well as for graduate study in psychology and related fields.

Major Requirements for a B.A. in Psychology

48 credits.

PSY-0100 Basic Concepts in Psychology
PSY-0200 Developmental Psychology
PSY-0210 Descriptive Statistics
PSY-0260 Psychological Inquiry and Writing
PSY-0280 Inferential Statistics
PSY-0326 Research Methods

Any other Psychology courses may be taken to fulfill the 48 credits.

In addition to meeting the course requirements for each respective major, all students must also fulfill the general education requirements that are listed under the heading, Rosemont Works: General Education Requirements.

Requirements for a Minor in Psychology

32 credits

PSY-0100 Basic Concepts in Psychology
PSY-0200 Developmental Psychology
PSY-0210 Descriptive Statistics

PSY-0280 Inferential Statistics

Four Psychology electives, at least two of which must be at the 300 level or higher.

Suggested Course Sequence for a B.A. in Psychology

First Year

Fall: PSY-0100 Basic Concepts in Psychology

Spring: PSY-0200 Developmental Psychology

Sophomore Year

Fall: PSY-0241 Cognition and Perception and/or
PSY-0250 Social and Interpersonal Psychology and/or
PSY-0270 History of Psychology

Spring: PSY-0320 Physiological Psychology and/or
PSY-0310 Psychological Evaluation and/or
PSY-0260 Psychological Inquiry and Writing

Junior Year

Fall: PSY-0210 Descriptive Statistics
PSY-0340 Psychology of Personality

Spring: PSY-0280 Inferential Statistics
PSY-0361 Educational Psychology and/or
PSY-0380 Abnormal Psychology and/or
PSY-0330 Adolescent Psychology

Senior Year

Fall: PSY-0326 Research Methods
PSY-0405 Women and Psychology

Spring: PSY-0461 Internship and/or
PSY-0410 Theories of Counseling and/or
PSY-0450 Seminar in Contemporary Readings

This suggested course schedule will allow the student to exercise maximum flexibility and choice in close consultation with the major adviser.

Course Descriptions: Psychology

PSY-0100 Basic Concepts in Psychology

An introductory course designed to make students aware of the diversity of the field of Psychology and the ways in which human behavior can be studied. Goals, methods, and applications of the science of psychology in learning, language, thinking, perception, and the emotions are investigated. Prerequisite for all psychology courses. Offered fall and spring semesters. 4 credits.

PSY-0200 Developmental Psychology

A study of the development of the individual from infancy to old age with special emphasis on childhood. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall and spring semesters. 4 credits.

PSY-0210 Descriptive Statistics

An introduction to the concepts of descriptive statistics in the social sciences. Students learn to compute basic statistical analysis and discuss the application of the analysis to research in the social sciences. This course provides practical application of statistical principles and introduces the use of the computer for statistical analysis. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0241 Cognition and Perception

A study of sensory, perceptual, intellectual, and linguistic processes that regulate how individuals experience, think about, and understand the world. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0250 Social and Interpersonal Psychology

A systematic study of the influence of the socialization process on the origin and development of the self, of the way an individual influences and is influenced by other persons, and of the way an individual thinks, feels, and behaves in social situations over time. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0260 Psychological Inquiry and Writing

The application of methods and techniques in the process of psychological inquiry. Special emphasis on conducting a literature search and mastering APA writing style. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. 4 credits.

PSY-0270 History of Psychology

A study of the origin and development of various areas of contemporary psychology. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 2 credits.

PSY-0280 Inferential Statistics

A study of the theory and applications of inferential and correlational statistical techniques to data in the social sciences. This course provides practical application of statistical principles. Students work with computers and conduct research in social sciences. Prerequisite: PSY-0210. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0295 Industrial and Organizational Psychology

A study of the application of psychological theories and techniques to the work setting. Emphasis will be placed on the use of psychometric techniques in the selection and training of individuals in work settings as well as on the use of diagnostic instruments for the assessment of stress and motivation related problems. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. 4 credits.

PSY-0300 Personal Growth and Adjustment: A Humanistic Approach

An investigation of the characteristics and context that contribute to or interfere with the promotion of personal growth and growth of others. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0310 Psychological Evaluation

An introduction to the use of psychological evaluations in education and industrial settings and for counseling and guidance. Students will examine the potential and limitations of tests of intelligence, aptitude, achievement, interest, and personality. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered spring semester. 2 credits.

PSY-0320 Physiological Psychology

The study of the structure and function of the nervous system and its relation to emotion, cognition, and behavior. Special emphasis on neurological correlates of abnormal behavior. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0328 Psychopathology of Childhood

This course offers a clinical-developmental approach to the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of social, emotional, and behavioral problems in children. Issues explored, include, but are not limited to, disorders of self-control, pervasive developmental disorders, development of aggressive and delinquent behavior, drug abuse, assessment of child pathology, therapeutic services and prevention. Offered every fall. 4 credits.

PSY-0326 Research Methods

The investigation of qualitative and quantitative approaches to research and of strategies for establishing validity in descriptive, relational, and experimental design. Special emphasis on how to design, conduct, and present independent research projects according to APA guidelines. Juniors and seniors only. Prerequisite: PSY-0210, PSY-0260, and PSY-0280. 4 credits.

PSY-0330 Adolescent Psychology

A study of psychological theories of adolescence, together with an overview of adolescent development. The contemporary problems of adolescence are considered. Prerequisite: PSY-0200 or permission of the instructor (POI). Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0340 Psychology of Personality

A study of leading personality theorists with an emphasis on normal personality development. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0361 Educational Psychology

A study of the principles of human learning and cognition as applied to the educational context. Consideration of effective instructional techniques and current research. Prerequisite: PSY-0200. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0366 Media Psychology

This course examines the impact of mass media such as television, books, magazines, movies, video, music videogames, and marketing and advertising on individuals, groups, and subcultures with an emphasis on psychological theory and research. Issues explored will include, but are not limited to: How media information influences the way we think, the way we act, our attitudes, values, and beliefs about the world; how media shapes our use of leisure and work time, limited

and expand our recreational outlets, and influences our sense of self and historical and cultural identity. Offered every spring. 4 credits

PSY-0380 Abnormal Psychology

A study of selected theoretical formulations concerning the development and structure of abnormal reaction patterns. Supporting clinical and experimental data. Diagnostic and therapeutic techniques. Prerequisite: PSY-0340 or permission of the instructor (POI). Offered Spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0405 Women and Psychology

A psychological analysis of the behavior and experience of women. Cultural, interpersonal, and intrapersonal determinants of women's actions, thoughts, and feelings will be explored. Juniors and seniors only. Prerequisite: PSY-0100. Offered fall semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0410 Theories of Counseling

A survey of the major theories of counseling and psychotherapy. Emphasis will be placed on the need for theories of counseling and their applications in dealing with human problems. Prerequisites: PSY-0100, PSY-0340 and PSY-0380 recommended. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0450 Seminar in Contemporary Readings

Readings and discussion aimed toward critical evaluation of current research and theory in psychology. Senior psychology majors or permission of the instructor (POI). Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

PSY-0460 Independent Study

The area of study is selected by the student. May be taken by junior and senior psychology majors with the consent of the department. 1, 2, or 4 credits.

PSY-0461 Internship

Individual placement in a social, psychological, or educational agency or institution. Minimum of eight hours per week with ongoing meetings on-campus with instructor. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor and 3.0 GPA. Graded pass/fail. Offered spring semester. 4 credits.

READING

RDG-0050 Reading and Study Skills for the Successful Student

A course in strengthening reading, vocabulary, and study skills. Inclusion in this class is determined by a placement test. 1 credit.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Degree Offered

B.A., Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies